Annual Review 2013
1st January - 31st December 2013
With your support, we have an unwavering commitment to eliminate leprosy from the earth.

It has been a challenging but an extremely rewarding year at the Leprosy Mission New Zealand. Our loyal supporters continue to be outstanding in their generosity and we have been able to commit $4,347,487 to overseas ministry, surpassing 2012 by just over $1,000,000. We cannot thank you enough for joining us on our vital mission and making our life-changing work possible.

Throughout 2013 our projects brought essential services and support to leprosy-affected individuals, their families and their communities. We are extremely grateful to our partners in the field, such as HANDA and ENAPAL for their devotion and determination. Below is a summary of some of our achievements for 2013.

**BANGLADESH**

In Bangladesh New Zealand supporters fund two projects: one in and around Chittagong city and the other in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

**With your support, in 2013:**

- The leprosy prevalence rate in the Chittagong Hill Tracts fell to less than 6 per 100,000 people from almost 10 per 100,000 two years earlier.
- 15,413 people living in ‘high risk’ areas for leprosy transmission in the Chittagong Hill Tracts were screened for leprosy.
- 636 days of special leprosy clinics were run in the Chittagong Hill Tracts to treat people with leprosy and for those experiencing leprosy reaction.
- More than 67,000 people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts were reached in leprosy awareness raising activities such as radio advertisements.
- 1,439 protective or other assistive devices were provided to people affected by leprosy disability.
- 328 leaders of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) received training in leadership, group management and basic book-keeping skills.
- 419 SHG members received training and support in technical or business skills to assist them in starting or improving their business or trade.
- 693 small loans were issued to SHG members to run small businesses and help them generate a sustainable income.
- 1,901 SHG members received education about their rights as people and as people affected by leprosy or disability.

**CHINA**

In China LMNZ works with HANDA, an association of people affected by leprosy, which provides support to leprosy-affected people in Southern China. LMNZ supports HANDA’s work in three provinces: Yunnan, Guangdong and Guangxi. Many of the individuals and families HANDA works with have spent their entire lives living in remote leprosy villages, excluded from mainstream society by their disabilities and the stigma imposed on them by surrounding communities.

**With your support, in 2013:**

- HANDA ran 71 publicity campaigns and public events to raise awareness and educate the public about the causes and consequences of leprosy, reaching more than 30,000 people.
- 550 volunteers made 91 visits to villages for social activities.
- 238 leprosy-affected people made city visits to see the changes in the outside world and build their self-confidence.
- 60 people affected by leprosy started new income generation activities after receiving technical skills and management training.
- HANDA social workers helped to set up 14 mutual support groups within the villages to help improve community connectedness and assist people to overcome their problems together.
- 2,627 leprosy-affected people received protective shoes to make walking easier and safer.
- 166 new prosthetic limbs were fitted to provide mobility for people with leprosy disability.
- 189 leprosy-affected people received eye surgery which enhanced their sight.
- 1,901 SHG members received education about their rights as people and as people affected by leprosy or disability.

**ETHIOPIA**

In Ethiopia LMNZ funds the ‘Building Self Reliant Communities through Economic Development Project’ with our partner ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy). ENAPAL has over 15,000 members who are directly affected by leprosy.

**With your support, in 2013:**

- Two grain mills (with five milling machines each) are now up and running in Enjibara andragita Lakoma in the Amhara Region, enhancing income for local associations and creating employment for leprosy affected people.
- 12 leaders and 10 employees were provided with training in financial management/record keeping, leadership and management.
- 20 women affected by leprosy in the Dessie local branch association received financial and business training and a revolving loan (seed money), so they can engage in income generation activities.
- Electric power has been supplied to 24 houses for leprosy-affected people in Dessie.
- The 15th World Leprosy Day was celebrated in Oromiya region in Shashemene town.
- ENAPAL started working with the Federation of National Associations of Persons with Disabilities and with ALERT hospital, expanding the impact of their work.
- 26 leprosy radio programmes were broadcast on National Radio.
- 265 children were educated (and have been provided with 4770 exercise books, 2121 pens and 1060 pencils).
Together we can cure, care for, and restore people in poverty affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand is a Christian development organisation that works to cure, care for and restore people in poverty affected by leprosy. Established in 1912, we are one of the oldest and most trusted charities in New Zealand. We are part of the Leprosy Mission International, a leading Christian development organisation that has a presence in over 28 leprosy-affected countries around the world.

In India LMNZ funds two community projects with our partner TLM India: one is empowering communities to address their own issues in Andhra Pradesh and the other is empowering village women in rural Uttar Pradesh.

With your support, in 2013:
• Project staff and 21 volunteers were trained on early intervention and leprosy management
• Organised rallies take place to promote education among school children and encourage school enrolments. As a result, 93 new admissions were reported
• 31 leadership development programs were conducted and 247 members were trained
• Disability management assistance programs took place for 134 children with disabilities (76 boys & 58 girls)
• 24 people affected by leprosy were referred for treatment
• 28 programs were conducted for women about women’s rights, as well as schemes and entitlements available from Government. 1,079 people attended
• 128 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) accessed bank loans
• 510 women attended literacy classes and 316 passed the reading, writing and simple maths exams
• We ran two income generation training sessions and 25 people now have a new income stream – with one SHG making envelopes for the Barabanki Leprosy Hospital

In Nepal LMNZ provides funding for Anandaban Hospital, which is a 110-bed facility with 80 dedicated leprosy beds and 30 general beds. The hospital also operates two clinics in Kathmandu city, as well as satellite clinics and health camps in rural areas.

With your support, in 2013:
• Anandaban Hospital provided care and treatment for more than 30,000 people through in-patient and out-patient services including:
  • 431 surgeries for leprosy affected patients
  • 418 treatments for leprosy ulcer management
  • 135 treatments for leprosy reactions and other medical management
  • Prosthetics and orthotics for 1,544 patients
  • Pastoral care and counselling for 808 patients
  • 5,430 patients receiving diagnosis and treatment for skin conditions
  • Medical consultations for 20,608 outpatients
• The LMNZ 2013 Youth Advocates raised $32,000 for a new electricity generator to supply fuel efficient, quiet and reliable electricity
• The National Leprosy Elimination Program was reviewed and 40 government staff were trained
• TLM staff and two government dermatologists received international training on leprosy and the prevention of disability
• A national training needs assessment was conducted
• New leprosy training manuals and handbooks were prepared and printed providing all government health staff with a valuable new resource document for leprosy treatment
• BHCP expanded into Buin district and continued to strengthen its operations in the eight most populous of Bougainville’s 13 districts
• BHCP trained 181 village health volunteers and 1,002 village leaders, bringing the total number trained to 1,678 village health volunteers and 1,787 leaders
• 12 project district facilitators continued their work with village health volunteers to raise awareness about key leprosy issues, identify the locals who are ill and refer them to health facilities for diagnosis and treatment

In Papua New Guinea (PNG) LMNZ funds 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 health care programme across Bougainville. The second is the PNG Leprosy Control Partnership, which works with the PNG Division of Health to implement its Leprosy Control Programme across all of PNG.

With your support, in 2013:
• The PNG Leprosy Control Partnership was formally established and initial activities got underway
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The Year in Figures

This financial information summary is for the 12 months from 1st January to 31st December 2013 and is from the fully audited accounts. A full audited Annual Report for 2013 will be available at the Annual General Meeting being held in May 2014. It will also be available on our website.

Thank You

We are sincerely appreciative for the generosity of all of our supporters and their ongoing commitment to our mission. We could not do our vital work without you! On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We would like to acknowledge our faithful and devoted volunteers. Collectively they have contributed more than 15,000 hours of their time on the Leprosy Mission New Zealand Board, and as Moneybox Collectors, committee members, our prayer partners, ethnic community volunteers, office, stamp and mail out volunteers.

Our grateful thanks to the global Leprosy Mission network, our field partners and the New Zealand Government’s International Development Group of MFAT (formally known as NZAID – the New Zealand Government’s International Aid and Development Agency).

We also offer a special thanks to the compassion of those who so thoughtfully remembered us in their Will.

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