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Chittagong Success

Rinku Restored

Annual Review 2015



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Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of *inTouch*!

Every year, I am awestruck by your amazing generosity. With your gifts we are able to change the lives of many people affected by leprosy and living in poverty.

In my role I see how each donation is channeled into creating a new life for a leprosy-affected person and their family. I can assure you the blessing of your donations makes an enormous difference.

It is always my pleasure to share with you the impact you've made – this Autumn, to the lives of Rinku, Lolita, Bishtu and Mabul.

Equally inspiring, is taking Kiwi supporters - like Kathy and Murray Dillner - on our annual tour to hospitals and leprosy affected villages in India and Papua New Guinea, and seeing how the reality of leprosy touches their hearts.

I'm also impressed by the energy and enthusiasm our Youth Advocates bring back with them, and how enthusiastically they throw themselves into fundraising for whatever is needed.

The devastating impact of the earthquakes in Nepal was a special challenge this year. The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital is doing amazing work treating injured communities by sending out mobile clinics - while still caring for their leprosy patients.

Please enjoy your Autumn copy of *inTouch*.

With blessings,



Brent Morgan
Executive Director



Brent Morgan's family:
Back: Courtney, Curtis, Hayley.
Front: Brent, Tracy.



Cover photo: Courtesy of
Eloise Johnston visiting our
project in Bangladesh.

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Thank you for being part of Rinku's story

The journey from leprosy is often a hard road travelled, but thanks to you, our Cure One supporters, young people like Rinku can be released from the shadows.

For almost a year we have shared Rinku's story with you, and because of your amazing support, this 16-year-old girl's life has been completely transformed.

Privileged to meet this strong girl

Kiwis travelling in the 2015 Leprosy Mission Supporters Tour were thrilled to meet Rinku and her family at her little village.

One supporter describes the experience: "It was quite a moment, especially as this was our very first contact with someone who had been affected by leprosy, and Rinku was overwhelmed meeting so many new faces.

"It was such a privilege to sit beside her, but the real highlight came as we were leaving. She had been quite shy and had shown very little emotion, but as our vehicle was about to leave she spotted me and came rushing over with a beaming smile and we hugged as we said goodbye."

Meeting Rinku was very moving for everyone as they sensed her deep gratitude for all the support that the Leprosy Mission had given to her and her family.

Restoring a future for Rinku

Part of that support is the restorative gift of a shop for Rinku. This life changing shop was erected and stocked while the Supporters Tour was visiting – an incredible moment that all the travellers were excited to share.

Rinku's mini grocery shop has everything - washing powder, chippies and other snacks and household products. The difference this new enterprise will make to her family's struggle with poverty is enormous.

Now there is a glint in Rinku's eyes. She can start to build a business and a positive future for her family.

Being supported by the Leprosy Mission's Cure One initiative is life changing for people like Rinku; it is world changing for the global eradication of leprosy; and it is also very heart-warming and rewarding for those of you who answer the call to Cure One. Thank-you!

"[Rinku]... came rushing over with a beaming smile and we hugged as we said goodbye."



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You too can become a Cure One supporter today. Please visit cureone.org.nz or contact kiri.debeer@leprosymission.org.nz or on 0800 862 873. You can make your monthly pledge over one or two years.

Self-help group passing your gift forward

Thanks to your gifts eleven members of a rural Bangladesh self-help group, supported by the Leprosy Mission since May 2011, have become economically self-reliant and are now helping others do the same.

The Chrishnochura group of leprosy-affected, and other marginalised people, who without this opportunity, would struggle to provide the basics for themselves and their families.

The group is one of 20 micro-finance and support groups facilitated by the Leprosy Mission's Dinajpur Sustainable Community Based Rehabilitation Project.

Seed funding inspires savings and enterprise

Member Lolita Rani Das says belonging to the group has made a huge difference to their future.

They received 26,000 Taka as seed capital from the Leprosy Mission and in just four years have doubled that through their own savings of 40 Taka per person per month. The money is kept in a Grameen Bank account, and Leprosy Mission staff trained the group in financial accounting, team leadership and advocacy.

"In the past we didn't have this opportunity," Lolita enthuses. "Now, we are able to borrow the money we need for rice, to lease land for cropping, for a rickshaw business and for any medical expenses."

Bishtu Pado Roy, who is the group secretary, took a loan to start his fishing net business. It takes him one week and 1000 Taka to make a fishing net, which he then sells for 1800 Taka.



Confidence to speak up for others

The support from Kiwis half a world away has changed the way Bishtu, Lolita and other group members see themselves.

"In the past we thought we were on our own," Bishtu says. "Now we talk together and consider what is important. We have status and an identity, so we can organise ourselves and see what we can do."

The Leprosy Mission has also given the group a tricycle rickshaw so members can ride 15km each way to motivate and train other people to set up their own self-help groups.

We send love and prayers for Bishtu and Lolita.



"We can go to the local government departments such as health and social welfare and raise our voices on behalf of leprosy-affected and other disabled people. It's exciting for the members to have this impact." Bishtu Pado Roy.

Jaber Ali from leprosy to carpentry

*“Joining a self-help group
is a chance to develop
yourself as a leader”*



Twenty-eight-year-old Jaber Ali has gone from being shunned to a new life as a carpenter and leader - and the road to his new career came thanks to your support of the Leprosy Mission's self-help groups.

Jaber's journey started eight years ago when he found patches on his skin. He didn't know if it was leprosy, but having received a leprosy awareness leaflet earlier, he knew he had to get a medical check up.

"I used the information on the leaflet to go to the right place to get help," he continues. "I was diagnosed and given a six-month course of treatment."

The treatment halted the progression of the disease, although Jaber lost some feeling in his left foot and occasionally still has pain in his hands and feet.

Four years later Jaber joined his village's self-help group and is an enthusiastic advocate for the difference they make.

Building a future with Leprosy Mission support

Jaber now leads this 12 member strong group, 11 of whom are affected by leprosy. "There is no doubt that people in similar circumstances to me should join a self-help group," Jaber says.

With the Leprosy Mission's seed funding, and group members desire to build a new life for themselves and their families, the benefits are many – physical, economic and social.

“Joining a self-help group is a chance to develop yourself as a leader,” Jaber says.

Loans of up to 8000 Taka allow members to buy cattle, plant crops, set up a small business or borrow for career training. Jaber chose to pursue his dream to become a carpenter and, after a year of training, loves his new profession.

He's expanding his carpentry business by taking additional loans to buy wood, and working hard to produce the best quality products possible.

"I enjoy fine-tuning what I make, so it is something everyone will like. I expect to keep working as a carpenter, but would look at other options too if they boost my income."

Grateful thanks for your prayers and care

The family still struggle financially as Jaber has a four-year-old daughter with a blood disorder who travels 10-hours on a bus to Dhaka each month for a transfusion – accompanied by his wife and infant son.

But Jaber's appreciation for the Leprosy Mission's contribution is clear. *“The Leprosy Mission is very welcome here because of the good work it does,”* he says.

"We are poor people. We have so little. We have many problems and are neglected," he continues. "So we are really grateful for the support we are receiving. We'd like to say a big thank you to the Leprosy Mission. And *if it's possible for your support to continue, more people like me will be helped.*"

You can make a difference by supporting self help groups in Bangladesh. Donate online at leprosymission.org.nz/Bangladesh

2016 YOUTH ADVOCATES



FUNDRAISING FOR A FUTURE

Every year the Leprosy Mission takes tertiary students to experience our work in Kathmandu and spend time with leprosy-affected people. These young people come back brimming with enthusiasm to raise money for much needed equipment.

In 2015, our nine Youth Advocates worked together to raise more than \$27,000 for a second generator to help deliver vital services at the Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital.

This enterprising bunch achieved their goal by hosting high teas and fundraising evenings with meals and music in community centres, creating pop-up shops and auctioning artwork.

Anna Thompson says remembering the smiles and hugs at Anandaban Hospital was the inspiration for her fundraising. "Their stories touched me in an emotional way, listening to what they shared tore my heart, as it is not just the pain that they feel through their illness, it is the continuation of treating the disease that can cause so much suffering."

The response from Anna's home church has been wonderful. **"They graciously listened to our experience and could see how God was moving,"** she says. **"One lady had been a nurse and was so excited to hear about the work that the Leprosy Mission is continuing to do."**

Emergency transport a priority

Our 2016 Youth Advocates travelled to Kathmandu in January, in the aftermath of the 2015 twin earthquakes. Alexandra Powell says the experience touched her heart and she could see the toll leprosy took on people's lives.

"Meeting leprosy-affected people and hearing their stories has given me something very tangible to hold on to," she says. **"Understanding the discrimination that people face and seeing their resiliency was truly eye opening for me."**

Alex's group have chosen to fundraise for a 4WD vehicle as they could see that reaching the most vulnerable communities in Kathmandu and rural Nepal requires reliable vehicles robust enough to deal with narrow unsurfaced roads.

"Wherever we travelled there was deep potholes, landslides, erosion and loose gravel – making for slow very bumpy trips," Alex says. "Another 4WD vehicle will help transport staff, medical supplies and equipment between the hospital and their outreach community projects."

Ideas for fundraising include selling friendship bracelets, organising a "Night in Nepal" dinner, church presentations and publishing a calendar of their trip.

Come with us in 2017

Who do you know that will take a leap of faith and join us on our mission trip to Nepal in 2017?

We are looking for full time students aged 18 -25 years old to become Youth Advocates. They will have the chance to live out their Christian faith building real relationships with real people.



For more information, and to apply, go to leprosymission.org.nz/youth-advocates or contact Gillian Whitley on gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz or phone 021 537 356 or 09 631 1806. Applications are open now!

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*13-year-old Eurisder of
Papua New Guinea, one
of many children cured of
leprosy thanks to your
kind support*



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Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our supporters, the Leprosy Mission (LMNZ) remains committed to ending leprosy.

Our devoted supporters' loyalty continues to instill in us heartfelt gratitude for their generosity. The significant impact of your invaluable contributions in the past financial year is underpinned by the \$3,106,019 we could commit to our overseas ministry.



BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, New Zealand supporters and The New Zealand Aid Programme* fund two projects;

1. The Chittagong People-Led Development Project (CPDP) located in Chittagong City, and
2. The Chittagong Hill Tracts Project, located in the rural Chittagong Hill Tracts.

With your support, in 2015:

- 670 self-help group (SHG) members received loans for income generating activities.
- The association formed under the CPDP project is now 10% self-sufficient with an eventual goal of being 100% self-sufficient by the time the project finishes.
- 18,356 people received awareness raising education on leprosy.
- 191 government doctors, nurses and paramedics received leprosy training.
- Protective footwear was given to 101 patients.
- Ulcer care and management training was provided to 50 patients.
- 147 SHG leaders received leadership and management training.
- 529 community leaders and 921 community members were given training on the rights of people affected by leprosy and disability.



CHINA

In China, LMNZ works with HANDA, an association of people affected by leprosy, which provides support to other people living with leprosy in southern China. LMNZ supports HANDA's work in Yunnan, Guandong and Giangxi.

With your support, in 2015:

- HANDA now raises more than 33% of its own operating expenses. HANDA gained 1,500 new financial supporters for its work from within China.
- 33 socialisation activities undertaken allowing 1,000 people from leprosy villages to visit places in mainstream society.
- Health education training was conducted for 200 people from leprosy villages.
- 58 students trained to assist in leprosy rehabilitation villages.
- 5,000 booklets about leprosy and HANDA's work were distributed to village volunteers and the general public.
- 158 volunteers and 76 people affected by leprosy participated in public awareness raising activities.
- 61 leprosy-affected people engaged in income generating activities.
- 850 pairs of protective shoes, 15 wheelchairs, 20 pairs of crutches and 30 walking sticks were provided to leprosy-affected people.
- Prosthetic technicians visited 25 leprosy villages and assisted 127 patients with prosthetic devices.



ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, LMNZ funds ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy). ENAPAL has over 15,000 members who are directly affected by leprosy and 76 local associations throughout Ethiopia.

With your support, in 2015:

- A new grain mill enterprise was built and three milling machines installed at Jimma by the Ginjo association of ENAPAL, supporting 88 leprosy-affected people and 360 family members.
- A new grain mill enterprise was completed by the Ambo association of ENAPAL with four milling machines installed.
- Enjibara association grain mill enterprise is producing a profit, which is being distributed to its 66 members and their families.
- Addis Kadem association grain mill enterprise is producing a profit and providing support to its 92 members and their families.
- The grain mill enterprise at the Tulema association of ENAPAL has been restored with three new milling machines installed to complement the two existing milling machines.
- A general assembly of the 76 local associations of ENAPAL was held with ENAPAL taking a number of steps towards securing its sustainability and future funding.

*The New Zealand Aid Programme is the New Zealand Government's official aid for developing countries.

We cannot thank you enough for joining hands with us in our important mission, and making our life-changing work possible.

Throughout 2015, our projects brought essential services and support to leprosy-affected individuals, their families and their communities. We are extremely grateful to our staff worldwide for their devotion and determination.



INDIA

In India, we continued to support Muzaffarpur Hospital (Bihar State), Faizabad Vocational Training Centre (VTC) and Faizabad Hospital (Uttar Pradesh State), and provided educational scholarships through the Catch Them Young Project to children from leprosy-affected families.

With your support, in 2015:

- The Leprosy Mission India is now raising 55% of its own income and relies on just 45% of its funding from external funding including LMNZ supporters.
- 3454 patients came to Muzaffarpur Hospital for consultation and leprosy treatment.
- Nearly 200 patients were admitted to the hospital and nearly 10,000 bed days were needed for the patients' care.
- 34 reconstructive surgeries were performed on leprosy-affected people.
- Over 500 pairs of protective shoes were provided to patients and distributed to the Muzaffarpur district.
- 120 students underwent vocational training at Faizabad VTC including tailoring, light engineering and welding.
- A counselling team visited 35 leprosy colonies, public health clinics and rural hospitals. There were also two new counsellors trained.
- 300 children from leprosy-affected families received assistance for education.
- Awareness raising programmes around leprosy, gender and human rights were conducted.



NEPAL

In Nepal, LMNZ provides funding for Anandaban Hospital. The earthquakes in April last year resulted in extensive damage to the hospital and a shift in immediate priorities. The hospital was able to respond to patients from the community who needed immediate medical care and there was a huge need for shelter and aid for leprosy-affected and other disadvantaged people.

With your support, in 2015:

- 1555 people affected by the earthquake have been treated in the five districts where 15 emergency medical camps were conducted.
- In total 4945 people affected by the earthquake have had treatment in communities and at Anandaban Hospital.
- 131 major surgeries have been conducted and 929 physiotherapy sessions have been conducted.
- 239 people have been provided with counselling at Anandaban Hospital and 386 people have received counselling from LMNZ counsellors in the community.
- Leprosy Mission Nepal have distributed 2,351 tarpaulins for use as temporary shelters to people affected by the earthquakes.
- Emergency food and non-food items were distributed to 1416 households in the local communities.
- The LMNZ Youth Advocates fundraised for a second generator for Anandaban Hospital to provide consistent and efficient power supply when the mains electricity is not available for significant periods during the day.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In Papua New Guinea (PNG), LMNZ and The New Zealand Aid Programme* fund two projects. The first is the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP), which works with village communities and government health staff to establish a basic village healthcare programme across Bougainville. The second is the PNG Leprosy Control Partnership, which works with the PNG Department of Health to implement its Leprosy Control Programme across all of PNG.

With your support, in 2015:

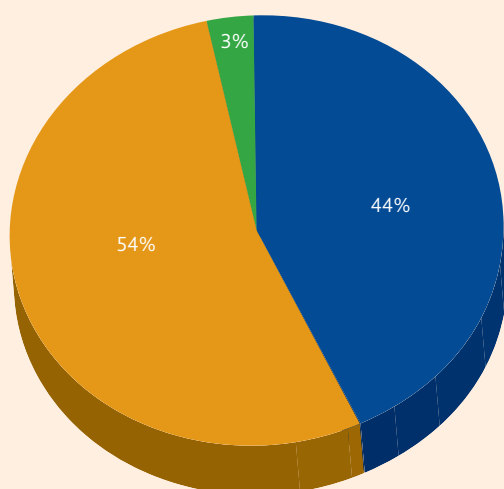
Bougainville Healthy Communities Project (BHCP):

- 414 Village Health Volunteers trained in community health, 201 community leaders trained in leadership and governance.
- There has been a significant improvement in the availability of MDT drugs required for the treatment of leprosy in Bougainville. New cases continue to be identified and these are now being referred by BHCP for treatment at government health facilities.
- BHCP project has extended its work into the remote Torokina district of Bougainville and is now working in 32 communities.

PNG Leprosy Control Partnership:

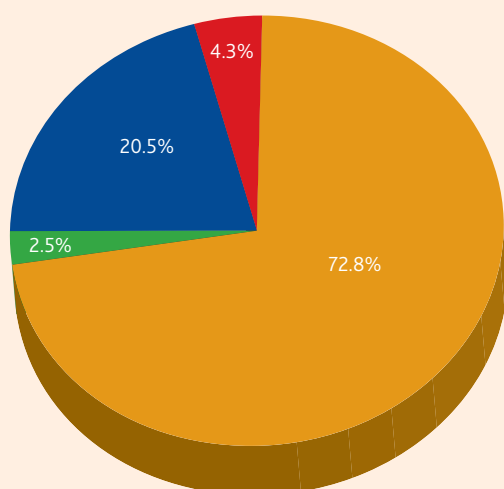
- 136 Government health workers in five provinces received specialist leprosy training.
- Leprosy Mission Community Mobilisers conducted leprosy awareness activities in 66 villages for 10,327 people.
- Three senior government medical staff received specialist leprosy management training at a Leprosy Mission hospital in India.

Income Received



NZ Government Grants	44%	\$2,054,370
Private Income	54%	\$2,543,060
Interest/Other Income	3%	\$124,276
Total	100%	\$4,721,706

Expenditure



Overseas Ministries	72.8%
Education	2.5%
Marketing Expenses	20.5%
Administration	4.3%
Total	100%

The Year in Figures

This financial information summary is for the 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2015, and is from the fully audited accounts. A full audited Annual Report for 2015 will be available at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2016. The Annual Report will also be available on www.leprosymission.org.nz

Thank you for your generosity

Our sincere thanks to all our wonderful supporters. Your commitment to our mission makes such a difference every day to the leprosy-affected communities we work with in the Pacific, northern Africa and Asia.

To our many volunteers, who contributed more than 22,750 hours of your invaluable time in 2015 – thank you! Your loyalty and devotion as Moneybox collectors, Board and committee members, prayer partners, community volunteers, as well as office, stamp and mailout volunteers, is extraordinary.

Our grateful thanks also go to our field partners, members of the Leprosy Mission Fellowship and The New Zealand Aid Programme, the New Zealand Government's official aid for developing countries.

We are also thankful to those supporters who kindly remembered the work of the Leprosy Mission in their Will.



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Caring for Nepal's communities in need

Nepal's Anandaban Hospital has been a haven for more than 4,500 Nepalese in the aftermath of last year's earthquakes.

Not only has it continued its work with leprosy-affected people, it has also provided surgery to the injured, distributed emergency food and other supplies, and supported those traumatised, with counselling.

The Leprosy Mission's Gillian Whitley was in Nepal in January to see how the hospital has coped since the earthquake. She was overwhelmed by the incredible commitment and devotion of hospital staff.

"They have worked tirelessly in very difficult conditions," she says. "In the aftermath of the earthquakes they have

set up outreach medical centres to reach vulnerable people who cannot get to the hospital."

The hospital has become highly regarded by the Nepalese Government in light of the work they have done and the dedication of the Leprosy Mission staff in serving their community is seen as inspirational.

Gillian adds, "I was blessed to bring your prayers and love from New Zealand to encourage everyone we met at the hospital and in the community."



"Please continue to pray for Anandaban Hospital. Thanks to your generous support it shines as a beacon of hope and faith in the community. The on-going need is great, but together we can rebuild an earthquake resilient and disability friendly hospital for the future."

Really Good Gifts bring great joy

Thank-you with all our hearts! With 720 new cases of leprosy detected every day, your donation of a Really Good Gift brings hope and joy to leprosy-affected people and their families. Together we are changing lives.

Mabul and his family are one of many who have benefited from your gifts. Mabul is a proud ex-businessman who was diagnosed with leprosy in 2003 and, due to an ulcer, had his left leg amputated below the knee in 2013.

"I thought I'd lost my future when I heard my leg had to be amputated. Tears were coming from my eyes," he says.

He went to the Leprosy Mission for further treatment and is so grateful for the support he received.

"How can I forget the Leprosy Mission?" Mabul says. **"They care like parents."**

Now, Mabul has an artificial leg to keep him mobile and is looking forward to joining a self-help group and learning new skills.



"Since I had a grocery shop for 23 years, I could set up another shop. I will be able to look after my family in a better way and I won't need to ask for help from anyone else."

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Ordering one of 27 Really Good Gifts will turn fear into great joy for people like Mabul.

Please call us on 0800 862 873 for a catalogue - ordering is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



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Really Good Gifts



Binding the wounds of the broken hearted



Murray and Kathy Dillner, thrilled to be in India.



Kathy (with Murray) being welcomed at Muzaffapur Hospital.

Cure One supporters Kathy and Murray Dillner from Auckland could not believe it when they found out they would be joining the Supporter Tour to India.

"The whole two weeks away was so interesting and full," Kathy says. Exposed to people, cows, tractors, bikes, horses, rickshaws, street food, and colourful shops of every description, Kathy loved it.

The passionate Christians, who are dedicated to make a real difference in God's name, were delighted to see first hand where their donations are going and how people's lives are transformed by the work of the Leprosy Mission.

"I saw in a tangible way that God is bringing healing and hope to some of the worlds poorest people through people like me and you working together," Kathy says. "It's a great feeling knowing that your donation can change a life or even the future of a whole family or community!"

Singing a joyful song

Kathy recalls a special moment with a patient in one of the wards at Muzaffapur hospital.

"His hands and feet were very disfigured but his face was radiant and his love for God so evident," she says. "I will never forget the joy of singing a Hindi song with him - and he knew the song and sang it with gusto.

"It was a song about the joy that Jesus gives us and it was a very emotional moment when, at the end, he clapped his hands together (with most of his fingers missing) and shouted, 'Hallelujah'."

The contentment and love this man had found, despite the obvious devastating effects of leprosy he had suffered, is something Kathy will never forget.

Changing the future of a community

Kathy says a verse on the wall in the chapel at Faizabad Hospital sums up their feelings about what they saw: "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

The couple were impressed with the outstanding dedication, love and concern shown by the doctors, nurses and staff members and also the patients for one another, despite the very basic equipment and conditions.

"They lived incredibly simple lives with great love and contentment – and faith in Jesus Christ," she recalls.

The trip was life changing for them. "The Leprosy Mission brings hope to so many," Kathy says. "When it comes to encouraging people to support this organisation, the need is so great- there is so much more that can be done."



Patient waiting to be fitted with shoes.

If you are interested in joining a supporter tour please contact Gillian Whitley on 0800 862 873 or (09) 631 1806 or email: gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz

Nutan's new life without leprosy

As our first Cure One ambassador, we have taken a keen interest in Nutan and her recovery from leprosy. During the Leprosy Mission's 2015 Supporter Tour, we travelled to Muzaffarpur in north-east India and caught up with Nutan. We were delighted to find her well and flourishing.



Brent was thrilled to see how Nutan has blossomed, and how much her confidence and demeanour has improved. Your gifts have the power to transform the lives of young women like Nutan.



Nutan can now move her hand and fingers (thumb to finger), do up her buttons and put her hands together straight to offer the Indian greeting, 'Namaste'.



Two years ago, Nutan was on crutches with a badly ulcerated foot. Now she is moving around freely thanks to the surgery and physiotherapy she's received.



Last year, Nutan's family were given a female buffalo, and calf. For Nutan's family it means milk, as well as having buffalo working in the fields.



Cured of leprosy, Nutan is back at school receiving an education. Her proud mum watches as Nutan learns to read and write, and uses a pencil to do her homework.

Become a Cure One supporter today.
Please visit cureone.org.nz or call 0800 862 873.

Thank-you – Nutan now has more opportunities in life through Cure One and we are and so thrilled and grateful to you all for making Nutan's progress possible!

Supporters Corner...

Kids Club's Really Good Gifts

We're inspired each day by the Leprosy Mission's amazing supporters, especially around Christmas time.

In December, nineteen cute-as-a-button children from the Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church Centre's kids club were busy raising money on our behalf.

One little girl, Holly Grace Davey says: "I knew it would make them feel really good and have things that they need...so I worked in the garden and did other chores to raise the money."

Then, by pooling their funds, this generous bunch of kids was able to purchase a vegetable seed pack, a fish farm, a back-to-school kit and a piglet.



Really Good Gifts provide much needed support for people living in poverty who are affected by leprosy - bringing hope and joy to people who really need our help.

Thank you Wanaka kids club! It is a wonderful way to spread God's love at Christmas. We know you will keep people affected by leprosy in your prayers.

Our Moneybox collectors are awesome!

School children, church communities, international students and local businesses all play a small part in making a huge difference to thousands of people affected by leprosy.

We'd like to say thank you to these people, who are our wonderful Moneybox collectors! Thank you for all your hard work. Last year the loose change and pocket money you



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collected raised over \$67,000 (wow!). Our work wouldn't be possible without your help and we are truly grateful.

If you would like to become a Moneybox collector, we'd love to hear from you – just contact Carolyn Currie on 0800 862 873 or carolyn.currie@leprosymission.org.nz



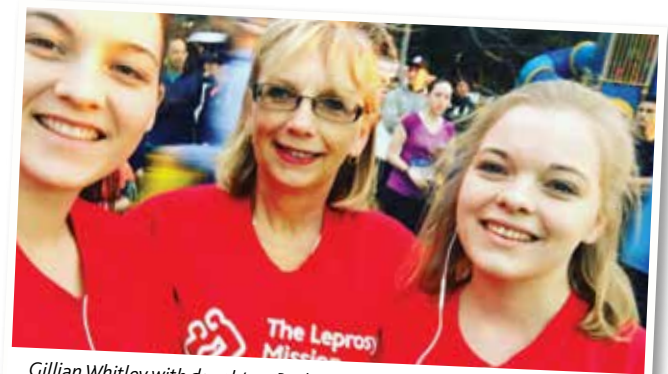
**The Leprosy
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Running 4 Rights**

Join the Leprosy Mission's 2016 Running 4 Rights team

For eight years our annual Auckland Marathon team has helped us put an end to leprosy. People of all ages and abilities have tackled everything from the 5km walk to the full marathon.

Together we've raised more than \$85,000 to cure, care for and restore people living with leprosy. We would love you to join us again in 2016.

2015 runner and Youth Advocate, Hanneke Meyer, found it motivating to work towards a goal that directly benefits others. "People around me didn't know about leprosy,



Gillian Whitley with daughters Ruth and Eve about to begin the Auckland Half Marathon.

which made me feel like what we do is really necessary," she says. "It was what made me keep jogging when I wanted to walk."

Find out more by contacting Gillian Whitley on 0800 862 873 or (09) 631 1806, or gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz



The Leprosy Mission Prayer:

*Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy
Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life.
Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease;
Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients;
Reunite the separated ones with their families and friends;
And inspire your people with the task set before the Leprosy Mission,
That it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work,
In accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name.
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer.

**Request your Prayer & Praise diary today from Ngaira Lynch on 0800 862 873
or at ngaira.lynch@leprosymission.org.nz.**

Books



The Gift of Peace

We all need moments of peace – in troubled times or just to escape the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Whether we are seeking to be at peace with the world, or simply at peace with ourselves, this reassuring book reminds us that we only have to ask and our ever-present God will reach out a calming hand to help and guide us. **\$22 includes P&H**



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We are extremely grateful to the following supporters who remembered the work of The Leprosy Mission New Zealand in their Will.

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“I am willing”

Use your Will to do God's will

A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. (Matthew 8:2-3)

During your lifetime the number of people affected by leprosy has fallen tremendously. Yet many remain. God cares for them deeply and we know you do too.

Use your Will to make sure there will be hope, light and life for those still affected by leprosy after your lifetime.

Your bequest costs nothing now, but in the future will have great power to transform the lives of the most wounded, rejected and poverty-stricken.



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Call Gillian about your bequest

Gillian Whitley would love to answer your bequest questions, either on the phone or even better, over a friendly cup of tea.

Gillian will also send you a really fascinating leaflet about bequests. It tells a beautiful story of how a lasting gift like yours can restore hope and family to those affected by leprosy. The easy process of including the Leprosy Mission New Zealand in your Will is also explained.

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