



# The North West

and Isle of Man Newsletter

News from around the world and where you live

## Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

When Wellesley Bailey arrived in Ambala in the Punjab in 1871 his missionary zeal as a new follower of Christ led him into fellowship with leprosy sufferers. He is quoted as saying:

*'I almost shuddered and yet I was at the same time fascinated. I felt that if ever there was a Christ-like work in the world, it was to go amongst these poor sufferers and bring them the consolation, the hope of the Gospel'.*



Praying with patients on the streets of Mumbai

In November 2010 I visited India where I felt humbled and proud to be a small part of the great work that is going on there. You too should feel the same because you and your church fellowships are partners with The Leprosy Mission through your prayers and financial support. I saw the amazing results of reconstructive surgery and shared with beneficiaries the joy of receiving new low-cost houses, livestock and sewing machines to assist in their rehabilitation. I saw community work in slum areas, in leprosy colonies and in tribal villages where people are being empowered to move forward together to rebuild their lives and claim their rights. Amidst all of this, I was encouraged to see that Bailey's original motivation is very much alive today in the staff of the Mission. The Christian Gospel is proclaimed daily in chapel services in the hospitals and vocational training centres and privately to individual patients who may be afraid and stigmatised because of their leprosy.

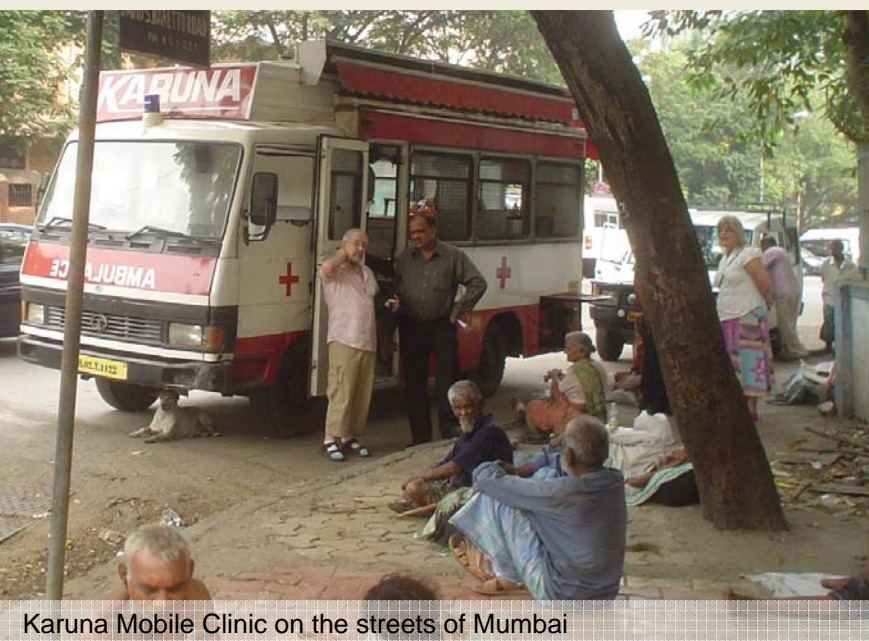
At the Karuna Mobile Clinic on the streets of Mumbai, leprosy-affected people are hearing the message of salvation in prayer and worship after their treatment and passers by are stopping to listen too. The clinic offers a four day a week service to the estimated 120,000 leprosy-affected people in Mumbai. The staff are drawn from

local churches and include doctors, nurses, experts in dressings and the all-important drivers and mechanics. They are wonderful caring Christians who just love these disadvantaged and marginalised folk.

The care includes bathing facilities, treatment of wounds and ulcers and general health problems, all available in a specially adapted vehicle. A cup of chai is a welcome bonus. At least 50 people wait for the mobile clinic every day!

Thank you for your support and for the hope and the dignity in lives restored and in lives given to Christ that make all your efforts so worthwhile. If you would like to invite me to speak to your group or Church mid-week or for a Sunday service, please do ask!

Derek Hartley



Karuna Mobile Clinic on the streets of Mumbai

Changing lives together

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# Coffee and Care

A great way for everyone to make a difference and change a life!



Lunch time for VTC students in India

As you will be aware from last year's newsletter, our income (even in the North West and the Isle of Man!) from church groups and individual donors is falling. This is a worrying trend for the Mission's hospitals and projects around the world. This is partly why we launched our Coffee and Care initiative last year. It was for a specific cause to feed 150 residential leprosy-affected students at our Bankura Vocational Training Centre in India. I find it amazing that just 20p can provide a student with a full day's food, that's three hot meals! That's £30 a day for all the students!

*I want to say a big thank you to everyone in our area who supported Coffee and Care last year and helped provide food for 122 days!*

In India recently I was able to visit a similar centre in the city of Nashik and was amazed and encouraged at the commitment of the students to learn new skills and at the quality of training given. I was also able to sample the excellent food and to marvel at what is provided for 20p!

Because of its success we are hoping that you will be able to respond again this year. There will be someone in your church who enjoys putting on a coffee morning or a similar event. In my own church I know who that person is and it isn't our Leprosy Mission contact! Please join us in Coffee and Care again this year and ask me for the poster and leaflet.

## Nashik Vocational Training Centre

Restoring hope to young lives through education, training and compassion

For the first time the North West and the Isle of Man region have been given a special project for 2011. This fits in so well with my recent visit to India. We are asked to try and raise £18,152 for our vocational training centre at Nashik.

*We will provide all the raw materials and practical expenses for all the courses being undertaken by the 175 residential leprosy-affected students.*

These courses include computing, motor mechanics, diesel engine maintenance and repair, stenography and bookkeeping, carpentry, welding, printing and tailoring. Over 90% of these students are guaranteed work on qualification, such is the respect that local firms have for the training and the students' obvious commitment to make a new start.

To this end all the profits from our four events this year will be earmarked for this project. I'm sure we can meet this target. I hope it will be an added incentive to make sure your church or fellowship is well represented on these exciting days out.

All our events will be supporting the students at Nashik Vocational Training Centre



Students on the dressmaking course.

For more information please visit [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)

# Events where you live



## Fundraising events and days out

### Ride out for TLM



**Saturday 16 July 2011**  
Length: 40 miles

Back by popular demand! Cycle around the famous TT course on the Isle of Man and get sponsored for doing it – you will earn it! Join me on the overnight ferry from Heysham sailing at 2.15am and arriving in Douglas at 05.45am.

After a lovely warm-up ride along Marine Drive we can enjoy a hearty breakfast at 'The Caff' before a 9am start at the Grandstand. Forty miles of wonderful scenery await you.

After the ride why not relax with us in Onchan Park and enjoy a game of putting, a motor boat ride and some great fish and chips? We sail again at 8.00pm and arrive in Heysham at 11.30pm. The cost is £35 for the ferry fare, payable in full with booking. Go on – I dare you – I'm doing it and I'm 63!

### Launch Out for TLM



**Saturday 18 June 2011**  
Start: 11.30am

Yes, we are doing the Manchester Ship Canal Cruise again by popular demand.

This is a fascinating day out and we would love you to join us. We sail on the MV Snowdrop at 11.30am from Liverpool and arrive at Salford Quays six hours later. We will take you by coach to Liverpool and return you home from Salford Quays in the evening.

On board there will be worship and a full 'Blue Riband' commentary. Food and drinks can be purchased on board.

The cost is £35 for adults and £90 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children). Book now with a £5 deposit per person to avoid disappointment.



### Venture Out for TLM



**Saturday 2 July 2011**  
Various start points and times

This is a new adventure for us – but one that will be popular. We will travel by coach to Ambleside in time for a relaxing boat trip down Windermere to Lakeside. From here we will board a steam train for a nostalgic trip to Haverthwaite. Our coaches will meet us there and take us on to the charming village of Cartmel. At the end of the afternoon we will be treated to a guided tour of the Priory and a short service at which John Roughley, the Leprosy Mission Area Co-ordinator in the North East and Cumbria, will speak. We will set off for home at 5pm.

The cost is £35 for adults and £90 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children). Places are limited so please book straightaway with a £5 deposit per person.

### Splash Out for TLM



**Saturday 9 July 2011**  
Length: 9 miles Start: 11am

Go on – challenge yourself and other friends and family to walk across Morecambe Bay at low tide! This is our main fundraising event of the year and sponsorship is invited. Dogs are welcome and thoroughly enjoy the freedom.

Alan Sledmore and his team will guide us safely from Hest Bank to Humphrey Head and we will provide coaches to return everyone to Hest Bank. Car parking on the foreshore is free and there are toilets at both ends of the walk along with cafés and a fish and chip shop at Hest Bank.

Register yourself or your group now and finalise the numbers nearer the time. The cost is £9 for adults and £4.50 for children to cover all fees, coach fares and completion certificates. Please don't send any money now, the fee is payable at Hest Bank on the day of the walk.

# Bhagwanta is ready!

Be ready to answer anyone who asks you about the hope you have <sup>1 Peter 3v15</sup>

In the male ward at Kothara Community Hospital we were introduced to Bhagwanta Laxmanrao Ingle, a patient who had just had reconstructive surgery. Before he contracted leprosy he was a Hindu but when he was admitted to hospital for surgery he voluntarily began attending the chapel. He told me:

***"I was keen to discover why the Christian staff were willing to love me and care for me."***

Bhagwanta told us he had been totally rejected by his family, friends and community. He had recently become a Christian and while I was standing by his bed he broke into song. In a beautifully clear and melodic voice, he sang a song he had composed himself and I was powerfully affected as I listened to him. The nurses translated his song for me and these are his words:



Bhagwanta Laxmanrao Ingle

***Jesus, the warmth of Your flame is burning in my heart  
The light of Your love is glowing in my heart.***

***For my life You have shed Your blood  
Even death knows that You sustain me***

***In the midst of storms my life's  
boat was struggling  
I reached the shore against the  
waves of the sea***

***A light sparkled in my heart, the  
darkness of sin vanished  
On the veil of Your glorious  
vision my life is moving to You.***

Bhagwanta's prognosis physically and spiritually is very good. He is looking forward to returning to his family and community where acceptance and a warm welcome await him. I know he will bring the message of salvation to all he comes into contact with.

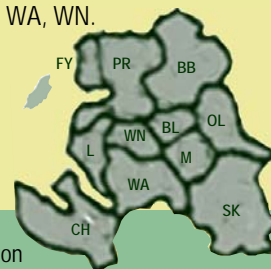
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Please contact  
me to arrange a  
speaker for a  
meeting.



## Event booking and response form Please make cheques payable to The Leprosy Mission

Event Title (e.g. 'Launch Out for TLM') \_\_\_\_\_ No. of people \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed  
(if applicable)  
£ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ £ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me Coffee and Care leaflets \_\_\_\_\_ (number required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to support the work of The Leprosy Mission. Please accept the gift of:

£100  £50  £25  £ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please treat all my donations to The Leprosy Mission for the four years prior to this year, and all subsequent donations until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. I will pay Income and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on my donations in any tax year.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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