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**We see Transformation:
People healed and living in community
with dignity, opportunity and hope**

VISION:

Leprosy Defeated. Lives Transformed.

MISSION:

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission strives to break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

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Total Leprosy Care for the hardest cases – thank you

If only you could see what I see as I meet people affected by leprosy living in the world's poorest places. Whether they're in villages, huts, slums, on the streets or previously hidden away in sheds, **so many are being cured and treated and given new futures. And it's thanks to wonderful supporters like you who pray, volunteer and generously give funds.**

However, it's important to remember this ministry is not always easy. Sometimes a cure takes longer or is more difficult than expected. This was the case for Jemima in Nigeria (page 6-7). Sometimes the stigma of leprosy is so strong it's not possible for someone to return to their village, even after they've been cured. This was Munia's struggle in India (page 4).

Or we have to monitor both a mother and her son as they experience leprosy reaction and recover from the stigma and trauma of leprosy. (centre letter)

That's why Total Leprosy Care (TLC) is incredibly important. In this edition, we urge supporters like you to consider committing to a \$30 a month gift to provide tender ongoing care to the hardest cases of leprosy-affected people.

They may need longer courses of Multi-Drug Therapy. Or more follow-up and care after surgery. Or assistance with livelihood and accommodation. Whatever the need, Total Leprosy Care is all about helping people affected by leprosy through every stage of their journey to overcome the effects of this disease (pages 8-9).

As you read through this edition of ACTION, I pray you'll be inspired by what you're already achieving. Thank you for working with us to provide Total Leprosy Care to the people who face the biggest challenges. Jesus didn't shy away from the hard cases and with His guidance and your support, we won't either.

God bless you

Sheldon Rankin

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CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia**



Coming soon! *Your in-person field reports*

Field workers visit Australia to report back on the amazing things God is doing, thanks to your support. If you'd like to meet them in September/October, or if you're interested in having one of them come and speak at your church or group, please contact Tim Collison on 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767) or engage@leprosymission.org.au

**SAVE THE DATE: 12 October: The Leprosy Mission Australia's International Partners Day Conference
Eva Burrows College (Salvation Army), Ringwood, Melbourne VIC**

Go to: www.leprosymission.org.au/events for more details.



FROM TIMOR LESTE

Joel Costa Dos Santos
Project Supervisor for Rights for People with Disabilities for TLM Timor Leste

Nona (Afliana) Lisnahan
Country Leader, TLM Timor Leste



FROM NEPAL

Amar Bahadur Timalina
Board Member of TLMTI
President of IDEA, Nepal
ILEP (International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations)

From a abandoned girl to a abundant life

Thank you for giving to the Match Appeal to help those like Munia!

Munia was:

- Set on fire by uncles who feared leprosy
- Chased from her home by knife-wielding villagers
- Forced to flee for her life and sleep in a train station.



Thanks to people like you, Munia is enrolled in a tailoring course. She's well on the way to fully supporting herself! Driven away by her family with knives and sticks, Munia experienced the love and acceptance of Christ through The Leprosy Mission staff.

Your kindness has saved this young woman from becoming a tragic statistic. Thanks to the support of people like you, Munia received her leprosy cure.

But the stigma of leprosy is so great, Munia can't return to her village. So the next step is to help her become independent.

And because of you, Munia is now a full-time vocational student, gaining the skills she needs to start her own business!

After surgery on her hands, she learned how to do beautiful embroidery. It's a touching sight to see Munia deftly using a needle with what remains of her fingers.

Now she's begun a tailoring course at The Leprosy Mission's Vocational Training Centre. Principal Gabriel Pani says, "Because Munia's hands are so damaged that she finds it hard to hold scissors properly, so her tutors are teaching her craft work which she enjoys greatly."

Because of you, Munia is alive!

Once, Munia was in despair because she had nowhere to go. A beggar took her to The Leprosy Mission Hospital... where she was welcomed with open arms, thanks to your support. Without the generosity of people like you, Munia could have died—if not from the attackers in her village then from hunger and neglect in the streets.

In contrast, now Munia has plans and hopes for the future. She wants to sell the crafts she makes so she can support herself.

And it's all thanks to you. What a blessing you have been to Munia. And to others like her! You're saving lives!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

TAKE ACTION

If you'd like to help other people affected by leprosy like Munia, consider becoming a TLC Giver. With Total Leprosy Care, including diagnosis, treatment and supportive community attitudes, others like Munia may never have to go through such suffering. See page 8 for more details.

Lily thanks you for much needed Total Leprosy Care

"One in three new leprosy cases in PNG are children."

Protective shoes were not enough to save Lily's leg... but Total Leprosy Care will give her the ongoing support she needs. Thank you!

"... in so much pain her leg had to be amputated."

Remember Lily? The beautiful 12-year-old girl from PNG? She lost two toes on one foot and had a terrible ulcer on the other due to leprosy.

Through your generosity, Lily was doing well on Multi-Drug Therapy and had begun home schooling so she can finish her education.

Unfortunately, we have sad news. Some ulcers are particularly tricky to heal. Despite receiving shoes and bandages to assist with self-care, Lily's ulcer never healed. In the end, Lily was in so much pain her leg had to be amputated.

We were so grieved to hear of this. If only Lily been found and treated earlier, she would have been cured and may still have her right foot.

However, there's still hope for Lily with TLC – Total Leprosy Care. Lily now needs follow up support - urgently.

First came crutches for Lily. PNG Country Leader Natalie Smith says: "I went to the hospital to teach her how to use them and to practice going up and down stairs... The hospital only provides one meal a day for patients so we helped to buy food... so she was getting enough nutrition to help the amputation heal up quickly."

Natalie says they're helping Lily get approved and fitted for a prosthetic leg. With physio and practice, she will one day walk again.

Cases like Lily's are very complex. We can't help people like her without you.

That's where Total Leprosy Care (TLC) is so important. When you become a TLC Giver with a \$30 a month regular gift, you can ensure ongoing care for leprosy patients. Because sometimes leprosy-affected people need specialist ulcer care, physiotherapy or prosthetics – all covered under TLC.

As a special TLC Giver, you'll have the joy of knowing you're helping children like Lily receive the TLC they need to live life to the full.



Thanks to generous supporters like you, Lily will walk again with a prosthetic limb.

TAKE ACTION

Will you become a TLC Giver today for \$30 a month and rebuild lives with loving care? Choose the Total Leprosy Care option on the back of this magazine, call 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767) or visit www.leprosymission.org.au

Or if you have a heart for Papua New Guinea, you may wish to commit to a country sponsorship for \$45 a month.

What if *YOU* have not just one but two neglected tropical diseases?

Thank you for helping with the hardest cases

As a wonderful supporter of The Leprosy Mission, you'll know how devastating leprosy can be in a person's life.

But what if you have leprosy... AND an awful skin disease called Buruli ulcer? At the same time. Like Jemima, from Nigeria.

How Jemima contracted Buruli ulcer is unknown but one suspected route is exposure through damp rice paddy fields—Jemima's family are rice farmers.

When she was admitted to hospital for Buruli ulcer on her left leg, Jemima was also diagnosed with leprosy. She received treatment for both diseases. Her leg ulcer healed then broke open again so she's had a skin graft operation.

If left untreated, leprosy can lead to terrible ulcers and permanent disabilities. Meanwhile, Buruli ulcer can not only lead to disability but to tissue death and other serious life-threatening complications.

Jemima's is a rare case... and we're so grateful for your support that enables us to fight both these bacteria-borne neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). NTDs are prevalent in communities with poor quality housing, water and sanitation.

That's why The Leprosy Mission is working with the Nigerian government on a whole state approach to eliminate NTDs.

We invite you to join us in this challenge.

As a Nigeria country sponsor for \$45 a month, you will help people like Jemima who suffer from NTDs like leprosy and Buruli ulcer. You'll help to:

- **Find and diagnose new cases** of leprosy and other NTDs like Buruli ulcer
- **Conduct training to prevent disabilities** in people suffering from NTDs
- **Conduct water and sanitation training** in schools and communities to prevent NTDs
- **Provide mobility devices** such as walking frames and wheelchairs to those already suffering disabilities.

Your fast facts on Buruli ulcer

- A skin disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium ulcerans*
- Starts as a painless swollen spot/nodule that looks like a mosquito or spider bite
- Other symptoms include localised pain, fever, peeling, and crusty, non-healing scabs that can lead to ulcers.
- Treatment involves antibiotics and surgery or skin grafts for severe cases
- Permanent disfigurement can occur if left untreated
- Found in 33 countries including Nigeria where The Leprosy Mission works
- Method of transmission is unknown but believed to be spread through aquatic bugs or mosquitoes.
- Poverty is linked to neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) like leprosy and Buruli ulcer. They flourish in communities with poor housing and sanitation, unsafe water, and limited health care.

Buruli ulcer in Australia

- **275 cases** were diagnosed in Australia in 2017 compared to 89 in 2014
- **Found mostly in coastal areas** around the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas in Victoria
- Low risk of contracting Buruli ulcer in Australia compared with countries like Nigeria



Take ACTION and Cure One today for Zero Leprosy in the future!

When you commit to Cure One, you will follow Niran's journey—meet this young boy on pages 8-9. You can Cure, Care for and Restore someone like Niran with a monthly gift of \$36 for 12 months. Just tick **Cure One today** on the inside back page and send it back with your details!

Left untreated, Buruli ulcer can affect the skin and bones, leading to permanent disfigurement. Thank you for showing compassion to those affected by this disease.



Without your support, Jemima may have lost her left leg.

Buruli breakthrough -

Thank you, Lord!

Wonderful news!

Until now there's been no known cure for Buruli ulcer. Historically, treatments include a combination of surgery and antibiotics. However, surgery can lead to permanent disfigurement while antibiotics may lead to side effects like hearing loss.

But now Swiss researchers* have discovered compound Q203. It appears to be highly effective against the Buruli ulcer bacterium. Head researcher, Gerd Pluschke from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, was excited about the discovery:

"Q203 is even **more effective against Buruli ulcer than the current most active antibiotic rifampicin**. Such a new and exquisitely effective drug combined with a second antibiotic may result in a considerably shorter oral treatment regimen with fewer adverse side effects."

The research team has been researching Buruli ulcer for many years. As well as Q203, they're also working on heat therapy as an alternative treatment and hope to develop a rapid diagnostic test and vaccine.

Any new drugs and treatments will go a long way to eradicating Buruli ulcer not only through our ministry in Nigeria but also **right here in Australia!**

*Source: <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20181218/Researchers-discover-promising-new-compound-against-Buruli-ulcer.aspx>

Thank you for Total Leprosy Care... in Jesus' name

As a TLC Giver, your regular gifts matter... let's win the fight against leprosy one hard case at a time!

Jesus showed love to people with leprosy, curing them and accepting them. **He never turned away from the hardest cases.** Instead He committed them to prayer and the care of the Heavenly Father. Together, we can do the same!

It's your love and generosity that enables us to take Multi-Drug Therapy to those with leprosy-offering them a modern-day cure. It's **your kindness** that gives us the resources to walk the journey of care and recovery when reactions and resistance occur during treatment. It's **your prayers** and compassion that means we can find those who are driven away due to the shame and stigma of their disease-and give them love and acceptance.

No matter how complex the case, it's your heart for this ministry that means we can keep reaching out. Even if there are complications with treatment. Even if a mother has passed on the disease to her child. Even in the cases with the rarest conditions. In fact, these are the people who need TLC the most! Together we can be the eyes and ears and hands and feet of Christ and follow his example by giving a leprosy-affected person a little TLC.

What you've helped achieve

The good news is that over 16 million leprosy cases have been cured over the last 20 years!

But leprosy is still prevalent in many countries with hundreds of thousands of new cases diagnosed each year.

Slowly we're finding and treating these people. They're in countries such as India (page 4), Nigeria (page 6) and Nepal (centre letter). In some countries like Papua New Guinea (page 5), where leprosy was "officially" eliminated as a public health problem, leprosy cases are rising again.



Every 2 minutes

Another person is diagnosed with leprosy



Every 30 minutes

Another child is diagnosed with leprosy



1 in 3

Leprosy patients suffers from reaction

Total Leprosy Care - No matter how long it takes

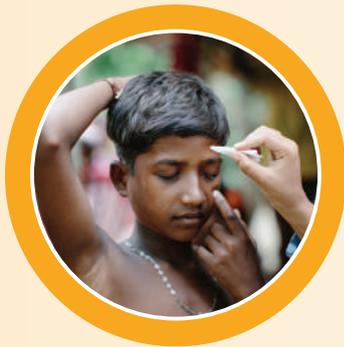


With your \$30 a month, you can:

✓ Touch the poorest lives

✓ Fight the stigma

✓ Give them new life



1. TLC THROUGH DIAGNOSIS, CURE AND TREATMENT

This means screening, diagnosis and Multi-Drug Therapy provided as early as possible. It means self-care to prevent wounds from festering, resulting in amputations and permanent deformities. In the worst cases, patients may need physiotherapy or surgery to restore the use of limbs.

It means working with the hard cases. This includes transmission from mother to child through close contact. Fighting reaction with the proper treatment when it occurs. Or combating other neglected tropical diseases like Buruli ulcer.



2. TLC BY COMBATING STIGMA WITH EDUCATION

From Biblical times to today, the stigma of leprosy lingers. People with leprosy are commonly ostracised or abandoned by family, friends and community who are afraid of catching the disease.

This is why The Leprosy Mission is actively involved in educating communities about leprosy and fighting laws that discriminate against leprosy-affected people. We need to get the message out—how to detect leprosy early, how it's transmitted, how to treat it—and that it IS totally curable.



3. TLC BY BECOMING INDEPENDENT

Microenterprise initiatives such as raising goats or chickens promotes self-sufficiency and provides income. Many people affected by leprosy transform from being housebound or having to beg for a living to having a new lease on life and becoming actively engaged members of society. Some even join the cause of The Leprosy Mission, helping others with leprosy and disability!

**TAKE
ACTION!**

You can join the fight against leprosy with a regular gift as a TLC Giver. Through diagnosis, treatment, complications, rehabilitation and financial independence, your ongoing commitment helps leprosy-affected people through all stages of their journey - no matter how long it takes! Just choose the Total Leprosy Care option on the coupon on the back page and send it back with your details!

And when you sign up as a TLC Giver, you will receive a welcome kit. You'll also be the first to receive news and stories from and about the people you're supporting.



The Leprosy
Mission
Australia

*“A tenderhearted person lives
a blessed life...” Proverbs 28:14*

Will you give a little TLC?



**Bishal is just 9 and already he knows pain.
Pain in his body. Pain in his heart.**

Mums and children need TLC –
please give Total Leprosy Care today

Dear Friend,

Bishal’s friends won’t play with him – their parents won’t let them.

His father told his mother not to come home – accusing her of passing on a “disgusting” disease to their son.

His mother, Lalsari, **believes she’s being punished by God.**

Because of leprosy.

Bishal is sad and hurt at his father’s rejection. He’s angry at the villagers who look down on him.

And he desperately misses his little sister, who lives with his father. Bishal never sees her any more. *“She does not have me to hold onto at night. I keep her safe and sometimes sing her to sleep.”*

Because although both Bishal and his mother received Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) for leprosy, both are struggling with reaction to the medication.

Reaction causes Bishal to feel pain all over his body every day. His skin is blistered and swollen with lesions. He often suffers from a fever.

Bishal and his mother need not only treatment and physical healing, they need to be free of the stigma of leprosy! Bishal puts on a brave face about it, smiling.

“If I smile people will only see my smile. They might forget what my skin looks like.”

But the reality is that mother and son will need TLC – Total Leprosy Care for years. That’s why your gift of \$30 a month as a TLC Giver is so very important.

It will likely take a number of years of support to help Bishal and his mother overcome the leprosy reaction. To help them heal emotionally from the trauma and stigma of leprosy. Then they will need ongoing monitoring in case reaction returns.

But the support they need through Total Leprosy Care takes time – lots of TIME. Your \$30 a month will provide TLC for leprosy-affected mums and children through:

- ✓ **Screening and contact tracing** to diagnose leprosy as early as possible – so children like Bishal are identified as early as possible.
- ✓ **Healing through MDT** and treatment for complications like leprosy reaction
- ✓ **Counselling** to recover from the emotional trauma and stigma of leprosy.
- ✓ **Educating communities** so people like Bishal and his mum receive support not stigma!

Please, will you become a TLC Giver for \$30 a month – and share the Tender Loving Care of Jesus!

Just fill out the form on the inside the back page of this magazine and send it back to us in the reply envelope attached.

So many children like Bishal need TLC – thank you for giving them the best chance in life!

Blessings,

Sheldon Rankin

Sheldon Rankin

CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia

PS. Please DONATE NOW so a child like Bishal – and his mum – can get the TLC they so urgently need!

BBC presenter visits Anandaban Hospital in Nepal



When your worst fear is ostracism due to leprosy, then you don't expect many visitors in hospital.

So imagine what it's like to not only receive love and care at Anandaban Hospital... but also compassion and acceptance from celebrities like BBC Songs of Praise presenter Pam Rhodes. As vice-president of The Leprosy Mission England & Wales, Pam recently visited the hospital as part of the Heal Nepal campaign.

Here she met Ram. He's a stonemason and his family has kept his disease a **closely guarded secret** for eight years. "My mother thought it was leprosy but said, 'Don't tell anyone, don't tell anyone' so we didn't. I got married six months ago but **not even my wife knows.**"

As his hands clawed, Ram could no longer lift or cut stones. But he desperately wanted to provide for his family.

Thanks to the support of people like you, leprosy patients like Ram can get urgently needed reconstructive surgery to restore function to their hands.



Ram has seen other people affected by leprosy driven from his village. So he was too frightened to tell anyone he had leprosy. His wife thinks he was born with clawed hands. Your gift helps fight the stigma of the disease.



Because of you, people like Ram are able to get reconstructive surgery.



BBC presenter Pam Rhodes makes a post-op visit to Ram. "His fingers will be sore for a few days but soon he'll be able to move and use them again... this is really the first day of the rest of his life."



Catch more about Pam's visit by scanning the QR code with your phone or visit: <http://bit.ly/lightonhill>



Ram is so grateful he can work as a stonemason again... thanks to you.

You can follow Susie's journey to heal Nepal!

Hear about the fight against leprosy on your favourite Christian radio station



Tune in to hear Susie's firsthand accounts of meeting leprosy patients and the challenges facing people affected by leprosy and disability.

You can hear her on the participating stations below:

Christian radio personality Susie Holt will visit Anandaban Hospital this September with a group of Australian Leprosy Mission supporters.

Susie will be sharing her experiences on the Luke & Susie Show, syndicated on Christian radio stations all around Australia.

"The thing that captivated me about The Leprosy Mission was when they showed us a video about the protective shoes they were making. The people were specifically making purpose-built shoes for each individual given their circumstances.

"I just loved the humanity of that - looking at the individual and not seeing them as just a statistic but looking at them and their need and meeting their need. With my visit to Nepal, I would love to communicate to our audience the daily impact of living with leprosy."

VIC

- 89.9 LightFM (Melbourne)
- 103.9 LifeFM (Gippsland)
- 105.1 LifeFM (Bendigo)

NSW

- Pulse 94.1 FM (Wollongong)
- LifeFM 103.1 (Grafton)
- Rhema FM 99.9 (Port Macquarie)
- The Light 95.5 (Albury Wodonga)

QLD

- 96.5 FamilyFM (Brisbane)
- Juice 107.3 FM (Gold Coast)
- Salt 106.5 FM (Sunshine Coast)
- 99.9 LiveFM (Townsville)
- 92.9 VoiceFM (Toowoomba)
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- 91.9 FreshFM (Gladstone/ Rockhampton)
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You can help Heal Nepal with a country sponsorship of \$45 per month. Simply fill out the country sponsorship option on the back page of this magazine and send it back to us! Or call 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767) or visit www.leprosymission.org.au/nepal



Susie and Luke Holt talk Leprosy on Australian Christian Radio.

In memory of Thel

Called by God to work with people affected by leprosy in India

- Heart for leprosy patients
- One of the ministry's longest-serving volunteers
- Faithful prayer warrior

We give thanks to God for Thelma Mavis Grinter, known affectionately as "Thel". She passed away at age 90 after years of service to others.

Growing up in the church, Thel was always aware of Jesus but it wasn't until 1947 that she committed her life to Christ.



*Thelma Mavis Grinter:
8 July 1927 – 26 August 2017.*

Calling to work with people affected by leprosy



A young nurse on fire with the call of God. (circa 1948)

After completing her nursing course, Thel began studying at Melbourne Bible College. It was here she read the story of Mary Reed—a woman who ran a home for leprosy patients in the Himalayas.

Thel felt the stirring of God, directing her to similar work with people affected by leprosy in India. So when she finished her studies, Thel followed God's call. Armed with a newly acquired knowledge of Hindi, she sailed from Melbourne to India. She was then 26.

So began 11 years of faithful service working with people affected by leprosy in Motihara and Muzaffarpur. She helped set up a medical clinic in Motihara—the lack of a building didn't stop this young pioneer. Thel simply ran the clinic under the trees until a proper facility was built.

With a heart for leprosy patients, she learned pathology so she could help with diagnosis and treatment. Despite suffering dysentery and pleurisy, Thel kept going, motivated by love for those with leprosy in India.

Life-Long service in Australia

When she returned to Melbourne, Thel volunteered at The Leprosy Mission Australia office in Box Hill for 13 years. This made her one of the ministry's longest serving volunteers.

Thel's passion was caring for people affected by leprosy but that didn't stop her from taking up other roles in Australia. She worked at St Gabriel's Babies Home, children's disability organisation Yooralla and Melbourne City Mission's aged care facility Judge Book Village.

She was tireless in church life, volunteering as Sunday School teacher, deaconess and missionary committee member. She served as pastoral care coordinator for 10 years and helped in the church's day care centre for disabled children. Her closest friends described Thel as a "faithful prayer warrior".

We honour Thel for her compassion and are truly grateful for her long-time service to the ministry.



Thel wearing her Sari and helping leprosy patients at Muzaffarpur. (circa 1958)



Thel and another 'sister' graduating in 1950



Thel showing her compassion by reading to the women at the Leprosy Home. (circa 1960)

TAKE ACTION

Even after her passing, Thel is still giving and impacting the lives of people affected by leprosy. She made the heartfelt and generous decision to leave a gift in her will to The Leprosy Mission Australia.

Would you like to leave a legacy like Thel did to continue touching the lives of leprosy-affected people?

Then just tick Gift in My Will on the coupon on the back page and send it back with your details!

You'll receive the easy-to-read guide "How to include The Leprosy Mission Australia in my will".

You can do as Jesus did and Cure One like Niran!

When you read the Bible, you can see God is a personal God. That's why Jesus spoke to people one-on-one. Healed them one-on-one. Walked their journeys with them one-on-one.

Today, we're inviting you to do the same.

To walk the journey of a leprosy cure with just ONE person.

Will you Cure One like Niran with a commitment of \$36 a month? That's all we ask for 12 months only. You'll Cure, Care for and Restore a person affected by leprosy like Niran!

Young Niran has already lost his mother. This leaves him with his father who is affected by leprosy and cannot look after him.

Niran's already lost the use of his hands, clawed from leprosy. He's lost the ability to fully close his left eye, due to nerve damage in his face. We don't want Niran to lose his future too.

And he doesn't have to when someone like you makes the pledge to Cure One!



Please, will you Cure One like Niran? His future should not be destroyed by a treatable disease. All it takes is your one-year monthly commitment!

TAKE ACTION

Change ONE life when you Cure One! Become a Cure One Supporter today by filling out the form on page 15 and sending it back to us!

When you make this commitment, you'll experience the incredible joy of the Cure One journey:

- ✓ You can **CURE**. You can rejoice with Niran when he finishes his leprosy cure – instead of being left to deteriorate and suffer terrible ulcers.
- ✓ You can **CARE**. You will be excited over mobility restored to his hands through surgery and physiotherapy - instead of being left dependent on others because he can't do simple tasks for himself or hold a pencil at school.
- ✓ You can **RESTORE**. You can have the satisfaction of knowing you've helped someone like Niran finish school... and restore him back to play and friends in his community.

It's an amazing thing to Cure One. You give a child back a future they would otherwise not see because of an easily treatable, curable disease. Please help Cure One like Niran today.

Cure One today!

YES! I will Cure One like Niran!

I want to experience the joy of Niran's Cure, Care and Restore journey of healing.

- I will **Cure** one person from leprosy with a year-long course of Multi-Drug Therapy
- I will **Care** for nerve damaged limbs and other after effects of leprosy
- I will **Restore** a person to independence and their community.



Bring healing and restoration to just ONE children when you Cure One like Niran!

I will commit to: (please tick)

- \$36 a month for 12 months to Cure One! \$432 upfront payment for the year
- \$72 a month for 12 months to Cure Two! \$36 a month ongoing to cure more

Sorry! I cannot commit to Cure One. But please accept my one-off gift of \$ to help cure one person like Niran today!

My contact details: PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Name: _____
FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ P/code _____ State: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

My payment details:

(please choose between Credit Card and Direct Debit for regular monthly gifts and once off / upfront payments)

- Cheque / Money Order** (My once off / upfront donation) payable to The Leprosy Mission Australia
- Credit Card** (My regular gift processed on 1st 8th 15th 22nd of the month)
- Please charge my regular gift **or** my once off / upfront payment to:



Card Number:

Name on Card:

Signature:

Expiry Date: /

Send back your completed form:

Please mail to The Leprosy Mission Australia, Reply Paid 83988, Box Hill, VIC 3128.

Thank you for your commitment to
Cure One today... just like Jesus did!

take ACTION!

There are so many ways to support the ministry of healing and restoring leprosy-affected people! Thank you for taking action and reflecting God's compassion for the ones the Jesus loves.

Tick the areas that interest you below and send it back to us.

I would like to:

1 GIVE FINANCIALLY

- Total Leprosy Care** \$30 a month to become a TLC Giver and help the hardest leprosy cases
- Country Sponsorship** \$45 a month towards a country-wide approach to bring healing, fight stigma and educate communities about leprosy
 - Nigeria Nepal India Timor Leste Papua New Guinea
- My one-off gift of \$_____** to help people affected by leprosy and disability!
- Cure One today** – please complete the form on page 15 (over page)

I enclose my Cheque / Money Order payable to The Leprosy Mission Australia OR

Please charge my Credit Card:   

(My regular gift processed on 1st 8th 15th 22nd of the month)

Card Number:

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Direct Deposit / Online Banking:

The Leprosy Mission Overseas Relief Fund account: BSB: 013225 No: 297114729

In the reference field enter: SURNAME 20ACTIONB

Please email notification of payment to: hello@leprosymission.org.au

2 PARTNER IN PRAYER

- Keep in Touch** – the monthly KIT with Australian prayer notes and news
- ASK 2020 Diary** – yearly international prayer guide

3 PLEASE SEND ME

- Cure One Catalogue** – I want to shop from the Fairtrade catalogue
- Gift in Will** – The guide How to include The Leprosy Mission Australia in my Will

4 My Contact Details: Mr Mrs Ms Miss

First Name

Surname

Address

Suburb

State

P/code

Phone ()

Email

THANK YOU Supporters like you are such a blessing. Thank you for each prayer, each volunteer hour and each dollar you give.