

# World Leprosy Day 2012

Transformation



**But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 1 Corinthians 15:51 NLT**

World Leprosy Day is celebrated in over 100 countries on the last Sunday in January. This year, on 29 January 2012, Ernesto and his family feature in our campaign as The Leprosy Mission focuses attention on leprosy and the consequences it has on the lives of those affected. We are concentrating our efforts this year on Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique, which has one of the highest prevalences of leprosy in Africa.

It was leprosy that brought Ernesto and Fatema together, resulting in marriage and the birth of their beautiful daughter, Aurora. They met at a self-care group in Cabo Delgado, where they both received help and advice about leprosy, as they knew very little about the disease. Ernesto now has a job operating milling equipment and has joined a Government run school for adults where he is training to be a teacher.

Teaching people self-care enables them to prevent further disabilities caused by leprosy. The disease is cured with multidrug therapy – a combination of drugs administered for up to one year. Patients still need to be carefully monitored, as complications can arise

We feel called to work with those who face social exclusion and for whom the loss of home, work, spouse or marriage prospects is a daily reality. These are tragedies that The Leprosy Mission sees time and again in its life-changing work and projects.

Please join us in helping to transform lives in Mozambique through prayer and by raising funds for The Leprosy Mission's work. Details are available from your church representative or online at [www.worldleprosyday.org.uk](http://www.worldleprosyday.org.uk)



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