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**“Now people give me  
honour for the success of  
my business...”**

Suklal from India (pictured above and on the front cover) received a business grant, which he used to open a small kiosk.

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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.

## **VALUES**

Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value Compassion, Justice, Integrity, Inclusion and Humility.

# HOPE HEALING AND DIGNITY♥

Working together with supporters, staff and partners - we're not only providing a cure to those people affected by leprosy, but also giving hope and dignity so they can transform their lives.

## About The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission (TLM) is an international Christian organisation which helps people affected by leprosy.

Founded in 1874, The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

TLM is an international federation of 31 member countries, has over 2,000 staff and implements and supports more than 200 projects in 21 Implementing Countries.

Our expertise is in the detection, treatment, care and rehabilitation of people and communities affected by leprosy.

The Mission works in cooperation with governments, local communities, partner and local health organisations, the World Health Organisation (WHO), local Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), local churches, Christian partners and many others to achieve its Vision and Mission.

Through media and awareness campaigns, we challenge prejudices and misconceptions about leprosy. We work with community groups to encourage them to join together to find ways to make their needs heard and to become self-supporting.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### The Leprosy Mission Australia:

1. has a reliable and sustainable source of income to resource the projects to which it is committed
2. has an integrated approach between its promotional strategic objectives and programmatic objectives in order to maximise outcomes and ensure appropriate and transparent donor engagement
3. has a clear governance and organisational structure to ensure effectiveness and transparency
4. participates actively in a Global Fellowship to contribute expertise, share ideas and learn from others
5. maintains and strengthens partnerships with key implementing country partners towards enhanced strategies and maximised outcomes for people affected by leprosy
6. partners with a spectrum of projects which effectively address the causes and consequences of leprosy

# HIGHLIGHTS

**745**  
Micro Credit Training  
Loans provided



**927**  
New contacts  
financially supported  
for the first time



**67,333**  
People reached  
through Health  
Promotion Activities



**406**  
People in  
Self-Help Groups



**5,751**  
People supplied  
Assistive Devices



**25,107**  
Payments received  
from supporters



**3,008**  
People receiving  
Vocational Training



**49**  
Supporters left a  
Gift in Will



**871**  
Health workers trained  
in leprosy detection  
and management



**150**  
Reconstructive  
Surgeries



**2,698**  
People attending  
Literacy Classes



**340**  
Children received  
Scholarships



**10,875**  
People reached through  
Screening or Contact  
Tracing Activities



**\$2,695,695**  
Received in  
donations and gifts  
from supporters



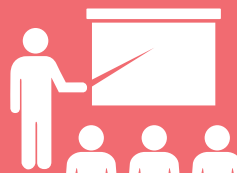
**9,253**  
People reached with  
WASH Promotion  
Activities



**\$1,164,968**  
Gifts in Will received  
from supporters



**2,822**  
People with leprosy  
received Disability  
Prevention Training







# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Another year has passed and God's blessing continues to be evident. We have seen amazing changes in effectiveness and outcomes in both TLMA and the Global Fellowship in the past four years, changes which speak to God's faithful answer to prayer.

The process of structural and procedural change at TLMA, envisaged by our CEO in 2015, has been completed. The leadership team and staff are passionate to implement the plans which they have devised, to make our impact on the consequences of leprosy, even more effective. This process has not always been easy, or stress free and I would like to acknowledge our staff members, who have worked long and hard to achieve these outcomes

God has rewarded the hard work of many and the prayers of our loyal supporters. We have increased our budget by 4% annually for the last two years. I am pleased to report that for FY 2017-18, we have achieved a budget surplus of \$626k. This result is even more pleasing because we reached our budget forecast in each of our major sectors; donations, merchandise and bequests. This is the second highest annual income on record. Given the current economic climate and the increasing number of charities in Australia, this is a remarkable outcome.

The Merchandising Department has successfully turned itself into a profit making unit, which actively and successfully engages new donors through its quality products and advertising.

The Marketing Department now produces consistently attractive and compelling material to which people can respond. This is released on multiple platforms, most recently through community service advertising on the Seven Networks, Prime7 and WIN TV.

The International Programmes Department continues to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate projects in India, Nepal, Thailand, PNG, Timor Leste and Nigeria. These projects, developed with the input of the beneficiaries, are aimed to achieve ongoing health improvement, increasing independence, strengthened empowerment and greater community acceptance of people affected by leprosy and disability.

The Customer Service Department has a focus on engaging donors and making them a part of what we do, rather than as merely a source of income. There has been a positive response to this from donors and we will continue to educate people and to actively thank them on behalf of people affected by leprosy.

We are now entering a really exciting time for TLMA, as we start to develop our Strategic Plan for 2020-24. TLMi has just released its draft Global Strategy for 2019-23 and it is an amazing document, to which TLMA will be happy to align closely.

The new Global Strategy acknowledges that, "our Christian identity is at the very core of who we are and inspires us in all we do..."





Our approach to all people, especially those we work with, will be like Jesus – full of compassion and love, but also with a holy anger at injustice and oppression.”

The Global Fellowship has made a commitment to the Triple Zero campaign as a member of the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP). With assistance from WHO, the Novartis Foundation and several other organisations, ILEP has set a goal of Zero Transmission, Zero Leprosy Disability and Zero Stigma by 2035. While this target will be hard to attain, it gives us something to aim for, something which will drive our thinking, our research and our processes and practices to new levels. It will enable us to join in collaborative activities. It will certainly drive our fundraising, as this lofty goal will not be achievable without greater financial capacity.

With Christ as our example and the Triple Zero target as our goal, TLMA and the Global Fellowship will intentionally invest in four key areas: our members and people, churches and partnerships, fundraising and advocacy. There will also be a greater focus on meeting the emotional, spiritual, mental health and personal needs of people affected by leprosy and disability and not just their physical and medical needs.

The TLMA Board and Management team are exploring options to engage more with the needs of leprosy affected people in countries within our region. We expect to significantly

increase our support in PNG in response to the evident need and to the much improved TLM governance structure within that country. Indonesia has the third highest prevalence of leprosy in the world but there is little being done for these people. We are assessing our options to engage with the government and other ILEP agencies in Indonesia.

We continue to have close links to TLMI and the Global Fellowship. Sheldon and I were able to attend the Members Meeting in London in 2017. It is amazing to be able to share with other people in Christian fellowship and a common purpose. Pam Packett remains a Director on the TLMI Board. Sheldon is a member of the Representative Management Group, providing feedback to the International Director and TLMI Board as needed. Sheldon Rankin, Colin Martin, Jenny Davis, Steven Meredith and Paul Andrews are Members of Member Appointed Working Groups (MAWGs), reporting to the TLMI Board.

We were pleased to welcome Damian Fisher to his first TLMA Board meeting in April. Damian is from Sydney and brings particular skills in the area of Marketing. We are also looking forward to Angeline Low and Fifi Rashando joining us at their first Board meeting in August. Both are from Sydney.

Angeline has extensive governance experience and Fifi has project and strategy expertise. Chrisy Savvides resigned from the Board at the AGM and Grace Asten resigned from the Board at our November meeting.

We greatly appreciate both of them for their skills and passion during the time that they served with us.

We were saddened by the deaths of Life Members Ray Dorn and Ian Milne in July and of Keith Skillicorn in April. It is difficult to quantify the significant impact that each of these gentlemen have had on TLMA. We praise God for their lives and while acknowledging the loss felt by family and friends, we know that they are now home for eternity.

I would personally like to acknowledge the support given to TLMA by our Auxiliaries, Support Groups and local Ambassadors. We are committed to increasing our accessibility to all our supporters and to listen to your needs. The ongoing prayer support of these groups and our donors is essential and greatly valued.

We are entering a new phase in fulfilling our Vision of “Leprosy Defeated. Lives Transformed”. Praise God for His answer to prayer. With the Triple Zero Goals to drive and guide our activity, I am excited for the future. We can improve people lives and ultimately eradicate leprosy. We are the people who can show the love of Christ to those who need Him.

**Colin Martin**  
Chairman

# CEO'S REPORT



**Sheldon Rankin (Left), The Leprosy Mission Australia CEO, with Amar from Nepal.**

The financial year ending 30 June 2018 marked the penultimate year in our current five-year strategy. This was a document born in the *sturm und drang* arising from structural changes implemented in 2012 and 2013. Consequently, this strategic plan did not necessarily enjoy wholehearted embrace within the organisation. However, in reviewing the past year it is clear that it has served us well.

The first and most important strategic priority identified in the Strategic Plan relates to TLMA having a reliable and sustainable source of revenue to resource our implementing partners. It is reassuring that fundraising excluding Government grants and Bequests was the highest since 2012 at \$3,146,735!

Whilst this outcome was most pleasing, it was somewhat disappointing to have only 10,322 people engage with TLMA. This is a decline of some 164 people, and it has reinforced our need to engage in substantive donor acquisition in

coming years. The up-side of this situation, however, has been that the average Value Per Contact excluding bequest revenue has increased to \$305. The comparative number was \$278 in 2017 and \$205 in 2014, the start of this Strategic Plan!

In reflecting on the Strategic Plan over the last three years, we have also come to recognise that we need to realise a trend of an increasing proportion of donors who were born after 1964. TLMA's strength lies in the commitment of its older donors, however sustainability will only be achieved if we can replace those older donors passing on to glory each year. Once again, the signs are encouraging, with 13% of our supporters falling into this category in the year just completed, as compared to only 8% in 2014.

It is safe to conclude that our decision to focus on the basics of our work has paid handsome dividends in being able to stem the revenue hemorrhaging that faced the organization in 2014.

By emphasizing Customer Service and targeted communication, we have managed to retain a core of loyal and dedicated supporters that is necessary if we are to build a sustainable revenue base.

In conclusion, I would like to say a hearty thank you:

- To the staff for your excellent efforts in making us a more effective and better organisation;
- To the Board I pass on my appreciation for your steadfast support and your willingness to allow new approaches. You enabled change to happen;
- To our dedicated volunteers, you have increased your commitment and giving, making sure that our campaigns and new initiatives were a success;
- To our many loyal supporters, your ongoing and often sacrificial generosity and interest in our work is wonderful and greatly appreciated.
- To our colleagues in the field and the children and families with whom they work a special thank you!

I believe that we can defeat leprosy, and transform lives!

*Sheldon Rankin*

**Sheldon Rankin  
Chief Executive Officer**

# CELEBRATING KEITH SKILLICORN

Life Member E. Keith Skillicorn AM, 13 June 1923 - 13 April 2018



A Christian foremost, Keith was a 'revolutionary for Jesus' daily, working in 'the forgotten zone' in India when there was no internal infrastructure to speak of at the time.

Demonstrating inclusivity and equality for all, he masterminded and implemented a vast array of essential services. Covering medicine and healthcare, basic education, agriculture, machinery and equipment. Including engines for vehicles and pumps and mills for water, flour and oil. He also took it upon himself to learn and then train others on each element. He then taught them to teach others.

He pioneered water harvesting and advanced irrigation. Building dams, wells and springs. Keith devised and constructed roads and river crossings that could be used year round despite monsoons and regular flooding. He brought electrical light and power and even 'the movies' to the community. Even introduced new crop options and provided ideas on accounting and bookkeeping. All this boosted commerce in the area, which had been virtually non-existent before. And brought substantial famine relief.

His remarkable medical achievements include almost total immunisation coverage for the area (hundreds of thousands) and the devising of strategies using advanced algorithms to be able to find and serve those most at risk. This sprang from Keith's deep

study and experience across a vast spectrum of medical ailments of body and mind. All which he approached with a 'cure it' or 'fix it' attitude drawing from various traditional, and non-traditional, methods of treatment. He also made nutrition, including vitamins and minerals, essential elements of treatment before they became popular in the mainstream. He built and conducted his own lab and pathology work and taught others to do the same.

It was with leprosy, however, that Keith truly excelled and where his legacy lies. He treated and cured over 30,000 leprosy patients.

This selfless work led to Keith and his wife Ruth receiving the Award of the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1988. And in 2000, Keith and Ruth were appointed as Life Members of The Leprosy Mission in recognition of their 49 years of service both overseas and in Australia.

Humble to a fault, he never 'blew his own trumpet' over his extraordinary deeds and achievements. And rarely spoke of them. So, in Keith's honour, we proclaim:

"To God be The Glory. Amen."



ABOVE: Keith and Ruth Skillicorn.



You can see Keith's funeral service online by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

<https://bit.ly/2w7sYFc>



# PROJECT EVALUATIONS

To assess the quality and impact of our overseas projects as they work to see “leprosy defeated and lives transformed”, TLMA conducts regular evaluations of its work. These evaluations help us to recognise areas for improvement, share lessons learned and allow for greater impact in the future.

In the past year, two evaluations were conducted:

## **Community Based Rehabilitation; Social Economic Health and Development (CBR SEHD)**

A mid-term evaluation of the CBR SEHD Project was conducted in December 2017 – half-way through the project’s five year phase. The evaluation focussed on three key aspects: Effectiveness, Sustainability and Gender, and involved consultation with project participants (people affected by leprosy and disability) as well as community leaders, government staff and TLM Timor Leste staff.

Significant findings from the evaluation:

- Effectiveness: the project appears to have made significant progress in terms of improving the health practices and economic wellbeing of participants; for the participants sampled at mid-term, 71% had a reduced incidence of diarrhoea/vomiting (in the last year) at midterm compared to baseline. Moreover 96% of participants sampled had a higher “family income score” at mid-term compared to baseline.
- A key factor in the success of the CBR SEHD project has been the relationships formed for people with disabilities through participation in Self Help Groups.

During the evaluation several different group members described their Self Help Group as being like a family where they are committed to supporting each other.

- Sustainability: all groups interviewed during the evaluation have a strong sense of ownership of their groups and the vast majority of participants are determined to see their groups continue. Furthermore, all groups have some idea already of the gaps they need to address in order to ensure sustainability of their groups at the end of the project phase.
- Gender: there is a widespread perception that men and women have participated equally in the project which is a good indication that to some degree the project has been effective in pursuing gender equality in activities. However the evaluation also highlighted that women are on average more socially excluded than men, and are more likely to be economically poorer. On the other hand, results also show that women are more likely to have better health/hygiene awareness, and anecdotally are more likely to put what they have learnt into practice.

The above findings, as well as many others, will be used to guide the final two years of implementation of the CBR SEHD project. Also, recommendations from the evaluation will be used to help improve other TLMA supported projects in other settings and countries.

## **Participatory Action for Community Empowerment and Development in Chitwan Makwanpur and Parsa (PACED CHAMP).**

The PACED CHAMP project underwent a Mid-Term Evaluation in July 2017, half-way through its five year phase. The evaluation involved consultation with project participants, community leaders, government staff and project staff. The evaluation sought to investigate questions related to Relevance, Sustainability and Gender.

Significant findings from the evaluation:

- Sustainability: Cooperatives (groups of people affected by leprosy and disability) established under the PACED project are for the most part on track to be independent by the end of the project phase. Most groups have a strong sense of ownership and motivation to continue project financial activities. Furthermore, most groups have clear plans for



## EVALUATIONS HELP US TO RECOGNISE AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND GREATER IMPACT IN THE FUTURE

the future development of their Cooperatives.

- Relevance (questioning whether the activities of the project are still in line with the needs and priorities of project participants): the evaluation involved interviewing representatives from 13 different Cooperatives supported by the PACED CHAMP project. Cooperatives were asked to list what was 'important' to them about the project. The most commonly listed aspect across the different groups was the fact that groups provided an opportunity for people affected by leprosy and disability (and other marginalised people) to be united together. Other repeatedly listed important aspects of the project were increased awareness (of leprosy, disability, WASH and gender issues) and increased access to income generating activities.
- Gender: the evaluation found that women (affected by leprosy and disability) were subject to higher levels of stigma and discrimination compared to men at baseline, but that this trend had reversed at mid-term. Women also seem to have been impacted more from the training around WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), nutrition and general health; which all appear to be matters consigned to be the role of women in Nepali culture.

- Groups established by the PACED CHAMP project have done much to raise awareness of gender violence issues in their communities; this has primarily benefited women (as they are more likely to be the victims of gender based violence in Nepal) and has resulted in a reduction in gender based violence for both women from the wider community as well as women who are group members.

The findings and recommendations of this evaluation will be used to guide the remainder of the PACED CHAMP project phase. In addition, a potential follow-up phase to the PACED CHAMP project will also use the results of this evaluation to guide its design. Furthermore, learning from this evaluation will be used to help improve other projects throughout The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship.





Gopal with a homemade bamboo stool, that he sells in his shop.

# NEPAL

## RECLAIM Phase II Project

The RECLAIM II project commenced in July 2017 following the conclusion of the successfully operated RECLAIM EDR project, which completed its five year cycle in June 2017.

Implemented by the Nepal Leprosy Fellowship, RECLAIM works to develop communities in rural Nepal through the empowerment of people with disability (particularly as a result of leprosy), enabling them to lead discrimination-free, healthy and dignified lives, and to be agents of change.

Last year the RECLAIM project achieved the following key successes:

- Improved functional ability for 775 SHG members through the provision of assistive devices (e.g. wheelchairs, crutches) and

It cost just  
**\$0.41** per person  
(approximately)  
to train 19,844 people in women's rights and standing against gender-based violence.

It cost just  
**\$0.51** per person  
(approximately)  
to provide WASH sanitation training to 2,960 people, improving health & reducing spread of diseases.

It cost just  
**\$30** per person  
(approximately)  
to give 452 people affected by leprosy self-care training, enabling them to manage symptoms and prevent further disability.

It cost just  
**\$67** per child  
(approximately)  
to provide access to education and resources for 200 disadvantaged children.



**“I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MY OWN BUSINESS! THE SAME PEOPLE WHO USED TO REFUSE TO TALK TO ME, AND TOLD ME TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE, NOW RESPECT ME. THEY EVEN COME TO ME AND ASK ME FOR ADVICE!”**

**– GOPAL**

increased prevention of disability (e.g. though protective shoes).

- 140 people received prevention of disability training.
- Over 200 members of SHGs have undertaken micro-finance training.
- Disability rights advocacy training provided to 3,373 SHG members.
- Community campaigns to educate people on water, hygiene and sanitation practices reached 4,748 people.

**Project Outcome: Increased accessibility of public buildings enabling greater participation of people with disabilities in society**

4,748 people were provided with education on safe water, hygiene and sanitation practices at a cost of 2,678 rupees/ AUD \$52 per person, helping to promote health and dignity for people with disabilities.

**Project Outcome: Increased empowerment and advocacy for community development**

By supporting the RECLAIM project, you have contributed to lasting change in many Nepalese communities. For example, a group of 28 people affected by leprosy advocated for their community and obtained 800 saplings at no cost from the Nepali Government's Forestry Office. The purpose of obtaining and planting these saplings was to support the 'underground drinking water' project the same group had established a couple of years earlier in response to the local water source drying up.

The group had brainstormed ideas and pursued this project in order to create a plantation in a barren area to protect the underground water source. The tree plantation received support from the local community and government and a committee was formed to manage the plantation, including watering and weeding the established area. The efforts and unity of this group are a result of the work of the RECLAIM project in providing training and empowering people affected by leprosy and disability to advocate for their rights and work towards community improvement.

**Project Outcome: Capacity of communities increased due to a range of training:**

Gopal, a 57-year-old man who lives in Jhapa District, Nepal, first developed signs of leprosy when he was in his early 20s. He lost sensation in his feet and developed wounds on the soles of his feet which became infected. Members of his community realised he had leprosy and rejected him. The severe stigma he experienced eventually forced him to leave and he moved to Nagaland in India. There Gopal was able to obtain treatment and a 12 month course of MDT. Gopal became a Christian, joined a church and eventually married and had children while in India. However, as he was concerned for his aging parents, Gopal and his family returned to his village in Nepal. Gopal joined a Self-Care Group (SCG) through the RECLAIM project and has learned about self-care as well as experiencing a feeling of unity as part of the SCG.

Through the SCG, Gopal was able to start a small shop (selling snacks, tea, soap etc). Gopal reports that "I never thought I would have the opportunity to have my own business! The same people who used to refuse to talk to me, and told me to leave the village, now respect me. They even come and ask me for advice!"

**Thanks to your support of the RECLAIM EDR project last year, 5,181 people participated in a variety of classes (including literacy, Prevention of Disability and microfinance training) at a cost of 2,371 rupees/ AUD \$46 per person.**

**Participatory Action for Community Empowerment and Development in Chitwan Makwanpur and Parsa (PACED CHAMP).**

The PACED CHAMP project is implemented by Leprosy Mission Nepal and works in a participatory way to improve the social, material and health related well-being of people affected by leprosy and other disability as well as other marginalised people from selected communities in the Chitwan, Makwanpur and Parsa districts of Nepal.

Last year the following successes were achieved by PACED CHAMP:

- Water, hygiene and sanitation education provided to 2,960 project participants.
- 287 people provided with increased access to safe water through the construction of 19 water points.

- 79 people with disabilities prescribed assistive devices (i.e walking frames and wheelchairs).
- 540 people benefited from seed money distributed to the 16 cooperatives to assist in the development of income generating activities.
- 86 people affected by leprosy received prevention of disability training.
- 9 children with disabilities are now able to access schools which have been made more accessible for children with disabilities

### Impact Statements / Social Return on Investment

Your support of the PACED project last year meant:

- 19,844 people were educated and trained in women's rights and how to effectively stand against gender-based violence at a cost of **3.40 rupees/ 41c AUD per person.**
- 1,321 people were provided vocational training and/or micro-financing skills at a cost of **2,586 rupees/\$31.55 AUD per person.**

### Project Outcome: Increased knowledge about disabilities and provision of assistive devices

Six-year-old Krizma experienced limited mobility from birth and her family had limited knowledge about her disability until her mother Manu joined a Self Help Group, facilitated through the PACED project. Manu received information about disability, the consequences, treatment and the rights of people with disabilities. Krizma obtained access to therapy and a walking frame. Krizma is now able to walk independently and is receiving an education. Manu states "PACED project is most important to me and my family. The project also provided assistive devices and most importantly taught me the best use of the devices to benefit my daughter. So I would like to express my thanks for the leprosy mission and donors who are very compassionately working to improve the situation of people with leprosy and disability in my community and other parts of Nepal. More daughters like mine will regain their independence thanks to your support."

### Project Outcome: Increased knowledge and improved hygiene practices

Gauri, a 24-year-old woman, was diagnosed with leprosy at 3 years old. Prior to her diagnoses, Gauri's parents went through a traumatic experience of not knowing what was happening to their daughter. Gauri developed a wound on her foot that would not heal and she lost sensation in this foot. Eventually she lost all her toes on this foot due to infection. Following her diagnosis, Gauri received a 12 month course of MDT. As a result, Gauri regained feeling in her foot and she no longer has any symptoms of leprosy. Through PACED, Gauri has been recruited as a "community facilitator" and helps to raise awareness in her community about leprosy and the importance of good hygiene and clean water. Gauri states: "Some people still think leprosy is a curse, so I am happy that I have a chance to educate them. I am glad to be able to help make my community a better place by educating people about WASH, gender issues, disability and leprosy. I can see the benefit of this training already – for example people are now washing their hands with soap before eating or after going to the toilet." Gauri's message to supporters of TLMA: "Thank you so much for your support! I now have the confidence to speak up and help people understand about many different issues. Before I was so shy and I just stayed in my home. Thank you very, very, very much!"

**Thanks to your support of the PACED project last year, it cost 40.90 rupees/ 51c AUD per person to provide WASH training to 2,960 people and improve health and reduce spread of communicable diseases within communities.**



**LEFT:** Gauri was diagnosed and treated for leprosy, and through the PACED program, went on to become a community facilitator, educating people about leprosy and health.

## Nepal Education Program

The Education Program implemented by Leprosy Mission Nepal aims to ensure that children affected by leprosy and/or disability (as well as children from families affected by leprosy/disability) are able to get an education. The program also provides these students with access to necessities such as uniforms, books and food. Over the latest report period, the education program provided support for 200 of these children. This includes support for primary, secondary and tertiary education.

### Project Outcome: Better futures for disadvantaged children

Sabitri, a 51-year-old woman from Bhaktapur district, has been affected by leprosy since the age of 20. Sabitri's father was also affected by leprosy, therefore he was able to recognise her symptoms and ensure she received treatment at Anandaban Hospital, including MDT and corrective surgery for foot drop. While at Anandaban Hospital, Sabitri accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Sabitri married and had two sons. Sabitri's husband passed away two years ago. She works as a maid and rents a room to live in with her sons. As a widow with a limited education, it was almost impossible for Sabitri to afford her children's education. Through the assistance of the Nepal Education Program, Sabitri's 13-year-old son Sujan is receiving education support. Sabitri now has hope that Sujan will get a good job in the future with his education. Sabitri states "If I was not affected by leprosy, I would be alone after my husband's death.

"I am happy to have a partner like TLM. Without coming to Anandaban I would not have been able to receive Jesus Christ as my personal saviour." Sabitri has also linked three other people with the Anandaban Hospital for treatment.

**Through your support of the Nepal Education Program and in partnership with the Navitas Education Trust, you helped provide the necessary resources to ensure 200 disadvantaged children's lives were transformed in Nepal at approximately 5,520 NPR / AUD \$67 per child last year.**

## Nepal Self Care Unit

The Self Care Unit at Anandaban Hospital provides a practical education program for patients affected by leprosy, particularly for individuals experiencing sensory loss and muscle weakness. The program focuses on teaching patients how to prevent and care for wounds as well as how to prevent further disability. As part of the program, patients are able to practice completing daily tasks such as cooking and are taught strategies to prevent injury, which is essential for people with sensory loss to learn. Over the course of the last year, the Self Care Unit has provided 361 assistive devices (e.g. mirrors, canvas shoes, eye glasses) and 215 self-care training sessions.

### Project Outcome: Greater support for families in the face of stigma

Bimal, a 32-year-old man from the remote area of Nuwakot district, has been affected by leprosy since the age of 20. Bimal's mother and sister recognised Bimal's symptoms as

they were also affected by leprosy and already receiving treatment from Anandaban Hospital. Bimal kept knowledge of his diagnosis within his family because of the discrimination his mother experienced due to the stigma of leprosy in their community. With the assistance of TLM Nepal, Bimal was able to undertake driving training and obtain employment. However due to reoccurring ulcers, Bimal's leg became weak and he was unable to continue driving. TLM Nepal also provided Bimal, his wife and 3 children with support for low cost housing construction. Unfortunately, the family home was damaged by the recent earthquake so Bimal moved his family to Kathmandu. This move has provided greater access to transport and medical care, so Bimal is able to continue practicing self-care and is no longer experiencing reoccurring ulcers. TLM Nepal has also provided education support for the family, allowing Bimal's two sons and daughter to attend school. Bimal states that his ray of hope in future is his children. Bimal hopes his children will be able to find employment at the completion of their education and they can help to support the family. Bimal is always ready to help others and he has brought three people affected with leprosy to Anandaban Hospital.

**Your support of the Nepal Self Care Unit last year ensured 452 people affected by leprosy received self-care training, enabling them to comfortably manage their symptoms and prevent further disability at a cost of 2,454 rupees / AUD \$30 per person.**

**"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
I NOW HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO SPEAK UP  
AND HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND ABOUT MANY  
DIFFERENT ISSUES."**

**— GAURI**

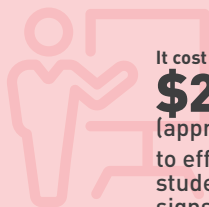


# TIMOR LESTE

It cost just

**\$1.37** per person

(approximately)  
to produce messages in  
local language to increase  
awareness of leprosy and  
other public health issues  
that reached over 10,047  
people.



It cost just

**\$2.00** per person

(approximately)  
to effectively educate 1,940  
students about the early  
signs of leprosy.

It cost just

**\$66** per person

(approximately)  
to assist self-help groups in  
strengthening organisational  
capacity and developing  
strategic plans.



It cost just

**\$5.35** per person

(approximately)  
to provide awareness  
training to 3,125 people in  
disability rights, promoting  
social acceptance of people  
affected by disability.

## Better Health for Communities affected by leprosy in high endemic districts of Timor Leste

The Better Health project works to eliminate leprosy in high endemic districts. In conjunction with communities, the Timor Leste Ministry of Health and other local partners, Better Health aims to strengthen early detection of leprosy for better prevention and management of disability in affected communities across Oecusse, Dili and Baucau districts of Timor Leste.

Some key successes of the Better Health project in the last year:

- Community level screening of 6,517 people resulted in 111 new cases of leprosy being diagnosed and treated.

**LEFT AND BELOW: Luiza with her sister and mother.**



**“I TOLD ALL OF MY FAMILY AND MY IN-LAWS. I DIDN'T FEEL ASHAMED ANY MORE, I JUST WANTED TO GET WELL.” – LUIZA**

- 19 people were provided with assistive devices (such as walking frames and wheelchairs).
- 4,580 community advocates trained and mobilized to support local leprosy activities such as awareness raising, as well as referring suspected cases of leprosy to ensure early treatment
- There are now 10 Self Care Groups with 109 members who assist each other in addressing early signs and prevention of disability.
- Training for 191 health workers in leprosy case detection, management and prevention of disability.

#### **Impact Statements/ Social Return on Investment**

Thanks to your support of the BHCAL project last year:

- **It cost approximately USD \$2,879 or \$1.48 /student (AUD \$2/ student)** to effectively educate 1,940 students in 8 schools about the early signs of leprosy.
- Over 10,047 people were reached with health promotion messages to effectively increase awareness of leprosy and other public health

issues through publications and text messages produced in Timor Leste's local language Tetum, **at a cost of approximately USD \$1.04/pp (AUD \$1.37/pp).**

#### **Project Outcome: Increased awareness and detection of leprosy in communities**

A Self Help Group (SHG) with 8 members operates in Makili village and promotes health to other members of their community. Through the Better Health project, the SHG has received access to training and resources, including glasses and assistive devices. Augusto, the chief of the SHG is also the pastor of the local church. He has been trained as a Community Health Facilitator through the Better Health project. The SHG refer community members to the health clinic for medical support and have identified two people with leprosy within the village.

**Last year through your Better Health project, it cost approximately AUD 68 cents per person to reach over 17,000 people with educational messages regarding early symptoms of leprosy.**

#### **Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Social Economic, and Health Development (SEHD) Project**

This project commenced in July 2015, building upon the successes of the previous Rural Timor Leste Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) "Enablement" Project. It aims to increase social participation for people with disabilities and improve economic and health outcomes, primarily through Self Help Groups across five districts.

CBR SEHD achieved the following key successes last year:

- 24 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 277 members further strengthened to address the needs of people affected by leprosy and disability, including increased social inclusion.
- 43 assistive aids provided through the CBR outreach services to enable increased participation in daily activities.
- 41 people provided with prevention of disability training.



### **Project Outcome: Reduced social stigma**

40-year-old Sebastian was rejected by his village community when people discovered that he had leprosy. Sebastian recalls that people refused to come close to him, which shattered his confidence. Sebastian desperately wanted to be accepted by his community again. The CBR SEHD project organised a community education program about leprosy in Sebastian's village. Through this program the community gained a greater understanding of leprosy. Sebastian reports that the community learned that his leprosy was no longer infectious and he was accepted again. Through this project Sebastian joined a Self-Help Group which supported him to start a small business selling fried banana in the market.

**Your support of the CBR SEHD project meant it cost approximately AUD \$136/pp to provide 277 SHG members affected by leprosy and disabilities with additional capacity building training skills necessary to be able to identify and develop their own successful businesses.**

### **Project Outcome: Increased awareness and detection of leprosy in communities**

Lot, a 75-year-old man from the island of Atauro, first noticed the symptoms of leprosy three years ago when his right foot became numb and he experienced pains that would come and go in his leg. Lot's son suspected he had leprosy and contacted the Better Health project. Staff from the Better Health project attended the village with Roberto, a government leprosy control officer for the island who was trained

in leprosy diagnosis and management through the Better Health project. It was confirmed that Lot had leprosy and he was provided with a 12 month course of MDT. Lot also received self-care training and a "gift of love" pair of new shoes to protect his feet from further wounds.

**Your support of the CBR SEHD meant that Self Help Groups were trained in effective identification and referral of new leprosy cases at a cost of USD \$107 / AUD \$140 per person.**

### **Project Outcome: Increased social participation for people with disabilities**

People with disabilities have been empowered through a strong network of partners that support each other and advocate for inclusion.

**Through your support of the CBR SEHD program last year, 24 Self Help Groups comprising 277 members have strengthened their organisational capacity and have developed strategic plans tailored to their local community development needs in collaboration with their local authority at a cost of USD \$49 / AUD \$66 per person.**

### **Rights for People with Disabilities Project**

The Rights for People with Disabilities in Timor Leste commenced in July 2016, building upon the success of TLMA's Disability Awareness Project which concluded in June the same year. In its first year of a five year cycle, this project operates with and through eight Disabled Peoples Organisations in Timor Leste to help ensure that people with disabilities in Timor Leste are able to fully participate in society and have equal access to rights and opportunities.

Last year the Rights for People with Disability (RPD) project accomplished the following key successes:

- 3,125 people participated in disability rights and advocacy activities
- 83 people with disabilities participating in various training courses including computer skills, mobility, English language, music and Braille.
- 368 teachers provided with disability inclusion training to ensure children with disabilities are able to benefit from education.
- 8 children with disabilities supported to access public school through the removal of physical barriers to public buildings

### **Project Outcome: Increased access for people with disabilities to access school, university or vocational training**

8 students were assisted to attend school through improved building access and 83 people received vocational training at a cost of

**"I AM THANKFUL FOR SUPPORT AND EXERCISES. I'M HAPPY TO GET BETTER AND WANT EVERYONE TO VISIT! GETTING BETTER IS HOPE FOR A RESTORED LIFE."**

**— SANTIAGO**



USD \$200 / AUD \$265 per student, increasing accessibility to education and awareness of the rights for people with disability and leprosy.

**Project Outcome: The pursuit of justice for vulnerable people**

Through partnership with another community based organisation, RPD project staff became aware of a young woman with cerebral palsy and an intellectual disability who had been assaulted by a neighbour. In collaboration with the other organisation, the RPD project staff provided support and advocacy for this young woman and her family in pursuit of justice. The crime was reported to local police and the matter was heard in court. The person responsible was found guilty and received a 2 year sentence. The RPD project referred the young woman to a rehabilitation centre where she received medical treatment. This young woman has now been able to return to her community where she lives with and is supported by her older siblings. Her older brother expressed his thanks on behalf of the family for the support provided through the RPD project to obtain justice for his sister.

Through your support of the Rights for People with Disabilities project last year it cost USD \$3.95 / AUD \$5.35 per person to provide awareness raising training to 3,125 people in disability rights; promoting greater awareness and social acceptance of people affected by disabilities.



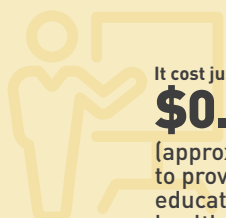
**ABOVE: Field worker Augusto (left) attends a self-help group meeting. These groups help people affected by leprosy integrate with their communities and secure a livelihood by working together.**



**RIGHT: Santiago, a member of the Makili self-help group, from Atauro Island.**

Aboubacar recieved training and can now support himself and his family.

# NIGERIA



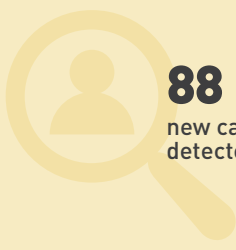
It cost just  
**\$0.72** per person  
(approximately)  
to provide effective  
education regarding public  
health issues to 17,840  
people.



It cost just  
**\$0.98** per person  
(approximately)  
to provide a borehole  
installation, ensuring  
thousands of people have  
nearby access to safe,  
clean water.



**277** people  
were assessed and provided  
with assistive devices, such  
as walking frames and  
wheelchairs.



**88**  
new cases of leprosy were  
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**“THANK YOU SO  
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BLESS YOU FOR  
WHAT YOU HAVE  
DONE FOR ME.”**

**— ABOUBACAR**



## Integrated Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) and Disability Project Zamfara State

This project aims to increase access to quality leprosy, lymphatic filariasis (LF) and disability services within an integrated health system for communities in Zamfara State, Nigeria. The project works in partnership with the Government of Nigeria to improve health services and increase access to prevention services at a local level as well as working with communities to help ensure that people with disabilities are included in society.

Some of the achievements from the Integrated NTD Zamfara Project last year include:

- 50 people participated in prevention of disability training.
- 88 new leprosy cases detected.
- 285 people participated in education campaigns conducted across schools and communities about water, hygiene and sanitation practices.
- 277 people were assessed and provided with assistive devices (such as walking frames and wheelchairs).

### Project Outcome: Empowerment of women affected by leprosy

After receiving business development skills and a small seed grant, the Kuga women's livelihood Self Help Group have been able to generate a profit of 100, 000 naira (approximately AUD \$345) in a year. The SHG used their collective resources to manufacture their own air freshener as well as jewellery which they sell at the local market. Furthermore, they bought and sold other goods including cattle

and commercially manufactured air freshener, a strategy that has also provided a steady profit. The SHG's future business development plans includes increasing their manufacturing for goods to be sold and minimising overhead costs. A member of the group concluded that "By making and selling these products together, it's created this sense of shared responsibility with one another that's motivating. We support one another and want to see our business succeed."

### Project Outcome: Improved quality of life

The establishment of a borehole by TLMN for the Gidan Ajiya Community in Kanoma has provided safe drinking water and replenishment for local farms. Previously the community of over 2,500 people relied on three wells that did not produce sufficient water and was the source of diseases within the village. Since the borehole has been installed, health has improved with an evident reduction of typhoid cases in the community and the unsafe water wells are no longer used. The community acknowledge that the borehole was installed due to a community member linked with the NTD project through a local Self Help Group.

**Your support of the NTD Zamfara Project has resulted in the installation of boreholes for 3 communities.**

It cost approximately 98c AUD per community member for the borehole installed in the Gidan Ajiya community, ensuring thousands of people have access to clean water improving their health and livelihoods.

### Project Outcome: Improved and accessible Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives

With over 3,200 students, some of which have disabilities, the Government Science Secondary School (GSSS) in Gusau benefited from the installation of disability access ramps through the NTD Zamfara project. WASH campaigns and case finding activities were also conducted to raise awareness of leprosy and NTDs.

**Your support of the NTD Zamfara project enabled 17,840 people to receive effective education regarding public health issues at a cost of 197 Naira/72c AUD per person.**

**"TRULY I THANK YOU  
MANY TIMES FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT! I PRAY THAT  
GOD WILL BLESS YOU"**

**— BARAU**

**RIGHT: Barau receiving shoes as a gift from  
The Leprosy Mission Australia.**





Kannan, learning the tricks of the electrical trade.

# INDIA

It cost just  
**\$30** per person  
(approximately)  
to provide 5,070 people  
affected by leprosy and  
disability quality medical  
services.

**104** people  
received reconstructive  
surgery for leprosy related  
impairments.

**4,066**  
assistive devices were  
provided including footwear,  
orthotic aids, glasses and  
prostheses.

**700**  
new, accessible public  
toilets to be opened.

## The Kothara Community Hospital and Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital Salur

These hospitals provide much needed medical care to people affected by leprosy including Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT), reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation and ulcer care. As well as leprosy care, the hospitals also provide general medical services to their local communities.

Last year the hospitals saw:

- 104 people received reconstructive surgery for leprosy impairments across both hospitals.
- 149 new cases of leprosy diagnosed.
- 4,066 assistive devices prescribed including appropriate footwear, orthotic aids, glasses and

**“WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE LEPROSY MISSION, I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD TRAINING. I LEARNED ELECTRICAL TRADE SKILLS, AS WELL AS LIFE SKILLS. NOW I AM WORKING AS A SUPERVISOR IN THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY. IN THE FUTURE, I WANT TO EARN MORE MONEY, BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR AND HELP MY MOTHER.”**

**– KANNAN**

prostheses provided to people affected by leprosy to improve mobility and function across both hospitals.

- 1,331 people received prevention of disability training through Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital Salur.

#### **Impact Statement / Social Return on Investment**

**Your support of Kothara & Salur Hospitals last year enabled 38,774 of the world's most marginalized people, including 5,070 people affected by leprosy and disability, to access quality medical services at a cost of approximately 1,499 rupees / AUD \$30 per person.**

#### **The Partnerships, Advocacy, Research and Training towards Inclusion (PARTI) Project**

This project enters into its final year of implementation in 2018 focused on assisting people with disabilities to claim their rights in regards to employment, education, health care and community participation. Engaging with people with disabilities at a village level, the PARTI Project assists groups to advocate for their rights.

Last year the PARTI project's achievements included:

- 25 health care workers trained in the detection and treatment of leprosy.
- 650 people with disabilities were facilitated to access government assistance.

- 2,254 people participated in disability rights and advocacy activities.
- 1,260 students received training on water, hygiene and sanitation practices

#### **Project Outcome: Improved access to services and support for people affected by leprosy**

Elizabeth, a 42-year-old woman, and her 54-year-old husband, were diagnosed with leprosy in 2016 and completed a six month course of MDT treatment. After taking the MDT treatment for three months, Elizabeth experienced tingling in her left eye muscles. Elizabeth was informed that this was a leprosy reaction. The reaction settled down after receiving further treatment for

two weeks and she has been diligent in undertaking eye exercises. “TLM have helped me secure additional treatment after being diagnosed, and I'm relieved from some of the stress now the swelling around my eye has died down”. Elizabeth has joined the local Disability People's Organisation (DPO), established through the PARTI project, which has been successfully lobbying the local government for improved access to public services to support people affected by leprosy and disability in her community.

**Through your support of the PARTI project, the DPO has successfully lobbied for the provision of 700 accessible public toilets to be opened by the local government. These will support 2,000 families / 6,600 individuals in four selected wards of the PARTI project local community.**

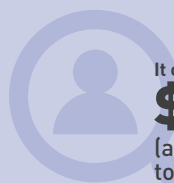


**Elizabeth with her husband. She is a member of the local Disability People's Organisation.**

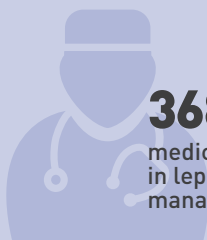


Patana, making a wood carving at the McKean Rehabilitation Centre.

# THAILAND



It cost just  
**\$38** per person  
(approximately)  
to identify 239 leprosy and  
disability affected refugees  
and provide rehabilitation  
services to them.



**368**  
medical workers trained  
in leprosy diagnosis and  
management.



**239**  
people with leprosy and/  
or disability participated  
in prevention of disability  
training.



It cost just  
**\$429** per person  
(approximately)  
to provide ongoing care  
and a safe home for 30  
permanent residents at  
McKean Rehabilitation  
Centre.

**“I WANT TO GIVE  
THANKS, IF IT WASN’T  
THROUGH THE HELP  
OF GOD THROUGH THIS  
HOSPITAL, I WOULD’VE  
BEEN LOST.”**

**— PATANA**



## The McKean Rehabilitation Centre Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Project

The McKean Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Project has now completed its final year of a three-year cycle. The project strengthens leprosy and disability services in the northern and western border of Thailand through promoting detection of new leprosy cases and providing appropriate treatment and supporting government and health care workers. In addition, project staff also provide high quality disability services to marginalised and disadvantaged people, including refugees.

Last year the McKean project achieved the following successes:

- 239 people with leprosy and/or disability participated in prevention of disability training.
- 21 new leprosy patients identified and treated.
- 368 medical workers trained in leprosy diagnosis and management.
- 65 people received vocational training, including organic farming.
- 30 elderly people affected by leprosy provided with residential care.

### Project Outcome: Support for refugees affected by leprosy

Thanks to you, McKean was able to continue supporting refugees affected by leprosy and other disabilities through the provision of physical and social assistance. McKean provided travel arrangements for patients to Chiang Mai for appropriate medical treatment and rehabilitation aids. In addition, McKean arranged for displaced people and refugees to be provided with housing, counselling, clothing, Thai language classes and basic necessities.

**Your support of the McKean Rehabilitation Centre last year enabled 239 refugees affected by leprosy or disability to be identified through case finding and receive rehabilitation services at a cost of 1,939 baht / AUD \$38 per person.**

### Project Outcome: Employment opportunities and care for residents

Sak, a 73-year-old man, came to McKean at the age of 13 after his family realised he had leprosy. Sak lived with a relative in Chiang Mai and attended the local school. When Sak began to show more signs of leprosy his relative took him to live in the boys' hostel at McKean.

Sak was able to continue his education and learned to farm and cook. In 1963 Sak left school and started working as a nurse-aid at McKean Hospital. One day Sak's hands came into contact with boiling water which resulted in severe blistering, infection and he then lost his fingers. However Sak was still able to work and obtained a position in the hospital dispensary, where he worked until he retired. Sak continues to live at McKean and is grateful for the therapy, surgery and care he has received. Sak acknowledges "This place came into being because of Jesus and I've experienced the blessing of Jesus ever since I came here. If it wasn't for Jesus, every single day of my life would be different. At McKean I became a staff member and I was valued. I was able to help others."

**Your support of the McKean Rehabilitation Centre last year provided ongoing care and a safe home for 30 permanent residents at a cost of 21,903 baht / AUD \$429 person.**

**"AT MCKEAN I BECAME A STAFF MEMBER AND I WAS VALUED. I WAS ABLE TO HELP OTHERS."**

**– SAK**



**ABOVE:** Sak was left at McKean when he was 13 years old. He grew up there, got an education and training, and worked as a nurse-aid in the Hospital there until he retired. In his retirement, he still lives at McKean.

Lily is starting to heal, and is able to walk again. She hopes to start literacy classes soon.

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

It cost just

**\$5.93** per person

(approximately)  
to enable staff to reach  
204 people in remote  
communities, to undertake  
health promotion activities.

It cost just

**\$59.59** per person

(approximately)  
to train 44 Community  
Facilitators.

**“AT LAST SOMEONE KNOWS HOW TO HELP ME. THEY HAVE GIVEN ME NEW BANDAGES AND ARE GOING TO HELP ME GET SOME BETTER SHOES FROM THE MARKET.”**

**– LILY**



## Sustainable Livelihoods Development (SLD) for Leprosy Affected Communities in PNG

The Sustainable Livelihoods Development (SLD) for Leprosy Affected Communities in Papua New Guinea (PNG) commenced in 2017, with primary funding through the New Zealand government. This project aims to build upon the successes of the PNG Leprosy Control Partnership project which finalised in 2016/2017.

SLD focuses on the development of agricultural and sustainable livelihoods initiatives for people in 50 communities affected by leprosy and disability across PNG, delivering greater economic security, decreased poverty and improved health for over 50,000 people.

Some key achievements of the SLD project in its first stage of implementation included:

- 5 new leprosy cases diagnosed.
- 44 health workers training in leprosy diagnosis and management.

- 204 people reached with health promotion (including leprosy awareness) activities.
- 3 Community Facilitators trained in small business development to support people affected by leprosy and disability in becoming economically independent.

### Project Outcome: Training for Community Facilitators

44 CFs from 22 communities, with 1 female and 1 male CF from each community, received training on their roles, visioning for their communities and leprosy awareness as well as brief introduction to the livelihoods development and micro credit of the SLD activities. The training helped to raise awareness and build strategic relationships among community leaders and key stakeholders. Last year 5 leprosy affected CFs began to educate people on leprosy and its effect on people and communities as part of the project's awareness raising activities.

These CFs have become role models for the other CFs.

**Your support of the SLD project enabled staff to train 44 Community Facilitators at a cost of 148.43 Kina / \$59.59 AUD per person.**

### Project Outcome: Awareness raising

16 leprosy awareness activities were conducted on "What is leprosy". This involved displaying pictures about different aspects of leprosy to the community and explaining them simply. The response to these activities indicated that amongst the communities there has been a prevalence of fear and lack of knowledge about leprosy. SLD project staff have distributed awareness raising resources in one centre in Port Moresby.

**Your support of the SLD project last year enabled staff to reach 204 people at a cost of 14.77 Kina / \$5.93 AUD per person in order to undertake health promotion activities in remote and difficult-to-reach communities.**

**30% OF NEW LEPROSY CASES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA ARE NOW CHILDREN. THANKS TO YOU, MORE CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.**

ABOVE: A girl from Kalo Village in Central Province in Papua New Guinea with a course of Multi-Drug Therapy.





# BOARD



## **Damian Fisher**

*BSc (Hons) Physics, GradDipMgt*

Appointed Director 26 February 2018

Damian has over 20 years' experience in marketing, branding, product and customer management, gained within commercial companies. He is currently a member of the executive team at Bible Society Australia, where he manages Fundraising, Marketing, Branding and PR. Damian brings with him extensive experience in marketing, fundraising and donor engagement.



## **Rev. Kevin Keegan**

*Grad.Cert.NFP Management; Grad. Dip.Th, B.Th, TAE40110 Cert IV Training & Assessment, Cert. Ministry Consultancy, Cert.Ordination*

Appointed Director 9 February 2015, Member of TLMA's Prayer, Engagement and Fundraising Committee

Kevin is the CEO/National Director of FEBC Australia, an Executive Member of FEBC International and an ordained Baptist minister. He has qualifications in theology, non-profit management, consultancy and training, 25 years' experience in leading churches, and chaired an international mission association for four years. Kevin brings leadership, strategy, theological thinking, cultural awareness and mission experience.



## **Dr. Judy Louie**

*PhD(Acc), MBus(Acc), Grad.Dip(Acc), BSc, CPA*

Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Member of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Judy has more than 20 years accounting and information technology experience. Currently New Hope Baptist Church's Finance Manager, she was previously a lecturer at La Trobe University and Sunway University in Malaysia. Judy brings a strong industry background, having worked in an accounting firm and not-for-profit organisations for a number of years.



## **Stephen Lockrey**

*B.Comm., CA Risk Management*

Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Appointed Finance Director (Hon) 27 August 2016, Chair of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and member of the Investment Committee

Stephen has extensive Aid and Development industry experience following 10 years as a Chief Financial Officer with a non-government aid organisation. He brings with him finance and risk management expertise. Stephen has wide nonprofit Board experience, currently a Board member of Jubilee Housing Inc.



## **Angeline Low**

*Ph.D, MMgt, B.Econ (Hons), MAICD*

Appointed Director 25 June 2018

Angeline has more than 25 years experience as a Director in international charity and development organisations. An active participant and speaker in various international engagements on gender, leadership and economic inclusion of women, she has been the guest of the European Union, the OECD and the ILO. She also holds a PhD in entrepreneurship research.



## **Colin Martin**

*GAICD, MB.BS, DRANZCOG, Grad.Dip. FM, MPH&TM, FRACGP*

*General Medical Practitioner*

Appointed Director 12 July 2012, Appointed Chairman 20 September 2014, Chair of TLMA's Prayer, Engagement and Fundraising Committee, Member of TLMA's International Program Committee as well as the Human Resources and Governance Committee, Member of the TLM Global Fellowship Member Review Working Group

Colin practised as a rural procedural GP and practice administrator for 35 years retiring in June 2016. His field work in Nepal from 2009-2017, allowed him to develop an understanding of the problems of leprosy related services and programs. He has also been able to see the work of The Leprosy Mission Australia and its partners in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, India and Thailand.

The Leprosy Mission Australia is governed by a Board of Directors, comprised of members from various fields of expertise within the community. Members include representatives from financial, medical, field service, promotional and marketing, and human resource fields.

The following National Council members are the elected governance body for 2017-18, and known as the Board.



### **Tanya McPharlane**

*MBA (Law) CCC BN AFCHSM, MAICD*

Appointed Director 9 February 2015, Member of TLMA's Human Resources and Governance Committee

Tanya is a governance and leadership consultant, practicing primarily in the Health, Aged, Dementia and Palliative Care sectors. She is also a Non-Executive Board Director for Palliative Care South East Ltd, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and an Associate Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Service Managers (ACHSM).



### **Adam Walker**

*BA LLB (Hons) LLM (Commercial Law); AGIA Law, Governance and Management*

Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Member of TLMA's Human Resources and Governance Committee

Adam is a partner with Gadens Lawyers, focusing on intellectual property, competition and consumer law, franchising, technology and privacy law. A member of the Governance Institute of Australia, he also serves on a national professional body's human research ethics committee. Adam brings with him broad experience in commercial, corporate and not-for-profit law.



### **Steven Meredith**

*Grad Dip Mgt, GAICD; Banking/Finance and International Business Management*

Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Appointed Deputy Chair 20 September 2014, Chair of TLMA's Human Resources and Governance Committee, Chair of the TLM Global Fellowship Strategy Working Group

Steven has over 25 years of banking, corporate treasury, operations, human resources and business development and possesses expertise in corporate governance, finance, risk management and succession planning gained both domestically and internationally. A qualified company Director, he is also actively involved in leadership in his local church.



### **Jennifer Ward**

*MBA, BEcon (HONS), Post Grad Dip, GAICD*

Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Member of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Jennifer has over 25 years' experience in international business, economics and human resource management. She has held a variety of senior executive roles both in Australia and internationally (Japan, China, USA, Asia Pacific) with organisations including BHPBilliton and World Vision Australia. Jennifer brings broad governance, cross cultural, business and human resource management experience to the Board.



### **Fifi Rashando**

*MBA (IntBus), GradDipMin, BA (English Literature)*

Appointed Director 25 June 2018

Fifi is a Sustainability and Financial Inclusion Specialist with over 15 years of experience in the social economic sectors across Australia, Asia and Pacific regions. She is the Principal Consultant of ODS and is currently a board member of Haggai International Australia. Fifi also holds a certificate from Harvard Business School and a postgraduate degree in Ministry from Tabor College.

**We would also like to thank  
Grace Asten and Chrisy Savvides  
who retired from the Board this year.**

The Leprosy Mission Australia is one of 28 member countries which make up the Global Fellowship of the international organisation of The Leprosy Mission. Each country has the same vision – a world without leprosy – but works to fulfil this vision in different ways.

The 28 countries include both Supporting Countries (those that raise funds for projects overseas) and Implementing Countries (those that receive TLM funds for use in TLM projects). Currently, India is the Implementing Country with the largest number of TLM projects.

Australia, a Supporting Country, focuses its work on funding projects in Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Nepal, India and Thailand, and works to provide expertise as well as funds to the projects we partner with.

Supporters can be assured that The Leprosy Mission Australia is part of a worldwide organisation with around 2,000 staff with more than 136 years of experience in working with leprosy.

### National Council General Members

Mrs Grace Asten  
 Dr Warwick Britton  
 Mrs Jenny Davis  
 Mr Damian Fisher (from April 2018)  
 Mr Peter Geddes  
 Rev Kevin Keegan  
 Mr Stephen Lockrey  
 Dr Judy Louie  
 Dr Colin Martin  
 Mrs Tanya McPharlane  
 Mr Steve Meredith  
 Mrs Pam Packett  
 Mr Bijay Pandy (stepped down AGM 2017)  
 Miss Myra Ronalds  
 Dr Murray Sandland  
 Ms Chrisy Sawides  
 Mrs Denise Scott  
 Mr Robert Swanton  
 Mrs Margaret Thompson  
 Mr Adam Walker  
 Mrs Jennifer Ward

### National Council State Representatives

#### New South Wales

Mrs Sally Martin  
 Miss Janet Walmsley

#### Queensland

Miss Betty Cunningham  
 Miss Rebekah Deighton  
 Ms Judy Satish

#### South Australia

Mrs Nicolle Macaitis  
 Mrs Jenny Marshman  
 Mrs Joan Moulton

#### Tasmania

Mrs Celia Cliff  
 Miss Merrin Green  
 Miss Margaret Mead

#### Victoria

Dr Barry Edwards  
 Mr Denis Horsburgh

#### Western Australia

Mrs Anne Steed  
 Miss Heather Newton

### Officers

#### Chairman

Colin Martin

#### Deputy Chair

Steven Meredith

#### Finance Director (Hon.)

Stephen Lockrey

#### Chief Executive Officer

Sheldon Rankin

### Life Members

Miss Eileen Aitken  
 Mrs Joy Billingham  
 Mrs Margery Bonsor  
 Mr Tom Broderick  
 Mrs Martry Cole  
 Mr Robert Cole  
 Dr Russell Conway  
 Miss Betty Cunningham  
 Mrs Jenny Davis  
 Mr Ron Dawes  
 Mrs Betty Dorn  
 Mr Ray Dorn (deceased 2 July 2017)  
 Mr Ken Martin (since AGM 2017)  
 Mrs Barbara Maxwell  
 Mr Ian Milne (deceased 11 July 2017)  
 Mrs Pam Packett  
 Mrs Jean Porteous  
 Dr Murray Sandland  
 Mrs Denise Scott  
 Mrs Audrey Sheffield  
 Mr Keith Skillicorn (deceased 13 April 2018)  
 Mrs Phyllis Smith (since AGM 2017)  
 Mrs Anne Steed  
 Mr Robert Swanton  
 Mr Jack Torrance  
 Mrs Janet Torrance  
 Dr Grace Warren  
 Mr Peter Warren  
 Mrs Ruth Wheatley



# YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

It's because of your support that The Leprosy Mission is able to impact the lives of so many people around the world affected by leprosy and disability.



**"THINGS ARE GOING WELL FOR ME SINCE I'VE BEEN PART OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION. I HAVE ACCESS TO A SAVINGS PROGRAM, AND I RECEIVE LOTS OF SUPPORT. I CAN ACCESS LOANS WHEN NEEDED. I'VE MADE FRIENDS IN THE GROUP. EVERY MEMBER IS A GOOD PERSON, AND IT'S A VERY ACTIVE GROUP."**

**— AMALA**

**Amala, a member of the Disabled People's Organisation supported by RECLAIM.**

**"I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE LEPROSY MISSION. THEY HAVE HELPED ME AVOID FURTHER COMPLICATIONS AND POTENTIAL DEFORMITIES."**

**— POWNERMMAL**



**Pownermmal and her son, S. Babu.**





Your generosity has helped

# 107,149 PEOPLE

affected by leprosy and disability over the last year.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



# The Leprosy Mission Australia

ABN: 52 354 004 543

## Independent Audit Report to the members of The Leprosy Mission Australia

### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the summary income statement and summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial report of The Leprosy Mission Australia for the year ended 30 June 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

### Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

### The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 27 August 2018.

### Directors' responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

*Saward Dawson*

**Saward Dawson**

*Jeffrey Tulk*

Jeffrey Tulk  
Partner

Blackburn

Date: 27 August 2018

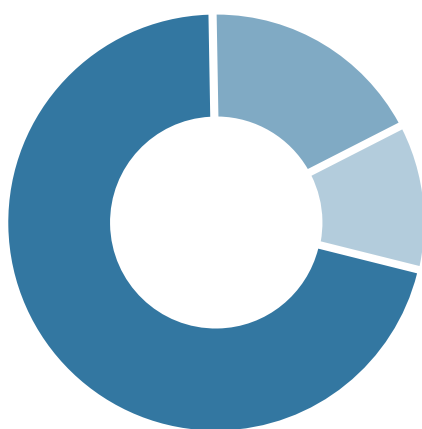


## Income & Expenditure

The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) has achieved a surplus for the year of \$626k whilst maintaining budgeted support for international programs in six countries around the world – India, Nepal, Nigeria, PNG, Timor Leste and Thailand. Income totalled \$5.43 million and total expenditure was \$4.81 million of which \$4.22 million was for international aid and development programs expenditure.

### Where did we get the money?

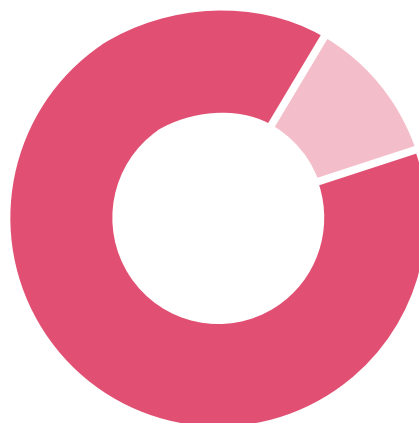
TLMA has 3 main sources of income – donations from individuals including churches and groups, merchandise sales and government grants from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Total income increased by \$591k (12.2%) from previous year due to generous giving of our supporters through donation, legacies and merchandise sales plus improved performances from our investments which fortunately offset the decrease in DFAT funding.



- **Donations & Legacies (71%)**
- **DFAT (18%)**
- **Commercial Income, Investment Income, & Other Income (11%)**

## Where did we spend it?

Disbursements of DFAT grant was in line with what was received and with the support of our faithful donors, we managed to fund all of our overseas program commitments in the six countries for the financial year.



- **Total International Aid & Development Expenditure (88%)**
- **Commercial Activities & Other Expenditure (12%)**

### Our overall financial health

The financial health of the organisation is sound, underpinned by a stable donor base with a strong balance sheet. TLMA has adequate reserves on hand, which is monitored by management on a regular basis to ensure that we can continue our long term support to our overseas projects. These reserves are vital in view of the uncertainties in the global economic and political outlook. Therefore, our financial objectives continue to focus on sustainable revenues by enhancing donor relationships while maintaining tight controls on costs to maximise our efficient use of funds

## Remittance by Country



- **Timor Leste (40%)**
- **Nepal (26%)**
- **India (19%)**
- **Nigeria (10%)**
- **Thailand (3%)**
- **Papua New Guinea (2%)**

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# Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2018

2018  
\$

2017  
\$

## REVENUE

Donations & Gifts		
• Monetary	2,676,481	2,526,268
• Non-Monetary	6,727	—
Bequests and Legacies	1,164,968	761,690
Grants		
• DFAT	966,287	1,016,541
• Others	21,550	—
Commercial Activities Income – Merchandise	409,588	347,357
Investment Income	167,827	131,009
Other Income	22,048	61,455
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,435,476</b>	<b>\$4,844,320</b>

## EXPENDITURE

International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
Funds to International Programs	1,722,695	1,554,943
Program Support Costs	386,896	460,557
Community Education Costs	608,385	371,783
Fundraising Costs (Public)	927,670	867,622
Accountability and Administration	579,189	539,403
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<b>4,224,835</b>	<b>3,794,308</b>

Commercial Activities Expenditure	555,739	445,927
Other Expenditure	29,049	25,571
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,809,623</b>	<b>4,265,806</b>

## SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

**\$625,853**

**\$578,514**

Other comprehensive income, net of income tax	—	—
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Net fair value movements of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	60,478	64,910
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$686,331</b>	<b>\$643,424</b>

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# Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,774,265	1,394,881
Trade and other receivables	104,336	127,779
Inventories	70,184	63,833
Financial assets	2,158,127	1,692,430
Other assets	75,788	94,891
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,182,700</b>	<b>3,373,814</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	2,648,223	2,693,775
Intangible assets	52,115	53,519
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>2,700,338</b>	<b>2,747,294</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,883,038</b>	<b>6,121,108</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	129,881	94,328
Borrowings	10,000	10,000
Short-term provisions	125,525	92,298
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>265,406</b>	<b>196,626</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Long-term provisions	12,593	5,774
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>12,593</b>	<b>5,774</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>277,999</b>	<b>202,400</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,605,039</b>	<b>\$5,918,708</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	3,387,208	3,286,450
Retained earnings	3,217,831	2,632,258
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$6,605,039</b>	<b>\$5,918,708</b>

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# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2018

2018	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	FINANCIAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND \$	TOTAL \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2017</b>	<b>2,632,257</b>	<b>1,998,045</b>	<b>163,986</b>	<b>1,124,420</b>	<b>5,918,708</b>
Surplus for the year	625,853	—	—	—	625,853
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Revaluation increment (decrement)	—	—	60,478	—	60,478
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>625,853</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>60,478</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>686,331</b>
Capital (gains)/losses on sale of financial assets transferred to retained earnings.	[40,279]	—	40,279	—	—
<b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>	<b>\$3,217,831</b>	<b>\$1,998,045</b>	<b>\$264,743</b>	<b>\$1,124,420</b>	<b>\$6,605,039</b>

2017	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	FINANCIAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND \$	TOTAL \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>	<b>2,054,568</b>	<b>1,998,045</b>	<b>98,251</b>	<b>1,124,420</b>	<b>5,275,284</b>
Surplus for the year	578,514	—	—	—	578,514
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Revaluation increment (decrement)	—	—	64,910	—	60,478
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>578,514</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>64,910</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>643,424</b>
Capital (gains)/losses on sale of financial assets transferred to retained earnings.	[825]	—	825	—	—
<b>Balance at 30 June 2017</b>	<b>\$2,632,257</b>	<b>\$1,998,045</b>	<b>\$163,986</b>	<b>\$1,124,420</b>	<b>\$5,918,708</b>

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The Leprosy Mission Australia is an international organisation that works in partnership with governments, public health officials, non-government organisations, the World Health Organisation, churches, Christian partners and others to achieve its vision of a world without leprosy. The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

Leprosy affects people's lives in many different ways. The Leprosy Mission Australia cares for their physical, social, spiritual and psychological needs. Leprosy is sometimes not understood by communities and as a result people are fearful of it. This means those affected by leprosy are often stigmatised. Our main focus is on leprosy work, yet we often include those with severe disabilities or those living in extreme poverty.



# THANK YOU!

**“With The Leprosy Mission community development project... I could start my own business.”**

**-Suklal, India**



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Mission**  
Australia