



2023 Annual Report

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.



A STORY OF HOPE

FOR 117 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN WRITING STORIES OF HOPE. THIS PAST YEAR, YOU HELPED WRITE MANKERE'S STORY OF HOPE.

Mankere (left) and her grandmother Augustina (right) were desperate for help. Finally, a local pastor from one of our projects saw her skin patches and realized it was leprosy. Now Mankere has the cure – and renewed hope – thanks to your partnership.



THE MYSTERY AFFLICTION

In a remote northern village in Ghana, eight-year-old Mankere was suffering.

She had painful, discolored skin patches on her arms and hands, and her family didn't know what was wrong. It got so bad, she stopped going to school. Mankere would cry at night, in agony because of the pain.

"I took Mankere to different doctors, seeking care, but it all did not yield any positive impact," says her grandmother, Augustina.

AN UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTER

One day, a local pastor met Mankere. He had been trained by our Christian partners to recognize neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) like leprosy. When he saw the patches on Mankere's arms, he encouraged her grandmother to take her to the clinic.

At the clinic, Mankere and her grandmother learned that she had leprosy. "I was really scared," says Augustina. She had seen the effects of leprosy and didn't want her granddaughter to suffer.

"YOU HAVE BROUGHT HOPE."

But thanks to your support, Mankere was diagnosed early and started treatment right away. This means she will not suffer from nerve damage and disabilities. She already feels better and has returned to school, playing with her friends.

"Hope is when there is a helpless situation, and God brings you a helper," Augustina told us. "Before, I thought there was no hope. But you have brought hope."

Thank you for writing Mankere's Story of Hope this year.



Thanks to your gifts, our local Christian partner has been training church leaders and other community members to recognize NTDs like leprosy. Volunteers like Rose Kumah (left) educate their neighbors and encourage them to get medical care. More people like Mankere are being diagnosed early and receiving the cure, thanks to your support of projects like this in West Africa.

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–Augustina (Grandmother)

BREAKING BARRIERS TO HEALTH AND RENEWING HOPE

MORE THAN ONE BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE SUFFER FROM NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDS) LIKE LEPROSY. Your faithful support is freeing people from the pain and stigma of NTDs by:



Engaging the local church, Christian non-profits and parachurch organizations as implementing partners



Funding research and developing groundbreaking tools to better treat and diagnose disease

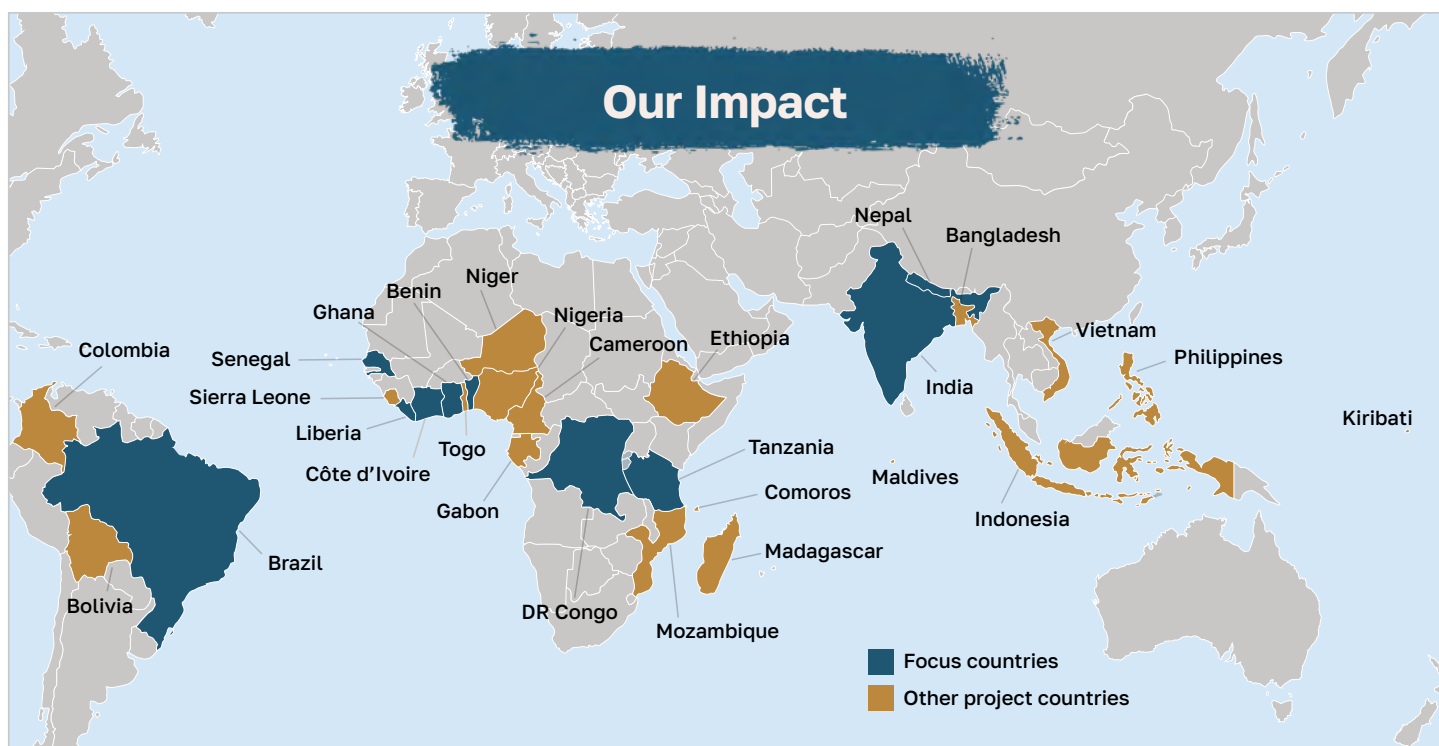


Strengthening partners to overcome health barriers and reach affected people faster



Championing the physical, emotional and spiritual health of people affected

Thanks to you, hope rises across the globe.



Last year, your generous gifts supported projects, programs and partners in more than 25 countries, impacting more than 500,000 people.



10,015
people treated

\$4.3 million

worth of medicines and medical supplies
sent to partners in Ghana and Nepal

45

people baptized in DR Congo



5,878

health workers trained to recognize and
treat NTDs in Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo,
Ghana, India, Liberia and Nepal

YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION

35,556

people made aware of NTDs in
Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo and India

3,771

prostheses and special
footwear provided in India
and Nepal



13,477

lab tests performed

1,246

life-changing surgeries performed in
Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, India and Nepal



6,998

school children in India
trained on NTDs and WASH



345,290

people screened
for NTDs

15 million

Ghanians reached with documentary
about lymphatic filariasis



1,627

NTD cases mapped in Sierra Leone

PARTNERING WITH CHRIST FOLLOWERS TO RENEW HOPE



Empowering Hope by Accelerating Disease Diagnosis

Normally, it can take months for people suffering from the flesh-eating disease, Buruli ulcer, to receive their test results. Delayed diagnosis leads to delayed treatment and disabilities. But the Biomeme qPCR machine can provide accurate results in less than one hour. Last year, thanks to your faithful support, we performed the first successful Biomeme field test for Buruli ulcer at a remote clinic in the DR Congo. Two children had positive results and the clinic staff was able to give them the cure right away! Now, our Christian hospital partner in the region, IME Kimpese, can continue performing rapid tests like this.

Thank you for creating life-changing solutions for people affected.

ALM's senior director of research and innovation, Dr. Sundeep Chaitanya Vedithi, uses the Biomeme machine (left) to perform a rapid Buruli ulcer test for three-year-old Kembo, seated on his mother's lap (right).



Yangataswamy loves his new, custom shoes that will protect his nerve-damaged feet.
Credit: Tom Bradley

Remote Solutions for Life-Changing Footwear in India

Thanks to your generous gifts, our Christian hospital partner in India has installed computer-aided design and manufacturing equipment to improve its footwear workshop. It speeds up production time on custom footwear for people affected by leprosy. Now the hospital is even receiving digital foot scans from remote locations and mailing custom insoles to people with badly deformed feet who live hundreds of miles away. **Your support is restoring mobility so men, women and children disabled by leprosy can walk, work and take better care of themselves.**

Breaking Strongholds in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire

In the past year, your support helped us fund new projects with four Christian organizations and hospitals in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. Each of these projects strengthens local health providers and trains community members to identify people affected by NTDs, refer them for treatment and provide emotional and spiritual support. Training like this ensures more people get care, shares the love of Christ and helps people know they are not alone. **Thank you for helping us make a difference for neglected people across West Africa!**



Community training in Ghana helps people recognize NTDs and get treatment quickly.



FISCAL YEAR 2023 FINANCES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Revenue

Public Contributions	\$ 11,864,926
In-Kind Gifts	\$ 4,325,649
Investments/Other	\$ 70,136
Total Revenue	\$ 16,260,711



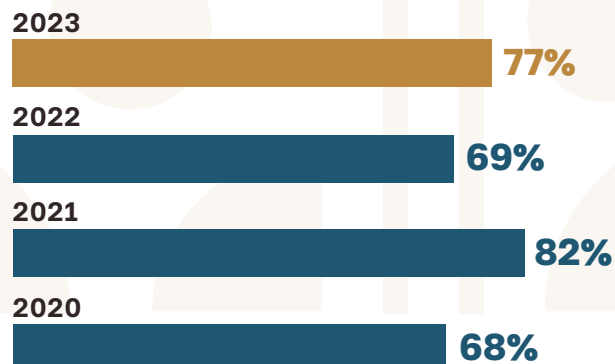
Expenses

Program Services	\$ 11,099,098
Fundraising	\$ 2,581,307
Management & General	\$ 772,551
Total Expenses	\$ 14,452,956

Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$ 741,862
Other Assets	\$ 16,045,987
Total Assets	\$ 16,787,849
Current Liabilities	\$ 794,187
Other Liabilities	\$ 102,670
Total Net Assets	\$ 15,890,992
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 16,787,849

PROGRAM EXPENSE RATIO



LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

American Leprosy Missions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Our work is directed by our executive leaders, overseen by the board of directors, and supported by our global team.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Bill Simmons – President and CEO
Ken Wilson, M.B.A., C.P.A. – Chief of Staff

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GLOBAL TEAM

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PARTNERS

American Leprosy Missions collaborates with more than 70 non-profit organizations, Christian NGOs and governments on program coordination, research, advocacy, training, community development and more, to best serve people affected by neglected tropical diseases like leprosy. leprosy.org/partners



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