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A Message from Bill Simmons & Neal Joseph

Several years ago, when I was traveling in Nepal, I met a woman with leprosy who was being forced to live in a shed with animals. Her spirit was broken from the cruelty and rejection she faced. She had been robbed of her dignity. Her name is Indra Khala.

But thanks to donors like you, our local partners were able to free Indra, and now she is proud to live in her own home. When I returned to Nepal recently, I visited Indra Khala and our 'selfie' here tells it all. She is filled with dignity and hope.

As a donor, you have made lasting change possible in the lives of many people around the world, people just like Indra Khala. In this report, you will see how you are providing cure and care for people affected by leprosy and related diseases from the jungles of the Republic of the Congo to the plains of Nepal. And how the ultimate hope for an end to leprosy was launched when our leprosy vaccine candidate began FDA-approved clinical trials.

Indra Khala reminds me what our work is all about: Real people around the world who just want to be treated with dignity. And many find the hope of Christ along the way.

Thanks for all you do.



Indra Khala and Bill Simmons in Nepal.

Bill Simmons, *President and CEO*

Neal Joseph, *Chair, Board of Directors*



Vision

A world without leprosy

Mission

American Leprosy Missions exists to serve as a channel of Christ's love to persons affected by leprosy and related diseases, helping them to be healed in body and spirit and restored to lives of dignity and hope.

When Laetitia (back row, second from right) was seven, she was diagnosed with both leprosy and Buruli ulcer. Thanks to your compassionate support, Laetitia received the cure and treatment for both diseases from our partner clinic in Côte d'Ivoire, and is back in school. *Credit: Tom Bradley*



Abdul, aged 70, arrived at our partner clinic in Côte d'Ivoire with a swollen arm and a large, open wound. Your generous gifts are helping him receive antibiotics for Buruli ulcer, wound care and physiotherapy. *Credit: Tom Bradley*

About Leprosy & Neglected Tropical Diseases

More than one billion men, women and children are affected by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), including leprosy and Buruli ulcer. These diseases affect the poorest and most marginalized people and can lead to:

- Profound pain and suffering
- Malnutrition
- Lifelong disabilities
- Increased poverty
- Stigma and isolation

American Leprosy Missions serves people affected by seven NTDs that can cause disabilities and ongoing complications:

- Leprosy
- Buruli ulcer
- Lymphatic filariasis (also known as elephantiasis)
- Yaws
- Leishmaniasis
- Trachoma
- Human African Trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness)

What We Do

For more than 110 years, American Leprosy Missions has followed in the footsteps of Jesus, helping people with leprosy and related diseases be healed and restored to lives of dignity and hope.

Today, with the support of people like you, we continue to lead a global fight against leprosy and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), working to CURE and CARE for those affected, and actually END these devastating diseases in our time.

Cure

We work in some of the most impoverished areas of the world to find, diagnose and cure people with leprosy and other NTDs.

Care

We minister to people affected by leprosy and other NTDs, providing services to mitigate their crippling effects.

End

We develop innovative ways to treat and prevent leprosy and other NTDs.



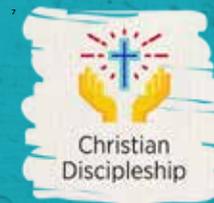
AIM Initiative



Awareness / Health Education



Case Detection



Christian Discipleship



Christian Partner



Contact Tracing



Disability Prevention



Footwear



Health System Support



Health Worker Training



Hospital Infrastructure



Income Generation



Medical Supplies



Nutrition



Preventative Drugs



Reconstructive Surgery



Research



Self-Care Training



Self-Help Groups

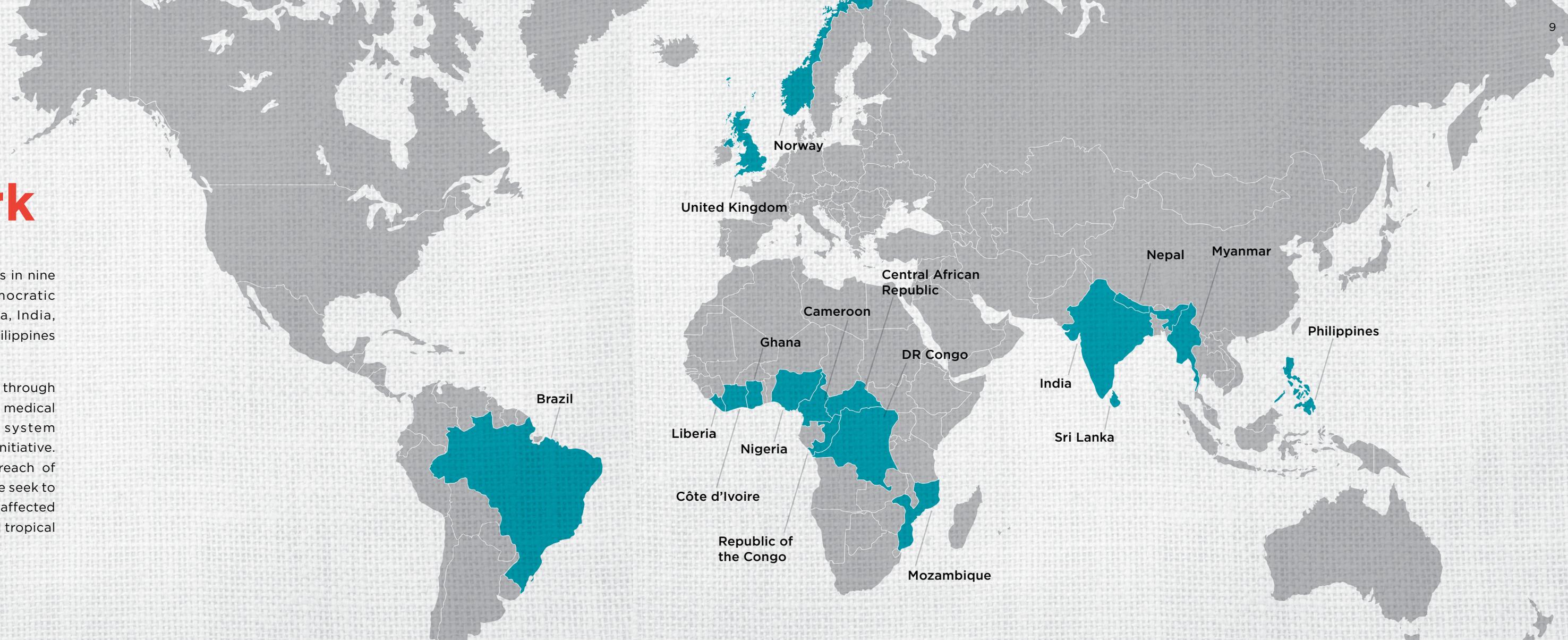


Treatment

Where We Work

In 2017, we focused on projects in nine countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, India, Liberia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Republic of the Congo.

We also impacted many others through professional training programs, medical supply deliveries, health system strengthening and the AIM Initiative. This map reflects the broad reach of our ministry and expertise as we seek to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases.



Impact Highlights

Last year, partners like you helped relieve suffering and restore hope to people with leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases around the world.

Your gifts directly benefited **101,765** children, men and women, and impacted the lives of more than **500,000**.

4,934

pairs of special footwear distributed.

5

countries completed disease and disability mapping with the AIM Initiative.

1,050

people gained access to clean water.

97,918

people reached with health education programs.

1,036

health workers trained in disease detection and treatment.

\$5.1 million

in critical medicine and medical supplies sent to Central African Republic and Liberia.

\$1,178,800

invested in cutting-edge research.

592

people received life-changing reconstructive surgeries.



Thanks to your faithful partnership, Bindeshwar was able to join a self-help group for people affected by leprosy in his village in Nepal. He used a loan from the group to set up a successful medicine shop. With the profits Bindeshwar has been able to repay the loan, build a house, buy a motorcycle and pay for his children's education. *Credit: Rowan Butler*

We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

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leprosy vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to start the Phase I clinical trial.



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Promising New Leprosy Vaccine Moves into Human Trials

American Leprosy Missions is committed to bringing an end to leprosy by developing a vaccine that will stop this terrible disease before it even starts. So in 2002, American Leprosy Missions began a partnership with the Infectious Disease Research Institute to develop a vaccine for leprosy.

After an investment of more than \$5.1 million, the world's first leprosy-specific vaccine received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and moved to Phase I clinical trial. Thank you for your faithful support during the past 15 years to make this dream a reality.

More information at leprosy.org/leprosy-vaccine



The AIM Initiative supports the National NTDs Program in Liberia to help improve access to health services. Thanks to your partnership, Morris received an accurate diagnosis of Buruli ulcer, free medication and encouragement from the health workers. *Credit: Liberia NTDs Program*

Game-Changing Global Initiative Launches

In late 2016, American Leprosy Missions helped launch the AIM Initiative to bring together diverse organizations to ensure every person with a neglected tropical disease (NTD) has access to the health services they need. AIM's innovative process allows Ministries of Health to map diseases and related disabilities.

Then AIM and the Ministries of Health work together to develop and implement strategic plans to provide better and more efficient cure and care, and ultimately accelerate the end of these devastating diseases. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure people suffering from NTDs have access to the health services they so desperately need.

More information at aiminitiative.org



Thanks to your support and a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development's ASHA program, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital in Nepal has a new outpatient department so it can better serve its many patients.

High-Quality Healthcare Services Expanded at One of the Busiest Leprosy Hospitals in the World

When Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital in Nepal opened its doors in 1996, it was designed to serve just several thousand people each year. Last year the hospital provided almost 104,000 patient consultations. So, thanks to the support of people like you, and a \$763,000 grant from USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program, American Leprosy Missions helped the hospital expand and modernize the outpatient department,

laboratory, registration area, emergency unit, and footwear and prosthetics workshop, plus add an incinerator and solar power. Patients can now check in more quickly. Visits are more comfortable and less time consuming. Solar panels provide steady power. And staff can handle emergencies more effectively. Thank you for helping us to expand sustainable, high-quality healthcare services at one of the busiest leprosy hospitals in the world.

More information at leprosy.org/news-feed



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Exciting New Partnership Starts in Remote Jungle of Republic of the Congo

In June 2017, American Leprosy Missions launched an exciting new partnership with Global Outreach Mission and Pioneer Christian Hospital in Republic of the Congo. Thanks to your compassionate support, we are reaching into underserved, remote areas of Africa with cure and care for leprosy, Buruli ulcer and yaws. Your gifts

help the dedicated team at Pioneer Christian Hospital provide disability prevention, nutrition assistance, reconstructive surgery, protective footwear, health education, case detection, treatment, Christian discipleship and health worker training. Thank you for reaching deep into areas of great need with health, hope and the love of Jesus.

Your gifts help the dedicated team at Pioneer Christian Hospital reach remote parts of the Republic of the Congo by dugout canoe and by foot with cure and care for people affected by neglected tropical diseases. *Credit: Tom Bradley*

More information at leprosy.org/republic-of-the-congo

Fiscal 2017 Finances and Program Support

REVENUE

Public Contributions	\$	7,659,803
Legacies	\$	481,541
In-Kind Gifts	\$	5,107,256
Investments/Other	\$	293,853
Total	\$	13,542,453

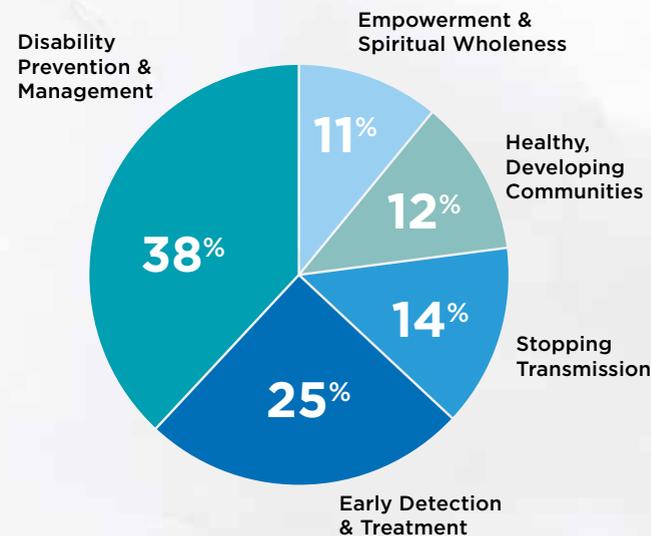
EXPENSES

Program Services	\$	11,459,359
Fundraising	\$	2,694,358
Management & General	\$	415,799
Thrift Operations	\$	410,935
Total	\$	14,980,451

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Current Assets	\$	618,485
Other Assets	\$	10,828,799
Total Assets	\$	11,447,284
Current Liabilities	\$	538,506
Other Liabilities	\$	246,281
Total Net Assets	\$	10,662,497
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	11,447,284

How Your Dollars Were Invested



Program Expense Ratio



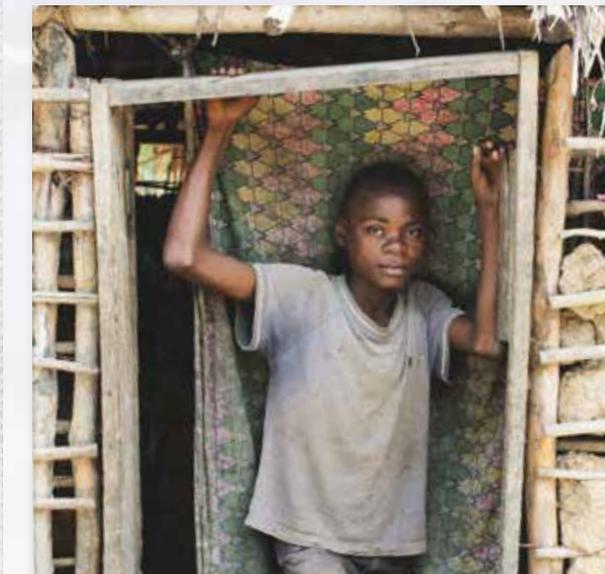
Leadership

Board of Directors

- Neal Joseph – Chair
- Les Dietzman, M.B.A. – Vice Chair
- Alan B. Terwilleger – Secretary
- Thomas M. Young – Treasurer and Audit Committee Chair
- Gordon C. Boronow, Ph.D., FSA
- J. Timothy Griffin
- Chris A. Hogue, M.B.A.
- Daniel Izzett
- Jana Webb-Delone, D.O., M.D., M.P.H., M.A.

Executive Leadership

- Bill Simmons – President and CEO
- Beverly Elmore – Vice President of Finance
- Christina Miller-Colton – Vice President of Development
- James Oehrig, M.A. – Vice President of Integral Mission
- Darren Schaupp, M.A. – Vice President of Programs



Thanks to you, 14-year-old Antoine is receiving the cure for leprosy and ongoing care from the staff at Pioneer Christian Hospital in the Republic of the Congo. *Credit: Tom Bradley*

Notes

Compensation: Directors and consultants to the Board of Directors of American Leprosy Missions receive no compensation for service.

Term Limits: A director may serve no more than nine consecutive years on the Board. However, an individual who has filled a single director vacancy is eligible, in addition, to be elected for his/her own three consecutive three-year terms. Following Board service of nine consecutive years (or nine consecutive years plus service in a director vacancy), a one-year mandatory rotation off the Board is required before an individual can be considered for re-election to the Board.

Partners

American Leprosy Missions collaborates with more than 50 organizations on policy development, program coordination, research, advocacy, technical training, community development and more, in order to best serve people affected by leprosy and related diseases.

Non-Governmental & Faith-Based Organizations

Aid for Africa
 ACCORD
 Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH)
 Ganta Leprosy/TB Rehabilitation Center
 Global Outreach Mission
 Institut Médical Evangélique/Kimpese Hospital
 International Leprosy Association (ILA)
 Leonard Wood Memorial/CLTRFI
 Leprosy Mission Nepal
 MAP International
 MAP Côte d'Ivoire
 MAP Ghana
 MAP Liberia
 MICAH Global
 Nepal Leprosy Trust
 Novartis Foundation
 Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre - Karigiri
 TLM India Trust
 United Methodist Committee on Relief
 Vadala Leprosy and Community Health Unit

International Federation of Anti-leprosy Associations (ILEP) Partners

Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau
 Austrian Leprosy Relief Association
 DAHW (German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association)
 Damien Foundation Belgium
 effect:hope
 FAIRMED
 Fondation Raoul Follereau
 Fontilles
 Lepra
 Leprosy Relief Canada
 Netherlands Leprosy Relief
 Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation
 The Leprosy Mission International

International Organizations

United Nations
 World Health Organization

Government Entities

Department of Health - Philippines
 Ministry of Health - Brazil
 Ministry of Health - Côte d'Ivoire
 Ministry of Health - Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Ministry of Health - Ghana
 Ministry of Health - India
 Ministry of Health - Liberia
 Ministry of Health - Myanmar
 Ministry of Health - Nepal
 USAID/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) - U.S.A.

Universities & Research Institutes

Erasmus University
 Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI)
 Institut Pasteur de Côte d'Ivoire
 Leprosy Research Initiative
 Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
 London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
 National Hansen's Disease Programs (NHDP)
 Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel
 The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)
 University of Cambridge
 University of Groningen



Six-year-old Seth (second from right) is receiving treatment for Buruli ulcer in Ghana, thanks to your compassionate support. *Credit: Tom Bradley*



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Cover: Leprosy ruined Laxmi's life. Her husband exiled her from their home in Nepal. She started going blind and struggled to raise three children on her own. But her life was transformed when she found our partner, Lalgadh Hospital. Thanks to your generous gifts, Laxmi (seated third from left) learned how to manage her visual impairment and became treasurer of her self-care group. Her group is now empowering the poor, marginalized and disabled in their community to develop livelihoods and access education and healthcare. *Credit: Rowan Butler*