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# Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2015 edition of *inTouch* Magazine! Inside you will find some great stories of how your donations and support are helping to cure, care for and restore people from leprosy.

Recently I visited Papua New Guinea to meet with government officials and discuss progress towards ending leprosy. Leprosy is still endemic in parts of Papua New Guinea, particularly among children which I found really disturbing. It is sad to see something like this so close to home - New Zealand has a close relationship with the people of Papua New Guinea and Bougainville. However, I am optimistic that with some hard work and by God's grace, leprosy can be ended in PNG.

Thank you to everyone who financially supported and prayed for our Nepal earthquake appeal. We were delighted with your response which allowed us to reach out to leprosy-affected and marginalised people. One of my colleagues, Andrew Harding, spent a month in Nepal assisting our colleagues there. We remain committed to providing ongoing support to leprosy-affected people, particularly during the crucial rebuilding phase which is now underway.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the Leprosy Mission. I trust that you will enjoy your Spring edition of *inTouch*.

With blessings,

*Brent J. Morgan*

Brent Morgan  
Executive Director



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



Cover photo by Bruce Millar in Papua New Guinea. Read about PNG on page 8.

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Andrew distributing food aid in Nepal.

# Andrew Harding in Nepal

## Nepal earthquakes 2015

### Leprosy Mission communities play a key role in relief efforts

**"Thanks to the generosity of New Zealand supporters, the Leprosy Mission can continue its work in Nepal, despite the devastation caused by the two deadly earthquakes earlier this year. The scale of the destruction is unimaginable and the road to full recovery will be long", says Andrew Harding, International Programmes Manager for The Leprosy Mission New Zealand.**

Parts of Anandaban Hospital were severely damaged, and patients and staff had to be urgently evacuated. Tarpaulins provided shelter and staff continued delivering non-stop emergency medical assistance to hundreds of injured people who turned to the hospital for help.

"Leprosy Mission staff were, and still are, incredible," says Andrew. "Many of them had suffered tragic losses, but in the midst of the deadly earthquakes, staff stayed steadfast – even performing life-saving surgeries in the open air. We all should feel very proud of our dedicated staff."

Within a week of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal on 25 April, Andrew was seconded to Nepal to co-ordinate on the ground the Leprosy Mission's emergency relief efforts to numerous communities who had lost their homes and livelihoods.

He was in a taxi on his way to Kathmandu when the second quake of 7.3 magnitude struck.

"I felt an initial jolt, but attributed the juddering of the vehicle to the damaged road. Then, as we crawled closer to Kathmandu, I saw crumbling buildings, people running into rubble-covered streets, and I realised we had just had another earthquake."

Andrew's immediate focus turned to setting up and co-ordinating needs assessments in a number of earthquake-affected communities where the Leprosy Mission already worked. Medical assistance, water, food and shelter were priorities.

"Anandaban Hospital conducted medical camps and the Leprosy Mission became part of the United Nations' rehabilitation response group.

Time was of the essence and we had to get emergency relief to affected communities as soon as possible," explains Andrew.

One of Andrew's key objectives was to encourage community leaders and self-help groups of leprosy-affected areas to become involved in their own disaster relief efforts.

"They participated in co-ordination meetings with other non-governmental organisations and advocated for their own people. They also conducted needs assessments and distributed emergency relief items. An empowering experience on the whole," says Andrew.

"We have now moved from providing immediate emergency support to setting in place plans for short, medium and longer term recovery efforts. However, the rebuilding of Nepal will take many, many years.

"As for the Leprosy Mission, our work among the leprosy-affected is ongoing. We need to repair Anandaban Hospital, and continue to cure, care for, and restore people living with leprosy. In this regard, the backing of our New Zealand supporters will be vital."



Doctor working in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.





# — NEPAL — EARTHQUAKES

## *Quake-defiant Anandaban Hospital staff remain on duty*

**In the aftermath of the two deadly earthquakes, which devastated Nepal on 25 April and 12 May, Anandaban Hospital staff have stood steadfast and offered hope to thousands in desperate need.**

Severely damaged by the first 7.8 magnitude quake, parts of Anandaban Hospital had to be evacuated urgently.

While staff tended to patients in challenging conditions, scores of traumatised and injured survivors started descending on the hospital frantically in search of treatment or surgery.

The numbers increased significantly following the second powerful quake.



Thanks to the unwavering spirit of the staff and the ongoing generosity of New Zealand supporters, no patient has been turned away, and hospital staff can continue to provide unabated medical care.

Two patients who came for help, were five-year-old Arji and 90-year-old Dal. Their stories of survival are below.



## Love and concern for Arji

"I felt alone and scared," remembered Arji who broke her right arm when she fell, as she and her older siblings ran away from the family's collapsing house.

It was Saturday so there was no school on.

The quake struck out of the blue, and when their house started crumbling, the children took off.

In the ensuing chaos, Arji couldn't keep up with the others and she fell. A sharp pain shot through her right arm, and the young girl was too sore and frightened to move.

Her eldest sister comforted Arji until their parents returned and took Arji to Anandaban Hospital.

"Arji's broken arm was treated immediately. The staff showed us much love and concern. We will remain forever thankful," said Arji's father.

Relieved to have survived and grateful for the hospital staff's dedication, Arji's family is now starting over.



*Five-year-old Arji with her father.*

## Dal, a grateful survivor

"I shouted, 'Help, help, I'm buried!'" exclaimed Dal, as he recounted the moment the first quake hit and his house started falling in on him.

The frail nonagenarian and his 87-year-old wife were inside their house when the earthquake struck.

"I was lucky my son heard my cries. Sadly, my wife died. I would have died too had my son not come to my rescue."

Dal's son took his father to Anandaban Hospital where Dal received treatment for shock and his injured left arm and hand.

"I received good treatment and care. At my age, I could so easily have died. I want to say thank you to all who have helped me."



*A Leprosy Mission counsellor at Anandaban Hospital tends to Dal.*

## Thank you!

Thank you to all our incredible supporters who have made it possible for the courageous Anandaban Hospital staff to continue saving lives amid extremely difficult circumstances.



# How New Zealand supporters are helping Nepal

## Rila Maya grateful for NZ support during “sorrow”

Twenty-eight-year-old Rila Maya was seven months pregnant and working in a field when “the earth started shaking”. A dislodged rock struck her, and left her unconscious and with a broken leg. Her husband brought her to Anandaban Hospital. “The hospital has given me good treatment and I got a lot of encouragement from here. I want to say thank you to all New Zealanders who are helping us in our sorrow.”

## “We need your support, NZ,” says staff nurse Sarita

Sarita, 37, a staff nurse at Anandaban Hospital, was washing her hands, when she felt violent shaking. As she rushed outside, she saw her living quarters crumble. Her husband and sons were inside having something to eat. “I found out they were under a table and had survived. We hugged and gave thanks to the Lord. Anandaban Hospital is like my home. We are in such a difficult situation. We need your support and we are thankful to you all in New Zealand.”



## Youth Advocates 2015



*The Youth Advocates serving food at Anandaban Hospital earlier in the year.*

## Earthquakes fuel fundraising efforts for Anandaban Hospital generator

When the Leprosy Mission's 2015 Youth Advocates visited Anandaban Hospital near Kathmandu in Nepal in February this year, a brand new ward and other facilities were under construction.

A second generator was much needed, so the nine Youth Advocates decided to raise the \$25,000 for the generator to boost the hospital's life-changing work with leprosy-affected people.

Then the unthinkable happened. The deadly twin earthquakes not long after the Youth Advocates' visit, caused crippling damage to Anandaban Hospital.

“Seeing the devastation in a place that had become so dear to us, has motivated all of us in our fundraising efforts,” says Samantha Bradley, one of the Youth Advocates and a medical student at Auckland University.

As a group, the Youth Advocates have so far raised over \$17,000 through Givealittle.co.nz, and their fundraising efforts.

In Dunedin, for example, Jess Kokshoorn and Clemency Johnstone, both third-year medical students at Otago University, held a “classy” high tea.

The earthquakes seemed to have put Nepal at the forefront of everyone's mind, and people were keen to help the Youth Advocates as soon as they heard where the money was going.

“We felt a huge gratitude for everyone's enthusiasm – especially when a student group leader offered to put his own Nepal fundraising efforts towards the hospital generator with his ‘Sir Edmund Hillary \$5-note’ campaign. This generosity more than doubled our income!” says Clemency.

Please make a donation today at [givealittle.co.nz/cause/youthadvocates2015](http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/youthadvocates2015)



*Jess Kokshoorn (left) and Clemency Johnstone. Photo: Linda Robertson, Otago Daily Times.*



# R H E M A

## THANK YOU!

### Listeners show overwhelming support on Rhema Cure One Hundred Day

165 leprosy-affected people will be cured, thanks to the fantastic response of Radio Rhema listeners to the Leprosy Mission's Cure One Hundred Day appeal on Wednesday, 15 April 2015.

This year's Cure One Hundred Day was the second such partnership between Rhema Media and the Leprosy Mission to encourage at least 100 New Zealanders to transform the lives of people living with leprosy.

"We were thrilled when, after the 13-hour appeal, so many generous listeners had pledged \$432 each over one year – the amount needed to cure, care for, and restore one person living with leprosy. Thank you so much!" said Brent Morgan, Executive Director of The Leprosy Mission New Zealand.

He added that the broadcast was vital in sharing with listeners the Leprosy Mission's work in countries such as Nepal and India.



"Rhema Media is a valued mission partner and I want to thank them, particularly their announcers, for the great passion they have for our work."

Cathy Jenke, Rhema Media presenter, could not contain her delight at listeners' positive response on Cure One Hundred Day.

"Wow, we were so impressed with our generous listeners! They deserve a round of applause, as their support is life-changing for those affected by this isolating disease."

**You too can become a Cure One supporter today. Please visit [cureone.org.nz](http://cureone.org.nz) or contact Kiri de Beer at [kiri.debeer@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:kiri.debeer@leprosymission.org.nz) or on 0800 862 873. You can make your monthly pledge over one or two years.**



## Cure One update:

### Rinku needs your ongoing support on her road to full recovery.

Since Rinku's three-year battle with leprosy was highlighted earlier this year, countless highs and lows have characterised her journey to recovery.

The positive news is that within 48 hours of 16-year-old Rinku starting her multi-drug treatment for leprosy, she was no longer contagious – a breakthrough that made her smile return after the years of sadness and isolation.

Unfortunately, Rinku's treatment has hit a snag. Plans for surgery to correct the teen's deformed left hand have been put back because she has developed a severe skin reaction due to the building up of leprosy bacteria.

Different surgeons describe Rinku's case as "uncommon and complicated", and doctors are consulting on a solution and on the best time to do her surgery.

Meanwhile, thanks to the incredible generosity of New Zealand Cure One supporters, she can start pre-surgery physiotherapy to strengthen her weak left wrist.



Rinku with Cathy Jenke and Dr Kerketta.

Rinku's highest hope is to be completely cured, so she can go to school or even start her own business. Her best friend, Kavita, says, "She is motivated and I know she will do it."

Thank you to our Cure One supporters for helping people like Rinku realise their dreams through their continued support.



Physiotherapy is vital to her recovery.



Rinku with Dr Kerketta.



# Life finally has a new melody for Shaymal



Fifty-three-year-old Shaymal is looking forward to the future, thanks to the incredible generosity of Leprosy Mission supporters.

Thanks to the amazing response of New Zealand supporters to the March fundraising appeal for the Leprosy Mission's work in Chittagong, Bangladesh, 53-year-old Shaymal's life has a new melody, a song of a better future.



Shaymal at a Leprosy Mission Hospital.

Shaymal remembers 1971 for two events: the Bangladesh War of Independence and a childhood fall out of a tree that changed the course of his life almost overnight.

During Bangladesh's liberation struggle, the then ten-year-old Shaymal saw "freedom fighters" camping close to his village and the Indian Army patrolling the area. Other than that, the district remained largely peaceful throughout the conflict.

The children played freely, with tree climbing being a firm favourite. On a fateful day, Shaymal took a tumble and fractured his leg. While applying a cast to the broken leg, medical staff noticed unusual lesions on Shaymal's body, but the patches went undiagnosed and untreated.

A nagging foot ulcer forced Shaymal to seek further medical attention. The diagnosis: leprosy.

In a cruel irony, Shaymal suddenly had to deal with a new enemy on the eve of his country's freedom; a disease that would catapult him on a decades-long path of difficulty.

His only treatment option then was a five-year mono-therapy course to control the disease. The more effective multi-drug regime of today was not available, yet.

Notwithstanding the complications of his leprosy – clawed hands, deformed toes and foot ulcers – Shaymal worked as a farmer and married in his thirties.

After a flood washed away his land, his wife of seven years left him and took the couple's beloved son with her.

"I couldn't get a job because of my disabilities, and had no income. That's why she left me. I felt I had no reason to live."

*"The Leprosy Mission services are wonderful. Without these, I would be crippled."*

Shaymal faced a solitary life and became dependent on handouts from others, until he registered with a community self-help group facilitated by the Leprosy Mission in the Chittagong Region.

Now, Shaymal cannot wait to start acquiring new skills so he can lift himself out of poverty, give back to his community, and regain pride in himself.

"The Leprosy Mission services are wonderful," said Shaymal who is recovering from two cataract operations and undergoing treatment for a foot ulcer at the Leprosy Mission Hospital.

"Without their support, I would be crippled. Everything is free. It makes such a difference to people like me who have so little money."

Meanwhile, Shaymal enjoys reading and listening to music.

"I like all sorts of music. Even if I don't know the words, I appreciate the melody."







# PNG and Bougainville



Brent Morgan.

**Thank you for your generosity – it's already making a huge difference**

**Back from a visit to Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Bougainville,**

**Brent Morgan, Leprosy Mission Executive Director, retains two indelible impressions: the significant number of children living with leprosy, and the sense that the leprosy-affected in PNG have become a forgotten people. However, our supporters' incredible response to our July call for much-needed donations, means the poorest of the poor can now be cured, cared for, and restored.**

"I do not think many New Zealanders are fully aware of the scope of poverty in PNG, and to what degree rising leprosy is affecting people's lives over there.

"Only two hours' drive from Port Moresby, the prevalence of leprosy is rife, but people almost seemed resigned to their lot. We need to change that," says Brent.

During his project visits, Brent met people with untreated leprosy-related wounds. He also discovered that about a quarter of all new leprosy cases in PNG were diagnosed among children.

"Children should not be contracting leprosy anymore! Together, we could make massive strides to diagnose and treat children early, prevent them from developing disabilities, and help them return to school."



New Zealand supporters' generosity could not have come at a better time. With the New Zealand Government multiplying each gift five times, the Leprosy Mission can work alongside the PNG Government to help its people live leprosy-free.

"Our priority is to conduct extensive house-to-house surveys in about 40 hotspots and remote areas to detect and diagnose leprosy, and make sure people receive appropriate treatment," explains Brent.

Meanwhile, community volunteers are making sure leprosy-affected people get to the hospital and have access to multi-drug therapy. Volunteers foster positive relationships with hospitals to ensure they have the right medicines in stock.

"Together with our New Zealand supporters, we have a great opportunity to make a meaningful difference for our neighbours in the Pacific," says Brent.

## Meeting Adrian

In PNG, Brent met 14-year-old Adrian, who was introduced to New Zealand supporters during the Leprosy Mission's July Annual Appeal.

"Adrian and his family have been dealt a tough hand. However, I am pleased to report that Adrian's leprosy treatment is going well. The fact that his father, Michael, is a Leprosy Mission community health volunteer is hugely helpful, as he can keep an eye on his son's health and make sure Adrian takes his medicines."



Adrian and his family talk with Brent.



# Join the 2016 supporter tour to India

## Always wondered exactly how the Leprosy Mission works?

Now is your chance to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Join the Leprosy Mission supporter tour next year, and discover the incredible colour and culture of India.

Above all, come and see for yourself how people are cured and lives are changed.

You will visit Leprosy Mission hospitals, training centres and community development programmes. You will also have the chance to meet the locals.

Do not miss our 2016 supporter tour to India. These visits are truly unforgettable.

For more information, contact Gillian Whitley on 0800 862 873 or [gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz)



## Natalie and Rowan visited India last year

*"The trip was an amazing experience! I have come away with a deeper understanding of leprosy, and the huge, complex toll it takes on the sufferers and their families. I was deeply moved by the loyalty and passion of the local Leprosy Mission staff who work tirelessly day after day, serving the leprosy-affected people. All the staff were so committed, loyal and passionate; it was truly an inspiration to see."* ~ Natalie, Auckland

*"I had an amazing trip to India. How wonderful it was to experience, first hand, the wonderful work of the Leprosy Mission. All involved in this work showed true passion and commitment in their efforts to change the lives of those living with leprosy, and to assist their families."*

~ Rowan, Waikato



## Auckland Marathon

Join the Leprosy Mission's Running 4 Rights team and help put an end to leprosy.

It is time for the Running 4 Rights team to shine again.

Team members of all ages and abilities are welcome. Whatever your fitness level, there is something for you: from the 5km walk to the marathon. And everything in between. Over the past five years, Running 4 Rights supporters have raised over \$85,000 to cure, care for and restore people living with leprosy.

Sign up today and help put an end to leprosy.

For more information, contact Gillian Whitley on 0800 862 873 or [gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz)



*The amazing team after a fantastic run last year.*

*"Joining the Running 4 Rights team, and running in the Auckland Marathon is a fun and exciting experience that truly makes a difference. The work of the Leprosy Mission is life changing, and it is great to be able to support the work that they do."* – Emma, Auckland

If you can't make it, and want to get involved, you can sponsor Brent as he takes on the half marathon. Find out more at [fundraiseonline.co.nz/BrentMorgan2015](http://fundraiseonline.co.nz/BrentMorgan2015)



# Supporter Corner...

## Paeroa Bible Chapel gives generously to Anandaban Hospital

We feel privileged to share with you a letter from our friends at Paeroa Bible Chapel. Thank you, supporters like you are the true lifeblood of the Leprosy Mission.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are greatly moved by the need in Nepal, after the now two devastating earthquakes. We know that the Leprosy Mission hospital in Nepal is on the damaged list, and as it will be vital to the ongoing treatment of victims of the earthquakes, we are led to give to that work.

We know that you will have 'feet on the ground' over there, who will be able to oversee the funds and ensure that all is applied to the most urgent need. So, with complete confidence we attach our cheque and look forward to hearing in due course what eventuates over there.

May the Lord bless and guide you in your ministry to Him and for Him.

On behalf of the Chapel congregation.

John Morrison, Treasurer  
Paeroa Bible Chapel, Waikato

## Youth Advocates 2015

### Artworks on Trade Me for Anandaban Hospital generator

Two powerful artworks from Nepal are being auctioned on Trade Me to raise funds for a second generator for Anandaban Hospital.

The auction forms part of the 2015 Youth Advocates' combined efforts to raise \$25,000 for the generator, which has become significantly more important since the two earthquakes.

The first artwork of a snowy mountain range in Nepal, was created by leprosy-affected professional painter, Kumar Tamang.

A Nepali woman with leprosy is depicted in the second acrylic painting, produced by a professional painter on World Leprosy Day (23 January).

Place a bid today and help power Anandaban Hospital to the full.

[www.leprosymission.org.nz/auction](http://www.leprosymission.org.nz/auction)

## International students raise spirit and funds on Queen Street

Aucklanders dug deep and learned lots about people living with leprosy when a group of enthusiastic international student volunteers took to Queen Street on 23 July 2015 to raise funds for the Leprosy Mission.

Even though English is not their first language, the students, mostly from South Korea, were keen to chat to citysiders about the work of the Leprosy Mission.

"At first, we were a bit shy to say something to the public. Then were happy to talk to people. I felt we were doing the right thing," said 25-year-old Logan (YeongSeok) Kim from Busan.



The group of international students from South Korea who collected donations for the Leprosy Mission on Queen Street, Auckland.



A snowy mountain range in Nepal, painted by leprosy-affected professional painter, Kumar Tamang.



A Nepali woman with leprosy depicted in acrylic on a canvas.





# Prayer & Praise

## 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 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.*

We want to thank all supporters who regularly pray for the Leprosy Mission and for those who struggle with the often tragic effects of leprosy. Please continue your prayer support so that we can cure, care for, and restore the lives of our brothers and sisters suffering from leprosy. You are welcome to request a special Prayer & Praise diary to help guide your prayers for specific individuals, projects and situations in the countries where we work. Order your copy of the Prayer & Praise diary bi-monthly by post, or monthly via email. You can also find the Prayer & Praise diary online at [www.leprosymission.org.nz](http://www.leprosymission.org.nz). Thank you for your compassionate support.

Request your *Prayer & Praise* diary today from Ngaira Lynch on 0800 862 873 or email [ngaira.lynch@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:ngaira.lynch@leprosymission.org.nz)

### Bequests

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

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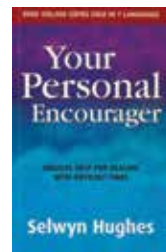
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If you would like to include a bequest pledge in your will, please contact [gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz) or call Gillian on 0800 862 873

### Bob Gilmour Obituary

Bob Gilmour, former auditor of the Leprosy Mission and long-time member of the Mission's Audit Committee sadly passed away on Friday 17th July. Bob was a loyal and committed servant of the Leprosy Mission. Our condolences go out to the Gilmour family.

## Spring good reads



### Your Personal Encourager

By Selwyn Hughes

This book will show you how to find strength in God, even in the most difficult circumstances. Learn to deal with issues of fear, loneliness, temptation and bereavement and be inspired by a new confidence in your relationships and attitudes. Your Personal Encourager will give you biblical support for 40 of life's most common problems and relevant scriptures for each situation. **\$18.00 + \$5.50 P&H**

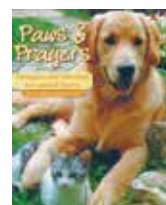


### Eggs, Fish and Banana Leaves

Author: Ruth Shakeshaft with Lindy Greaves

Egg, Fish and Banana Leaves is the extraordinary story of Ruth Shakeshaft who, as a young nurse, was called to be a missionary in Uganda. Working alongside people with leprosy, Ruth offered love and hope. This is a heart-breaking, but uplifting, story of the love Ruth has for Uganda and its people.

**\$20.00 + \$5.50 P&H**



### Paws and Prayers

By Anna Caddy and Judith Merrell

This brand new hardback book reveals how our four-legged friends can teach us valuable lessons about life. A delightful gift book that includes thoughts for the day, Bible verses and short prayers, along with stunning photos of animals. **\$20.00 + \$5.50 P&H**

### Buy a book and help transform lives

Amazing how reading can help eradicate leprosy. Simply order copies of your favourite book at [www.leprosymission.org.nz](http://www.leprosymission.org.nz) today and see how your contribution can change lives. You can also order book(s) from Carolyn Currie on 0800 862 873 or [carolyn.currie@leprosymission.org.nz](mailto:carolyn.currie@leprosymission.org.nz). The price of each book is \$18 - \$20. Postage and handling (P&H) is an additional \$5.50 for orders of up to five books, and \$11 for orders of more than five books. Thank you!



# “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.



After receiving much needed medical care, Belmati is now happier.

### 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.

**Call Gillian now on 0800 862 873 or**  
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