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2020 Annual Report





## A Message from the President and Board Chair

Since our founding in 1906, American Leprosy Missions has weathered many global storms. From two world wars and the Spanish flu to the great depression, and now COVID-19, we have endured them all and we will this one too!

During this tumultuous year, we have been especially grateful for your faithful partnership. Despite COVID-19 and all the ensuing uncertainty, together we are continuing to reach people affected by leprosy and related diseases with hope and healing.

For the poor and marginalized around the world, COVID-19 is another threat to an already fragile life. That's why your support is more important than ever, as you equip us to serve as a channel of Christ's love to suffering people.

During this crisis, we have drawn on our extensive experience in infectious diseases and public health to assist partners in responding to this pandemic.

Bill Simmons, President and CEO

Your gifts are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world. With your generous support, we have continued to cure people suffering from leprosy and related diseases, care for those affected, and move closer to ending these terrible diseases.

You are helping us to reach more people and transform more lives, ensuring that people have access to the health and hope they so desperately need. We do this work in the name of Christ, demonstrating to the world a renewed creation, until He returns.

We are all riding out this storm together. May God continue to use you – especially in these turbulent times – to bring healing and hope and demonstrate the love of Jesus to even more men, women and children.

Bill Simmons  
President and CEO

Chris A. Hogue, M.B.A.  
Chair, Board of Directors

Thanks to your faithful support, we have been:

- **Conducting research into possible drugs to help prevent the novel coronavirus**
- **Equipping and preparing hospital partners to respond to the crisis, including improving hospital infrastructure**
- **Improving water, sanitation and hygiene and providing health education**
- **Providing essential medications and medical supplies**
- **Launching a virtual laboratory network in West Africa to improve diagnosis of the flesh-eating disease Buruli ulcer**
- **Strengthening public health and health systems**



## 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.



## Neglected People: Neglected 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 neglected people and can lead to:

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

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

- **Leprosy**
- **Lymphatic filariasis**
- **Leishmaniasis**
- **Buruli ulcer**
- **Yaws**
- **Trachoma**

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/).

Charles (center, standing) lives in a small village in Liberia with his mother and siblings. Thanks to your compassionate support, his case of the flesh-eating disease Buruli ulcer was caught and treated early. Now he's completely healed and can look forward to continuing his studies. 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.

-  Awareness/health education
-  Case detection
-  Disease mapping
-  Health system support
-  Health worker training
-  Hospital infrastructure
-  Lab support
-  Medicines and medical supplies
-  Research
-  Treatment

# CARE

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

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|  Awareness/health education |  Income generation              |
|  Christian discipleship     |  Medicines and medical supplies |
|  Disability prevention      |  Nutrition                      |
|  Disease mapping            |  Reconstructive surgery         |
|  Footwear                   |  Research                       |
|  Health system support      |  Self-care training             |
|  Health worker training     |  Self-help groups               |
|  Hospital infrastructure    |  WASH                           |

# END

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

-  Disease mapping
-  Health system support
-  Preventative drugs
-  Research
-  WASH

## Restoring Dignity and Hope for More Than 100 Years

Since 1906, American Leprosy Missions has served as a channel of Christ's love, helping people with leprosy and related diseases be healed and restored to lives of dignity and hope.

Today, thanks to your support, 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 generous support, Ram Dulari (left) has been cured of leprosy and empowered to become the leader of her self-help group in Nepal. She then diagnosed Rita (right) with leprosy and made sure Rita received the proper treatment and care. Credit: Tom Bradley





## Transforming Lives Around the World

In 2020, you helped us impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of suffering and marginalized people through medical treatment and training, medical supply deliveries, health system strengthening, research, community development, and disease mapping and management. 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.

**United States of America**



Your gifts provide hope and healing to people around the world, like Emmanuel (left) in Côte d'Ivoire who received the cure for Buruli ulcer, Vimala (center) in India who received leprosy treatment and a prosthetic leg, and Ayea (right) in Myanmar who was cured of leprosy. Credits: Tom Bradley

**Brazil**

**Norway**

**United Kingdom**

**Nepal**

**Bangladesh**

**Myanmar**

**Philippines**

**India**

**Indonesia**

**Madagascar**

**Mozambique**

**DR Congo**

**Republic of the Congo**

**Gabon**

**Cameroon**

**Liberia**

**Sierra Leone**

**Senegal**

**Ghana**

**Benin**

**Niger**

**Nigeria**

**Uganda**

**Ethiopia**

**Kenya**

**Tanzania**

**Comoros**





Thanks to your faithful partnership, Bechani, a poor, marginalized widow in Nepal, has flourished. With your support, her self-help group has helped her build a house and provided a microfinance loan for her to open a small grocery shop. Credit: Tom Bradley

## Your Gifts in Action

Last year, partners like you helped relieve suffering and restore hope to more than 200,000 men, women and children around the world. **Thank you!**

**1,746 health workers**

in West Africa trained in NTD disability prevention

**457 life-changing leprosy surgeries**

performed at 3 partner hospitals in India and Nepal

**\$5,080,368 worth of critical medicines**

and medical supplies sent to Liberia

**50,843 people**

screened for NTDs

**\$790,495 invested**

in pioneering research in 21 countries

**392 student leaders**

in India trained in good sanitation and hygiene

**1,882 pairs of special footwear**

distributed

**13,162 households**

in India reached with education on sanitation, hygiene and NTDs

**120,000 people**

in DR Congo reached with public health messages via radio and TV



## Empowering People on the Front Lines of the Fight Against COVID-19

American Leprosy Missions provides life-changing care and treatment to people living in some of the most neglected and poverty-stricken corners of the earth. For the poor and marginalized around the world, COVID-19 is another threat to an already fragile life. Yet, with your faithful support, we remain committed to serving as a channel of Christ's love to people suffering from neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and finding new ways to bring hope and healing.

**Top:** During the pandemic, your generous gifts helped women leaders in India educate their neighbors on handwashing, social distancing, and care for people affected by leprosy and related diseases.

**Middle:** Thanks to your support, the Kimpese Evangelical Medical Institute in the DR Congo was able to train staff on COVID-19 protection measures.

**Bottom:** Your gifts have provided critical support to Christian partners like Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital in Nepal, enabling them to continue to deliver essential care to suffering people.



## Leprosy Research Tool Identifies Drug to Fight Novel Coronavirus

American Leprosy Missions has a long history of excellence in pioneering disease research. Thanks to your generous gifts, in 2020 we used our expertise in an exciting new way. Dr. Sundeep Chaitanya, director of research and innovation, screened 2,482,182 drug compounds to find potential treatments for the novel coronavirus. Using the same computer screening process he developed to review leprosy drugs, Sundeep and his team at the University of Cambridge in the U.K. found a promising drug, mitoxantrone, currently FDA-approved as a cancer treatment. Another Cambridge team is now conducting laboratory tests to see how effective it is against COVID-19. Thank you for partnering with us to enable important research into new ways to stop neglected tropical diseases – and COVID-19!

Dr. Sundeep Chaitanya in his home office, looking for potential treatments for COVID-19. Thank you for partnering with us on pioneering disease research.





You are empowering women leaders in India to create healthy communities. With your support they have sewn more than 60,000 cloth masks and visited neighbors to demonstrate correct hand washing.

## Women WASH Leaders Respond to COVID-19

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are critical to combating diseases like leprosy and a key part of community protection against the novel coronavirus. When COVID-19 cases were first reported in India, women from our WASH project accompanied government health workers to educate their neighbors on handwashing, social distancing, and at-home care for those affected by leprosy and related diseases. With your support, these women leaders have been proactive in their communities, sewing nearly 60,000 free cloth masks, and making hand wash using local natural ingredients. Despite the pandemic, they continue to identify people affected by neglected tropical diseases and support home-based care for them. Thanks to your generous gifts, these women are using their knowledge of disease prevention to protect their communities against COVID-19.



## You Continue to Make Cure and Care Possible

Thanks to your faithful support, our partner hospitals in India, Nepal and DR Congo have been able to continue providing the cure and expert care to people suffering from NTDs. With your gifts, our partners are treating patients during lockdowns, training health workers and government staff, conducting life-changing surgeries, and educating people about COVID-19 and diseases like leprosy through TV and radio spots. What's more, your financial support has sent \$5 million worth of medicines and medical supplies to Christian missions and orphanages in Liberia. Thank you for your commitment to serving as a channel of Christ's love to people suffering from NTDs around the world!

Your generous gifts have reached into remote corners of the DR Congo as staff from our partner hospital provide public health messages over radio and TV, educating people about COVID-19, leprosy and other diseases.

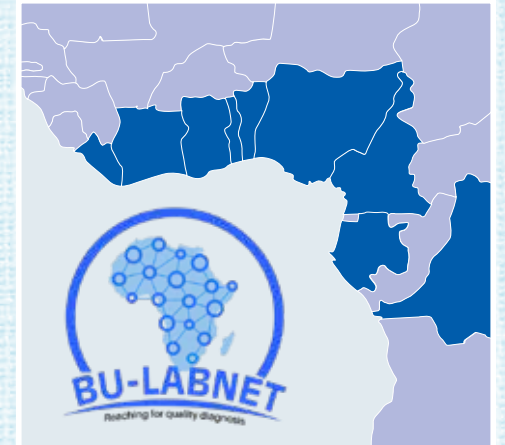




## A New Network Combats Flesh-Eating Disease

Buruli ulcer is a flesh-eating disease that mostly affects children. Many people suffering from this disease cannot get an accurate or timely diagnosis, leading to scarring, disabilities and stigma. With your generous gifts, we have helped establish the largest laboratory network in Africa dedicated to solving this problem and delivering results for people affected by Buruli ulcer. Supported by the World Health Organization, American Leprosy Missions, and the Pasteur Center of Cameroon, this group of 12 labs will work together to implement high-quality standards for diagnosis and train lab technicians. Thank you for partnering with us in this new venture to make sure that people suffering from Buruli ulcer across all of West Africa receive fast, accurate diagnoses and the expert care they need to thrive!

You're touching the lives of children like these in Côte d'Ivoire who have all been treated for the flesh-eating disease Buruli ulcer. Your gifts train community health workers who find suffering people and deliver hope and healing. (Left to right: Bertine, Jean-Marie, Michel, Kouakou, Neri)  
Credit: Tom Bradley



Your gifts have helped us establish the new Buruli Ulcer Laboratory Network, which includes labs from nine countries in West Africa. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that all people affected by Buruli ulcer receive fast, accurate diagnoses.





Your generous gifts have equipped and empowered women leaders in India to educate villagers, and school children like these, about proper sanitation and hygiene to help stop the spread of disease. Credit: Tom Bradley

# Fiscal 2020 Finances and Program Support

## Revenue

Public Contributions	\$ 6,602,593
Legacies	\$ 584,751
In-Kind Gifts	\$ 3,474,279
Investments/Other	\$ 138,556
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 10,800,179</b>

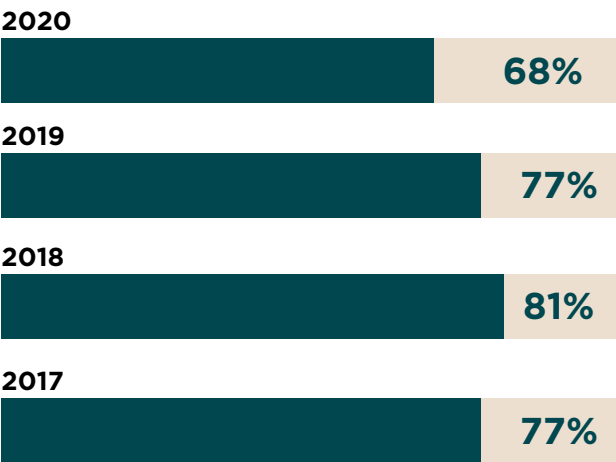
## Expenses

Program Services	\$ 8,893,226
Fundraising	\$ 3,142,216
Management & General	\$ 1,024,287
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,059,729</b>

## Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$ 640,263
Other Assets	\$ 14,145,990
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,786,253</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 726,329
Other Liabilities	\$ 129,205
Total Net Assets	\$ 13,930,719
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,786,253</b>

## Program Expense Ratio







For nearly two years, Julia's parents visited one traditional healer after another, but the ulcer on her leg kept growing. Thanks to your support, our partners in Côte d'Ivoire found her and brought her to the hospital for Buruli ulcer treatment and wound care. Your gifts have given her hope and healing. Credit: Tom Bradley

## Leadership

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**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 and governments 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.

**Far right:** Eleven-year-old Kisum (left) lives with his father and four siblings in a small village in Nepal. Your compassionate support has provided him with leprosy treatment and care. Credit: Tom Bradley

### **Non-Governmental and Faith-Based Organizations**

Actions Transforming Lives (ACTs) Liberia

Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP)

ACCORD Network

Biomeme, Inc.

Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL)

Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH)

Coalition for Operational Research on NTDs (COR-NTD)

FHI 360

Ganta Leprosy/TB Rehabilitation Center - Liberia

Global Outreach Mission/ MissionGo

Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy

Institut Médical Evangélique/ Kimpese Hospital - DR Congo

International Leprosy Association (ILA)

International Coalition for Trachoma Control

Leonard Wood Memorial/ CLTRFI - Philippines

LEPRA Society - India

MAP International

MICAH Global

Myanmar Christian Leprosy Hospital (MCLH)

Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network

Nepal Leprosy Trust

Novartis

Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre - Karigiri, India

Sustainable Mission Aid (SMAID) - Ghana

The Leprosy Mission DR Congo

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

The Task Force for Global Health  
World Vision Ghana

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

Action Damien - Belgium  
Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau - Italy

DAHW (German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association) - Germany  
effect:hope - Canada

FAIRMED - Switzerland

Fondation Raoul Follereau - France

Fontilles - Spain

Lepra - U.K.

Le Secours aux Lépreux - Canada

NLR International - Netherlands

Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation - Japan  
The Leprosy Mission International - U.K.

### **Government Entities**

Department of Health - Philippines

Federal Ministry of Health - Nigeria

Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) - U.K.

Ghana Health Services - Ghana

Ministry of Health - Brazil

Ministry of Health and the Fight Against AIDS - 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 and Social Welfare - Tanzania

Ministry of Public Health - Cameroon

National Institute of Health Research - U.K.

USAID/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) - U.S.A.

USAID/Act to End NTDs | West - U.S.A.

### **Universities and Research Institutes**

Centre Pasteur du Cameroun

Diamond Light Source - Harwell Campus - University of Oxford

Emory University

Fiocruz - Brazil

HI Rapid Design Lab, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad

Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI)

Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Ghana

Leprosy Research Initiative

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

National Hansen's Disease Programs (NHDP)

Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Ghana

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**Front cover:** Six-year-old Anisha lives in rural Nepal. She and her brother both had leprosy. But thanks to your generous gifts, they were treated quickly by our partner, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital. Now they can grow up without disability or stigma. Thank you! Credit: Tom Bradley