



2021 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR



Bill Simmons, President and CEO

Thank you for your faithful partnership during the past year. Despite COVID-19 and continued 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.

Thanks to your generous support, we have been:

- ◆ Training faith leaders and community health workers to recognize and treat diseases early, before disability and despair set in
- ◆ Equipping Christian hospital partners, including improving hospital infrastructure
- ◆ Conducting research into new ways to detect, diagnose and treat diseases
- ◆ Improving water, sanitation and hygiene and providing health education

- ◆ Strengthening public health and health systems
- ◆ Providing essential medications and medical supplies
- ◆ Ensuring people marginalized by leprosy have access to COVID-19 vaccines

Your gifts are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world. With your faithful support, we have continued to work with our partners to cure people suffering from leprosy and related diseases, care for those affected, and move ever closer to an end to leprosy.

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.

May God continue to use you to bring healing and hope and share the love of Jesus with even more men, women and children.



Bill Simmons
President and CEO



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

OUR VISION

**A world
without
leprosy.**

OUR 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
- ◆ Malnutrition
- ◆ Increased poverty
- ◆ Lifelong disabilities
- ◆ Stigma and isolation

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

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

Left: Amudha Muthisamy was diagnosed with leprosy at age 10 and part of her right foot was amputated as a young woman. Our partner hospital in India, the Schieffelin Institute, makes an orthotic boot to protect Amudha's foot. This special boot keeps her mobile and independent! Credit: Tom Bradley



Half the victims of the flesh-eating disease Buruli ulcer are children like Arsene in Côte d'Ivoire. Thanks to your faithful partnership, he got the cure and care he needed and is back playing with his friends. Credit: Tom Bradley



RESTORING DIGNITY AND HOPE FOR 115 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.

Left: Your support made it possible for Surya to get leprosy treatment before he developed severe symptoms or disabilities. You are making a difference in thousands of lives like Surya's!
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	 Christian Discipleship	 Disease Mapping	 Disability Prevention
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 Footwear	 Health System Support	 Health Worker Training	 Hospital Infrastructure	 Income Generation
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Care

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

 Lab Support	 Medical Supplies	 Nutrition	 Preventative Drugs	 Reconstructive Surgery
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We develop innovative ways to treat and prevent leprosy and other NTDs.

 Research	 Self-Care Training	 Self-Help Groups	 Treatment	 WASH
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TRANSFORMING LIVES AROUND THE WORLD

In 2021, 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 and community development. 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.



YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

Last year, generous people like you helped relieve suffering and restore hope to more than 200,000 men, women and children around the world.



Ghana, Credit: American Leprosy Missions

56,346

people impacted
by water, sanitation and
hygiene projects in India

1,405

suspected NTD cases
referred to health centers

17

people baptized in DR Congo



India, Credit: Tom Bradley

\$13,735,000

worth of critical medicines
and medical supplies sent to
DR Congo and Ghana

64,080

people in Africa reached
with information about NTDs

715

people affected by leprosy
and their family members vaccinated
against COVID-19 in India



Nepal, Credit: Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital

36,000

patient records
computerized in Nepal

4,442

health workers, leaders
and others trained in
NTD prevention and treatment



Liberia, Credit: Tom Bradley

1,492

people affected by leprosy
received special footwear

\$1,031,000

invested in pioneering
NTD research in 22 countries

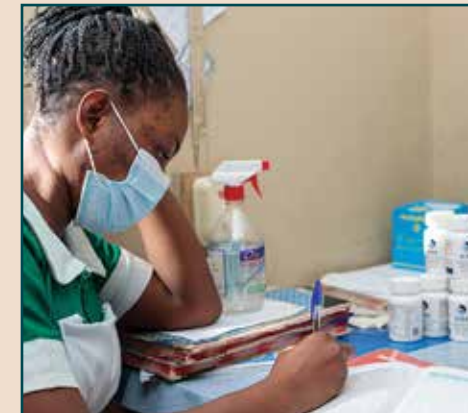
Thank you!



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Spreading Knowledge, Spreading Hope

When diseases like leprosy are diagnosed and treated early, we can prevent lifelong disabilities. So people on the front lines—community leaders, pastors, nurses and health workers—need the knowledge to recognize diseases and know how to help. **Your gifts equip thousands of people to deliver care where it's needed most in Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Ghana, and India.** Thanks to your support, local leaders have the knowledge, tools and skills to respond, and people suffering from leprosy and related diseases are receiving diagnosis and treatment before lifelong damage is done!



Your generous gifts train health workers at places like Agogo Presbyterian Hospital in Ghana, to diagnose and treat leprosy and related diseases. Credit: American Leprosy Missions

Left: With your support, women in India and Nepal are empowered to keep their communities healthy by educating them about water quality, mosquito control, disease and waste management, and hygiene practices. Credit: Tom Bradley



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Faster Results for Better Care

Multi-drug therapy (MDT) is the only available cure for leprosy, but sometimes leprosy bacteria mutate to resist these drugs. To help doctors and scientists learn about and treat drug-resistant leprosy, we launched the Hansen's disease Antimicrobial Resistance Profiles (HARP) database with the University of Cambridge. HARP makes it possible, for the first time, to view all the bacteria protein mutations that interfere with MDT treatment—80,902 mutations! Thanks to your support, a process that used to take months can be completed in just a few minutes. **Your gifts allow doctors to spend less time waiting on tests and more time treating people.**

Left: Jeevithu Vangatesan suffered from undiagnosed leprosy for many years. Finally she found her way to our Christian partner hospital in India, the Schieffelin Institute, where she was cured! Credit: Tom Bradley

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Equipping the Church to Heal

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, faith leaders are respected figures in their communities. Churches are trusted institutions that help people spiritually and physically. That's why, with your support, American Leprosy Missions and our Christian partner, IME Kimpese Hospital, are educating pastors and congregations so they can help people suffering from diseases like leprosy through early case detection, self-care training, and spiritual and emotional care. **Thanks to your generous gifts, we trained 466 faith leaders and referred 521 people to medical care.** You are making a difference in communities where it matters most!



Your gifts train church leaders in the DR Congo to recognize diseases like leprosy and Buruli ulcer, care for people affected, and provide spiritual and emotional support. Credit: IME Kimpese Hospital



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Walking into a Life of Hope

Leprosy attacks the nerves in the hands and feet. And feet with nerve damage are easily injured and can become infected. This can lead to deformity or even amputation. Special footwear ensures that a person can safely work, do chores, or attend school. **Your generous support helps our Christian partner hospital in India, the Schieffelin Institute, provide protective shoes and prosthetics to people affected by leprosy.** In 2020, Schieffelin produced 6,449 shoes and 85 prosthetic and orthotic pieces. Your gifts keep giving to people after they receive the cure for leprosy: prosthetic legs or protective shoes enable them to live full and hopeful lives!

Left: Shoemaker Thamareselvan C. has been working at the Schieffelin Institute in India for 28 years. Thanks to your support, he is creating a mold of patient Lalithabai Nagarajan's nerve-damaged feet so she can get custom shoes to protect them. Credit: Tom Bradley

Right: Kondra Yarriah suffers from disabilities caused by leprosy. The shoe technician in India takes measurements of Kondra's feet for special shoes that will restore his mobility. Your gifts make it possible for people affected by leprosy to live full, productive lives. Credit: Tom Bradley



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Critical Care Restored in Nepal

Two years ago, you joined us to help one of our Christian partners, Anandaban Hospital, start to rebuild its facilities after Nepal's 2015 earthquake destroyed important infrastructure. Now, thanks to your gifts and over \$1 million in grant funding from USAID ASHA, Anandaban's new building is nearing completion! The building will house the ICU, maternity and pediatric wards, and surgery theaters. Anandaban is the only hospital in its region, serving thousands of people annually who need treatment for leprosy or more general medical and surgical care. **With this new building, your gifts are restoring Anandaban's full capacity to offer healing and hope.**



Thanks to your generous support and grant funding from USAID ASHA, Anandaban's new facilities in Nepal will serve new mothers and infants, as well as people in need of surgery and intensive care. Credit: Anandaban Hospital



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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Protecting the Most Vulnerable from COVID-19

When the COVID-19 vaccine became available in India, people affected by leprosy still faced the challenge of finding transportation to a health facility, as well as stigma from health workers who might refuse to treat them. We partnered with LEPRA India to bring the vaccine to the doorstep of people in five leprosy colonies around Hyderabad. We conducted awareness campaigns to tell people about COVID and the vaccine and held vaccination "camps" in each community, providing 715 vaccines to people affected and their families! **Thank you for your generous support that reaches people who might otherwise never get the care they need.**

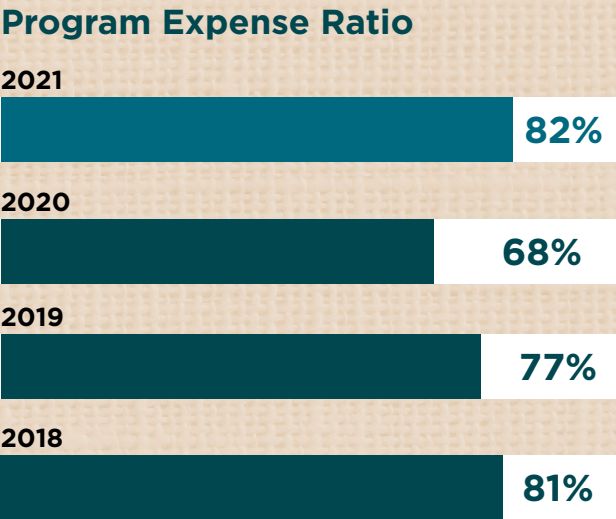


Top Right: Your gifts are protecting the most vulnerable by funding COVID-19 awareness campaigns in leprosy colonies in India. Credit: LEPRA Society

Bottom Right: A team of medical personnel visited five leprosy colonies to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Thanks to your support, 715 marginalized people received their shots! Credit: LEPRA Society

FISCAL 2021 FINANCES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Revenue	
Public Contributions	\$ 7,616,776
Legacies	\$ 518,690
In-Kind Gifts	\$ 13,735,003
Investments/Other	\$ 116,517
Total Revenue	\$ 21,986,986
Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 18,940,313
Fundraising	\$ 3,085,909
Management & General	\$ 1,220,600
Total Expenses	\$ 23,246,822
Assets & Liabilities	
Current Assets	\$ 581,607
Other Assets	\$ 14,999,690
Total Assets	\$ 15,581,297
Current Liabilities	\$ 361,365
Other Liabilities	\$ 117,876
Total Net Assets	\$ 15,102,056
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 15,581,297



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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.

Right: Your faithful gifts brought hope to Kwasi Wuna in Ghana, making it possible for him to get the cure for leprosy before his symptoms became severe. Credit: Tom Bradley



PARTNERS

American Leprosy Missions collaborates with more than 70 organizations and governments on policy development, program coordination, research, advocacy, technical training, community development and more, to best serve people affected by leprosy and related diseases.

Non-Governmental and Faith-Based Organizations

Actions Transforming Lives (ACTs) Liberia

Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP)

ACCORD Network

Agogo Presbyterian Hospital-Ghana

Biomeme, Inc.

Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH)

Coalition for Operational Research on NTDs (COR-NTD)

FHI 360

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International Leprosy Association (ILA)

International Coalition for Trachoma Control

LEPRA Society – India

MAP International

MICAH Global

Myanmar Christian Leprosy Hospital (MCLH)

Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network (NNN)

Nepal Leprosy Trust

Novartis

Schieffelin Institute of Health – Research and Leprosy Centre – 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

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

Lepira – U.K.

Le Secours aux Lépreux – Canada

NLR International – Netherlands

Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation – Japan

The Leprosy Mission International – U.K.

Government Entities

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

Ghana Health Services – Ghana

Ministry of Health – Benin

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 and Sports – Myanmar

Ministry of Health – Nepal

Ministry of Health – Senegal

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.

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International Institutions

United Nations

World Health Organization

Universities and Research Institutes

Centre Pasteur du Cameroun – Cameroon

Diamond Light Source, University of Oxford – U.K.

Emory University

Fiocruz – Brazil

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

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)

National Institute for Medical Research – Tanzania

Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research – Ghana

Science and Technologies Facilities Council – U.K.
Research and Innovation

University of Liberia & Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (UL-PIRE) – Liberia

University of Cambridge – U.K.

University of Melbourne – Australia



Khusbu and her family live near our partner, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, in Nepal. Thanks to your generous support, Khusbu recovered from leprosy and received a scholarship to help with her school fees. Credit: Tom Bradley



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Front cover photos

Left: In the villages of Côte d'Ivoire, people suffer from the flesh-eating disease, Buruli ulcer, without knowing the cause or how to prevent it. Thanks to your support and our local partners, community education helps families like this one understand how to stay healthy. Credit: Tom Bradley

Top right: Your support of our women-led WASH projects in Asia means that school children, like these girls in India, are learning good hygiene practices like handwashing that help prevent disease. Credit: Tom Bradley

Bottom right: Mohammed Ojer in Nepal was diagnosed with leprosy 20 years ago. Now, he's a leader for people affected in his community. Your gifts restore dignity and hope! Credit: Tom Bradley