



**Eradicate  
Leprosy  
Foundation**

A Fund of The Leprosy Mission Australia

**Give a gift that will help people  
with leprosy for years to come**



## Dr Colin Martin

### A Message from the Chair

It's been 8 years since I first saw The Leprosy Mission's work on the ground. That was when I took part in the Trek for Treatment tour in Nepal in 2008.

Since then I've worked at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal on short-term medical placements. In 2012, I joined TLMA's Board and became the Chairman in 2014.

During that time, it has been a great privilege to see The Leprosy Mission's impact. It's has been amazing to see the change in the lives of leprosy-affected people who once had no hope.

But there is still much to do to eradicate leprosy forever. In this Booklet, you can read about the gains made since the organisation began in 1874. But the priority now is to expand the ministry within countries like Papua New Guinea and Myanmar to stamp out leprosy. Let's work together to ensure no person has to needlessly live with the effects of this disease.

That's where the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation comes in. Your gift to this Fund will provide TLM with a pool of reserve funds and a stable income stream to see us through the years ahead.

The Fund will be managed by an Advisory Board comprised of experienced Christian business professionals in the field of financial management, investments and marketing. Building on the strong performance of the fund to date, the Advisory Board will take a medium to long term strategy to grow the fund for the future. You may be aware that other sources of funding, including government grants, are becoming less reliable.

Your generous contribution to the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation means we can meet our commitments to fund overseas programs that are relying on Australian support. Ultimately, you would be supporting healing and transformation in the lives of people with leprosy.

I look forward to partnering with you in this ministry.

**Dr Colin Martin**  
**Board Chairman**  
**The Leprosy Mission Australia**

# The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission (TLM), founded in 1874, is a Christian international development organisation working in over 32 countries. We are the largest international organisation focussing specifically on eradicating the causes and consequences of leprosy.

Our vision is *'leprosy defeated, lives transformed'*.

Leprosy, is classed as a 'Neglected Tropical Disease' (NTD); but is also a human rights issue and is directly linked to poverty.

It does not just affect a person's physical health; the associated stigma and discrimination can lead to depression, homelessness, divorce, family breakdown, even the loss of a job or business.

That's why our work goes beyond medical cure and treatment to include health awareness, early detection, education, rehabilitation, water and sanitation, community reintegration, counselling and psychosocial support, research and advocacy.

Everything we do aims to help restore health, dignity, hope and independence to lives affected by leprosy.

Although leprosy-focused our work often includes other marginalised people, such as people with disabilities, those affected by other NTDs, or others living in extreme poverty in leprosy-affected communities.

**We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ, but offer our services to all regardless of their background, religion or ethnicity.**



# What it means when you partner with The Leprosy Mission

You join a Christian mission supported by prayer and motivated by the example of Jesus Christ.

*"The Mission was born and cradled in prayer, it has been brought up in prayer, it has been nourished in prayer, and prayer has been at the bottom of its success since the first moments of its life.*

*"We feel we owe all, under God, to the prayer of people who have been guided by His Holy Spirit"*

**Wellesley Bailey**  
founder of The Leprosy Mission



**Your prayers accomplish God's purposes in the lives of people affected by leprosy**  
*Prayer in action is love...*  
– Mother Teresa

## **You make a long-term investment to stamp out leprosy forever**

- Diagnosing leprosy – a new case of leprosy is found every 2 minutes
- Medical and surgical treatment
- Preventing disability and managing the effects of leprosy through self-care or mobility aids

## **You help local people with leprosy and field staff to develop their own solutions to poverty and discrimination**

Local knowledge and cultural sensitivity means we can implement the following programs where other NGOs are denied access.

- Ensuring young people with leprosy get the chance to finish school
- Skills training, small business startups and loans
- Advocacy to reduce the stigma of leprosy
- Community health training to identify leprosy
- Integrating people with leprosy back into their families and communities

## **You support a worldwide movement to eradicate leprosy**

- TLM's Global Fellowship comprises 32 Member countries working in 24 countries
- Working with a wide network of hospitals, clinics, disability centres and training centres all over the world
- Working with governments on public health policy to control and manage leprosy
- Working with international agencies including WHO and the UN.

# Be a partner in The Leprosy Mission's groundbreaking research

For more than 50 years, The Leprosy Mission has been at the forefront of leprosy research.



## Will you join us to support research for the next 50 years – and help eradicate leprosy forever?

Millions of people with leprosy have benefited from treatments developed from research such as:

- Testing of anti-leprosy drugs such as Clofazimine in the 1960s and 1970s. Now one of the drugs used in Multi Drug Therapy to cure leprosy
- Innovative surgical procedures pioneered by Dr Paul Brand. His work meant people with leprosy could use their hands and feet again.

## Internationally-recognised labs

The Leprosy Mission owns laboratories in India and Nepal:

**The Stanley Browne Research Laboratory in New Delhi, India** – published molecular and drug resistance studies related to leprosy.

**The Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal** – past projects included leprosy early detection methods, transmission studies and treatment of reactions.

## Current leprosy research

### Stopping transmission

Through a cluster randomised trial, now testing whether a combination of drugs and immunisation reduces the transmission of leprosy from newly-diagnosed patients.

### Preventing disability

In a randomised triple blind placebo controlled trial, now testing whether the drug prednisolone can stop the loss of nerve function in leprosy patients.

### Promoting inclusion

Using mixed method data collection, now researching the effectiveness of measures to fight the stigma of leprosy.

## Research in action

The Leprosy Mission study in Bangladesh has already shown the drug Rifampicin can be used to prevent the spread of leprosy. This treatment is now being rolled out in countries including Nepal.



*“If it turns out to be leprosy, we screen all the people who have been in close contact, be it relatives, friends and work colleagues or, in the case of children, their classmates... All contacts will be given a single dose of Rifampicin to help stop leprosy.”*

- Numkala Nuwani,  
Nepal health volunteer

*“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”*

- Hebrews 10:23-24

*“Being involved in TLM – hearing about the work, meeting the staff and then going out and seeing the work – it enlarges you. It lifts you out of the smallness of your whole life.”* – Ian Milne, former CEO of Kraft Foods Limited



*“I believe we owe our supporters the evidence and transparency of the impact they’re having that comes through good governance and relationships with our partners.”*

– Sheldon Rankin, CEO of TLMA

*“The right to health, right to education, right to livelihood and the right to social empowerment... These are the fundamental rights which people affected by leprosy could not access.”* – G Manivannan, project manager in India



*"I am very grateful for your help. Now our group is in a position to help other people in need in our community."*

## YOUR IMPACT

### From stigma to role model

Lila's hands were clawed from leprosy. The children at school kept asking her what was wrong with her hands. Embarrassed and ashamed, she had no idea what was wrong. She just knew she could feel nothing... even when she burned her hands while warming herself in front of a fire.

It wasn't until The Leprosy Mission's partners in Nepal found Lila that she was diagnosed and cured of leprosy. Reconstructive surgery followed – so now Lila can straighten her fingers normally.

Lila finished school and joined a self-help group. Through the group, Lila received a goat. She sells its milk and offspring for an income.

As president of the group, Lila wants to learn new skills to support their work. So she has enrolled in a business degree at university.

"We want to be a model group – to show what people affected by leprosy and people with disability can achieve!"



The Sustainable Development Goals are a set of 17 global aspirational goals set by the United Nations (UN) to help end poverty, fight inequality and injustice and protect the planet. Australian-funded leprosy projects cover 10 of these goals.

## YOUR IMPACT

Amina Garba in Nigeria is a mother with leprosy.

Along with the other women in her livelihood self-help group, Amina makes petroleum jelly creams and car wash detergents to sell at the local market. They also buy and sell livestock.

They even raised enough capital to buy a car which is used as a taxi service in the local community.

These women have all been affected by leprosy. Once shunned and ostracised, their successful enterprises have made them respected within their community. With their newfound income, their children have food and can go to school.

Amina and her friends are now hoping to grow their business to the point where they can send their children onto higher education. They want their kids to have a better life—just like you do!

**Leprosy-affected mums like Amina (left) and her friends can dream of sending their children to university!**



**NO POVERTY**  
If your family lives in poverty, you are susceptible to leprosy due to poor diet and health. You can help TLM reduce poverty by giving people a livelihood.



**ZERO HUNGER**  
If you can't feed your family, poor nutrition leads to vulnerability to diseases like leprosy. You can help TLM reduce hunger by helping families with training in modern crop production and livestock rearing.



**GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING**  
Eradicating leprosy is a priority. Over 4 million people are still affected by this disease today. You can help TLM to identify, diagnose and treat people with leprosy, and advocate on their behalf to be included in their communities.



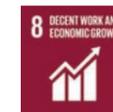
**QUALITY EDUCATION**  
If you're from a leprosy-affected family, you may be denied an education. You can help TLM ensure children with leprosy or from a leprosy-affected family can go to school.



**GENDER EQUALITY**  
If you're a girl or a woman, you will face oppression in many countries where TLM works. You can help TLM educate girls and women about their bodies, their health and their right to make choices about their own lives.



**CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**  
In many poor communities, no reliable water supply exists. You can help TLM provide clean water for communities with leprosy-affected people.



**DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**  
The stigma of leprosy, disability or poor literacy means you may be denied the chance to earn your own living. You can help TLM provide skills training, self-employment and small business loans to people with leprosy.



**REDUCED INEQUALITIES**  
As a person with leprosy, you face discrimination every day. You can help TLM ensure leprosy-affected people are included within their families, communities and government.



**SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**  
Living in poverty often means living in a badly constructed house. You can help TLM provide safe housing for leprosy-affected people using local materials and sustainable energy.



**PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**  
In poor countries or conflict zones, leprosy-affected people are among the most vulnerable. You can help TLM advocate for their right to be heard and be included in decisions that affect them.

### From fear and discrimination...

In Nepal, Ubed had seen what happened to his neighbour who had leprosy.

Banished to live alone in a field. Rocks thrown if he dared show his face in the village. Left without food or proper shelter.

Finally he died... alone, neglected and unloved.

So it was no wonder Ubed was terrified when he discovered he had leprosy. His wife wanted him to leave and he feared for his life. Wouldn't you feel the same?

### To cure and acceptance...

Ubed was desperate when he came to the local Health Post, supported by TLM. He joined a self-help group for people like him. He received Multi Drug Therapy to cure leprosy. When he learned how to care for his ulcers, his wounds cleared up.

Imagine his joy and relief... especially when his wife allowed him to stay at home. A loan from his group has also helped him start a jute rope business so he can earn a living.

### Today Ubed is changing attitudes towards leprosy

Ubed has worked tirelessly with his self-help group to educate communities in his region about leprosy. He explains what leprosy is, that it's curable, how to recognise symptoms and how to get help. The fruit of Ubed's work is obvious. He has seen people lose their fear and become more accepting of leprosy. As he travels from village to village, he has found people with undiagnosed leprosy living in fear like he used to. With Ubed's encouragement, they seek treatment for this curable disease.

Ubed wants to ensure nobody has to endure the terror he experienced... or die alone like his neighbour.

**The RECLAIM project in Nepal has not only transformed Ubed from a life of despair and fear, it has transformed his whole community!**

## Ubed's Story

Ubed is so thankful to be cured of leprosy!

### YOUR IMPACT



## Your gift to the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation

**An invitation from Sheldon Rankin CEO -The Leprosy Mission Australia**

Together, we've made great strides in the fight against leprosy. In the 1960s, 15 million people worldwide were living with the effects of leprosy. That number is 4 million today. I thank God for this great achievement.

Yet it is this 4 million we still need to reach. Although research has found a cure for leprosy, the costs involved in finding, diagnosing, treating and rehabilitating people with leprosy are rising. As you read this, a new case of leprosy is diagnosed every 2 minutes. Over a year, that amounts to 205,000 new cases.

In most places leprosy has been officially eliminated as a public health problem (less than 1 new case per 10,000 people) but not actually eradicated. Attention has turned to other health priorities so the number of new cases has been creeping up again – as is the case in Papua New Guinea.

**So despite the successes, the need is still real. That's why I'm inviting you to partner with us by making a significant gift to the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation.**

Here are a few facts about this Fund:

- it is managed by an Advisory Board
- it was set up in 2001 through a generous \$1 million bequest
- over \$1.1 million has already been distributed for leprosy-related projects
- it has grown to \$1.6 million through additional donations and good financial management.

**New goal:  
\$5 million in the Eradicate  
Leprosy Foundation**

A gift to the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation has several advantages:

- Your generosity continues to help leprosy-affected people for years to come
- You help provide stability to the work of TLM at a time when government support is uncertain
- Your gift may have tax advantages (speak to your accountant)

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your partnership with The Leprosy Mission Australia.

**Please call me on (03) 9890 0577 or email [sheldonr@leprosymission.org.au](mailto:sheldonr@leprosymission.org.au) to arrange an appointment.**

### How you can contribute to the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation

- Donations
- Bequests
- Living Wills (making a bequest during your lifetime)
- Transfer of shares or property
- In memoriam gifts



Dr Paul Brand pioneered the tendon transfer techniques still used today to allow the hands and feet of leprosy patients to function properly once again.

*“Without leprosy I would have spent all my energy trying to rise in society. Because of it, I have learned to care about the little people.”*

*– Sadan, a former leprosy patient who later worked with leprosy-affected people himself. Sadan was treated by Dr Paul Brand, who pioneered leprosy surgery techniques.*



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