



american  
leprosy missions

2018 Annual  
Report



## 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.

- ◆ Left: Souleymane's right hand has been badly affected by the flesh-eating disease Buruli ulcer. Thanks to your partnership, this ten-year-old boy in Côte d'Ivoire has received treatment and ongoing care. (Credit: Tom Bradley)
- ◆ Right: During a trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a local preacher affected by leprosy discusses the Bible with Bill Simmons.

## A Message from the President and Board Chair

Thank you for your faithful partnership this past year. Together we have accomplished much around the world. Your generosity has helped cure people suffering from leprosy and related diseases, care for those affected and move us closer to ending these terrible diseases.

With your support, American Leprosy Missions is reaching more people and transforming more lives, ensuring that people have access to the health and hope they so desperately need. **You are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world.**

We look forward to partnering with you in the years ahead to bring healing, dignity, hope and the love of Jesus to even more men, women and children.

The signature of Bill Simmons, written in black ink.

Bill Simmons  
*President and CEO*

The signature of Neal Joseph, written in black ink.

Neal Joseph  
*Chair, Board of Directors*





## About Leprosy and Neglected Tropical Diseases

**More than 40 million people live with lifelong disabilities caused by these terrible diseases.**

More information at [leprosy.org/neglected-diseases/](http://leprosy.org/neglected-diseases/)

◆ Your gifts enable our partners at Pioneer Christian Hospital in the Republic of the Congo to find and treat people like 14-year-old Antoine. He is receiving the cure for leprosy and care for the ulcer on his foot. (Credit: Tom Bradley)

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 six NTDs that can cause disabilities and ongoing complications:

- Leprosy
- Buruli ulcer
- Lymphatic filariasis (also known as elephantiasis)
- Yaws
- Leishmaniasis
- Trachoma



## 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.

- ◆ Thanks to your faithful support, Lalgadhpuri Leprosy Hospital in Nepal is able to send health professionals into surrounding districts to hold three leprosy clinics each month. This means that patients can receive the cure and expert care closer to their homes, saving precious time and money.  
(Credit: Tom Bradley)

### CURE

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



Case  
Detection

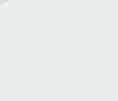


Lab Support



Treatment

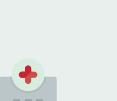
Awareness /  
Health Education



Health Worker  
Training



Hospital  
Infrastructure



Medical  
Supplies

Research



WASH



Preventative  
Drugs



Christian  
Discipleship



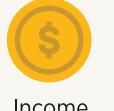
Disability  
Prevention



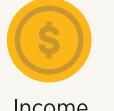
Nutrition

### CARE

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



Footwear



Income  
Generation



Self-Help  
Groups



Reconstructive  
Surgery

END

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

## Where We Work

In 2018, we focused on projects in nine countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines and Republic of the Congo.

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





## Impact Highlights

Last year, partners like you helped relieve suffering and restore hope to marginalized people around the world. Your gifts directly benefited 120,951 children, men and women, and impacted the lives of more than 500,000.

**3,679**

pairs of special  
footwear distributed.

**2,224**

self-help groups supported  
in India and Nepal.

**88,697**

people screened  
for NTDs.

**217**

life-changing  
surgeries performed.

**123,039**

treatments of critical medicines  
and medical supplies sent to  
Central African Republic and Ghana.

**\$1,038,885**

invested in cutting-edge  
research in 14 countries.

**4,713**

lab tests done to  
diagnose NTDs.

**176**

microcredit  
loans given.

**You made it happen! Thank you.**

◆ Dorcus is one of nine children. Her parents farm cocoa and rice in Côte d'Ivoire. One day she noticed patches on her arm. After trying traditional medicine, her fingers started to claw. But thanks to your support, 16-year-old Dorcus finally received the cure and care for leprosy. *Dorcus and her mom, seated, center.* (Credit: Tom Bradley)



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

## World's First Leprosy-Specific Vaccine Moves through 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. In 2017, the world's first leprosy-specific vaccine received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and entered Phase I clinical trial. The trial is on schedule to end in March 2019 and has received an excellent safety report. We look forward to launching the next phase among people affected by leprosy in the coming months. Thank you for your faithful support to help make this dream a reality.

**More information at [leprosy.org/leprosy-vaccine/](http://leprosy.org/leprosy-vaccine/).**

- ◆ Left: Thanks to your generous support, our partners at the Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI) in Seattle, Washington, have developed the world's first leprosy-specific vaccine. (Credit: IDRI)
- ◆ Right: Grace's sister had leprosy. Then 10-year-old Grace got leprosy too. But thanks to your compassionate support, she was found and treated by our partners in Côte d'Ivoire. Grace is seated center, fourth from left in turquoise shirt. (Credit: Tom Bradley)





KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

## Equipping Women in India to Improve WASH and Stop Disease



Clean water to drink. Toilets and indoor plumbing. Sinks for washing hands. All things that help stop disease and keep us healthy. But many people living in poverty do not have adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). And this contributes to the spread of disease. So, with your generous gifts, we launched a project in 128 villages in India. Our partner, Lepra Society, is training 22,834 women leaders and their self-help groups on WASH, NTDs, and community mobilization. Thanks to your support, this women-led project is benefiting more than 90,000 people by installing toilets and hand-washing stations, testing water quality, protecting clean water supplies and promoting the importance of hygiene and sanitation.

- ♦ Left: Your compassionate support is training women from self-help groups in India to improve sanitation and hygiene and prevent disease. They create maps of their villages, including households and water pumps, so they can better mobilize their communities and track progress.
- ♦ Above: Thanks to your partnership, water pump platforms like this one are being installed to improve drainage and sanitation.



**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:**  
**Precious Medical Supplies  
Save Lives in Africa**

Thanks to your generosity, millions of dollars' worth of critical medicines and medical supplies were sent to the Central African Republic this year. They went deep into poverty zones to help suffering people who lack access to basic medicine and medical supplies. These antibiotics, syringes, vitamins, pain relievers, bandages and other medicines and supplies were used in health centers in the region where our partner, FAIRMED, works. Thank you for paying the cost of shipping and handling so people suffering from leprosy and related diseases can get these life-saving medicines.

- ◆ Thanks to your gifts, more than 100 boxes of critical medicines and medical supplies were sent to the Central African Republic. Your generosity encouraged our partners, provided life-saving medicine for sick children, and put smiles on the faces of pharmacists and health workers. (Credit: FAIRMED)

# What Our Supporters Are Saying

In November 2018, some of our supporters traveled with us to Nepal to visit Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital. After seeing our ministry firsthand, here's what they're saying about American Leprosy Missions.

**"They're really empowering the people that are from Nepal to take care of themselves. They're almost trying to work themselves out of a job, which is really good... American Leprosy Missions is making a difference in people's lives every day... People are healed, people are restored, relationships are restored, or even are created, that build up the Kingdom of God."**

—Laura Clark, supporter

**"...The care that's being given doesn't just stop when the person gets their packets of MDT and goes back to their village and starts to take them. But there's treatment and support that goes on for lots of aspects of their lives. Then they can themselves become instruments for change in their villages to improve sanitation. It's a unique opportunity that American Leprosy Missions gives these people. It moves them from stigma to actually being people that are listened to in their community."**

—Jonathan Lynam, supporter

**"American Leprosy Missions is doing incredible work. They are really tackling leprosy as a disease, but also restoring lives. They are allowing people to see their self-worth, see their value, and give back to their communities, and restoring what was broken."**

—Michael Johnson, M.D., FHM board member and supporter

◆ Recently some of our supporters joined us on a trip to Nepal to see our work of cure and care firsthand. From left to right: Jonathan Lynam, Laura Clark, Jennifer Albert (staff), Dr. Hugh Cross (staff) and Michael Johnson (board member).



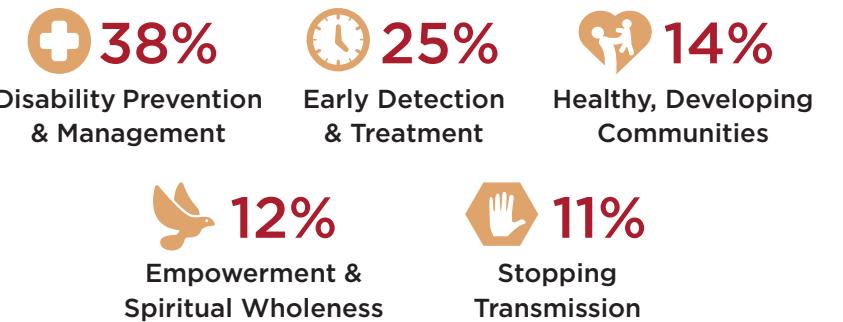
# Fiscal 2018 Finances and Program Support

REVENUE	
Public Contributions	\$ 11,215,951
Legacies	\$ 1,492,692
In-Kind Gifts	\$ 6,333,138
Investments/Other	\$ 442,395
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 19,484,176</b>

EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$ 11,770,082
Fundraising	\$ 2,345,410
Management & General	\$ 499,083
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,614,575</b>

ASSETS & LIABILITIES	
Current Assets	\$ 565,989
Other Assets	\$ 15,679,330
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 16,245,319</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 162,950
Other Liabilities	\$ 142,685
Total Net Assets	\$ 15,939,684
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 16,245,319</b>

## How Your Dollars Were Invested



## Program Expense Ratio



# Leadership

## Board of Directors

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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.

## Senior Leadership

Bill Simmons - President and CEO  
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Sarah Hesshaus, M.A. - Vice President of Business Process and Communications  
Christina Colton - Vice President of Development  
James Oehrig, M.A. - Vice President of Integral Mission  
Darren Schaupp, M.A. - Vice President of Programs

♦ Arman (center) got leprosy when he was 12 years old. But thanks to people like you, he received the cure and ongoing care. What's more, your support is funding research in Bangladesh, and around the world, into better ways to diagnose, treat and prevent this terrible disease. (Credit: Tom Bradley)





# Partners

## Non-Governmental and Faith-Based Organizations

Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP)  
Aid for Africa  
ACCORD Network  
Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH)  
effect:hope - Canada  
Ganta Leprosy/TB Rehabilitation Center - Liberia  
Global Outreach Mission  
Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy  
Institut Médical Evangélique/Kimpese Hospital - DR Congo  
International Leprosy Association (ILA)  
Leonard Wood Memorial/CLTRFI - Philippines

Lepra Society - India  
Leprosy Mission Nepal  
MAP International  
MAP Côte d'Ivoire  
MAP Liberia  
MICAH Global  
Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network  
Nepal Leprosy Trust  
Novartis Foundation  
Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre - Karigiri, India  
Sustainable Mission Aid (SMAID) - Ghana  
The Task Force for Global Health  
TLM India Trust  
United Methodist Committee on Relief

◆ Buruli ulcer attacked Rose's knee and leg, sending her to the hospital in Ghana for three months. But thanks to your gifts, she received the cure, a skin graft and ongoing care. Rose says, "I'm thankful, and give praise to God." *Rose with two of her seven children.* (Credit: Tom Bradley)

## International Federation of Anti-leprosy Associations (ILEP) Partners

Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau - Italy  
DAHW (German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association) - Germany  
Damien Foundation Belgium  
effect:hope - Canada  
FAIRMED - Switzerland  
Fondation Raoul Follereau - France  
Fontilles - Spain  
LEPRA - United Kingdom  
Le Secours aux Lépreux - Canada  
Netherlands Leprosy Relief - Netherlands  
Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation - Japan  
The Leprosy Mission International - United Kingdom

## Government Entities

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

## International Organizations

United Nations  
World Health Organization

## Universities and Research Institutes

Erasmus University - Netherlands  
Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI)  
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) - Netherlands  
University of Cambridge - United Kingdom  
University of Groningen - Netherlands

**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.**



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- ◆ Front cover: Thanks to your compassionate support, Sarbasiya (left) received expert care for leprosy in Nepal. She joined a self-help group and was able to get a loan and purchase a cow. Your gifts also changed the lives of five-year-old Isaac (center) and seven-year-old Erica (right). Thanks to you, they both received the cure and care for Buruli ulcer from our partners in Ghana. (Credits: Rowan Butler and Tom Bradley)