



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

— 1 Peter 4:10

Two months ago, I wrote to you about the Body of Christ and the crucial role you play as a Prayer Partner, keeping the Mission focused and in balance. But if I were to list all of the various and varied roles throughout the Global Fellowship of The Leprosy Mission, I would need a much longer newsletter.

It's rather exciting to see how each part, whether it's a researcher in India, project manager in Nepal, fundraiser in Australia, or a health care worker in Nigeria, fit together to bring hope and healing to people affected by leprosy, other Neglected Tropical Diseases, disabilities, and discrimination. It's even more exciting when we begin to see how the work you support goes beyond the Mission itself.

We can offer support, training, and collaboration to government workers, community leaders, and organisations that will assist people living with disabilities and disease to live full lives.

When we use the gifts God has given us to serve others, we experience His grace and blessing. As part of a leprosy focused mission, we also

experience His grace, and blessings flow out to embrace and include people affected by other diseases, dealing with different circumstances, but all in need of God's gifts of love.



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Zakari, from Nigeria has experienced this grace recently. In a quiet farming community, 62-year-old Zakari Umar has spent most of his life working the land. Farming is all he has ever known, the work that has sustained him and his family for decades. But everything changed the day he accidentally cut himself while working on his farm.

What began as a small wound slowly turned into something far more frightening. The skin around the cut darkened and opened, forming a painful ulcer that refused to heal. Each week it grew worse, and soon his neighbours whispered that it looked like Buruli Ulcer. The pain forced him to stop farming, and with no income coming in, Zakari struggled to take care

of himself. Fear began to take root, especially when people warned him that such ulcers can lead to amputation. The thought of losing his leg terrified him.

Just when things seemed hopeless, help arrived in the form of a dedicated Local Government Health Worker, Mr. Bashir. Trained to identify Buruli Ulcer early and administer proper care, Mr. Bashir recognised the severity of Zakari's condition immediately. Without hesitation, he took charge of the situation.

Mr. Bashir began sourcing the drugs Zakari needed, including antibiotics and Neomycin powder, ensuring he received treatment



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weeks of treatment, Zakari felt something he had almost given up on: the return of sensation in his foot. The swelling reduced, the wound dried, and healing finally began.

Today, Zakari is almost completely healed. The man who once feared losing his leg can now stand, move and dream of returning to the farm he loves. His story shows the power of timely intervention, the importance of trained local health workers and the difference that compassion can make in someone's life.

Thank you for your part in spreading God's grace and blessings across the world. Your prayers bring healing and dignity. Your loving kindness brings hope for a better future.

Yours in Prayer,



Glen Coleman
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Will you pray with us?

As we reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to each of us, will you join us in prayer—faithfully stewarding His grace for the sake of others?

Pray that all who are part of the Mission will continue to use their unique gifts with wisdom, compassion, and courage to bring healing and hope.

Pray that people like Zakari will receive timely care through those equipped and called to serve, and that their lives will be restored with dignity and purpose.

Pray that God will raise up more people willing to use their gifts to bless the most vulnerable and extend His grace where it is needed most.

Pray also that nations, communities, and individuals will be moved to work together, sharing resources and responsibility, so that preventable suffering from diseases like leprosy can be brought to an end.

You can share your prayers for people like Zakari, and for all God is doing, by emailing engage@leprosymission.org.au or using the enclosed form.

Would you like to do more?

You can provide a Gift of Love and help train another healthcare worker like Mr. Bashir. Whole communities can benefit from a health worker trained in leprosy detection and treatment, as well as other Neglected Tropical Diseases. Your gift will provide the knowledge a healthcare worker needs to understand and help fight these complex diseases.



This Gift of Love is part of the Australian Aid 5:1 grant, so now has a value of \$1,200 meaning your healing help can reach further!

Simply follow the link or scan the QR code

<https://bit.ly/HealthcareWorkerTraining>

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5 TIMES MORE!