

Responding to the need

God willing, we are aiming to raise £9000 this year in Wales to support Faizabad Mercy Home, which provides long-term residential care for older men and women who are deformed by leprosy. This money will cover the essential running costs of the home, and help fund some much-needed improvements.

To support the appeal you can join in one of our sponsored walks, **including the new one this year in Aberystwyth**—see the blue-topped 'Fundraising Events' leaflet. Or you can organise your own local event, as many did last year. How about a ceilidh/ twmpath/ barn dance evening? Or try a themed evening—say an Italian film with pizza and a glass of chianti. You can sell tickets for these events. Or do your own local sponsored walk. And of course, don't forget the good old coffee mornings!

Alternatively, you could ask your church to support the appeal financially, or simply make a donation yourself (see below).

In whatever way you support the appeal, your help will make a big difference and help us be there for the elderly residents at Faizabad for as long as they need us.

More details of sponsored walks can be found at www.leprosymission.org.uk, and follow Area Events/ Wales from the home page.

I/we would like to support the Wales 2009 project for Faizabad Mercy Home

£100 £50 £25 £___ other

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Church/Group: _____

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Please treat all my donations to TLM for the six years prior to this year and all subsequent donations until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I understand that I must pay tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on my donations in any tax year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send your response to the Area Coordinator:
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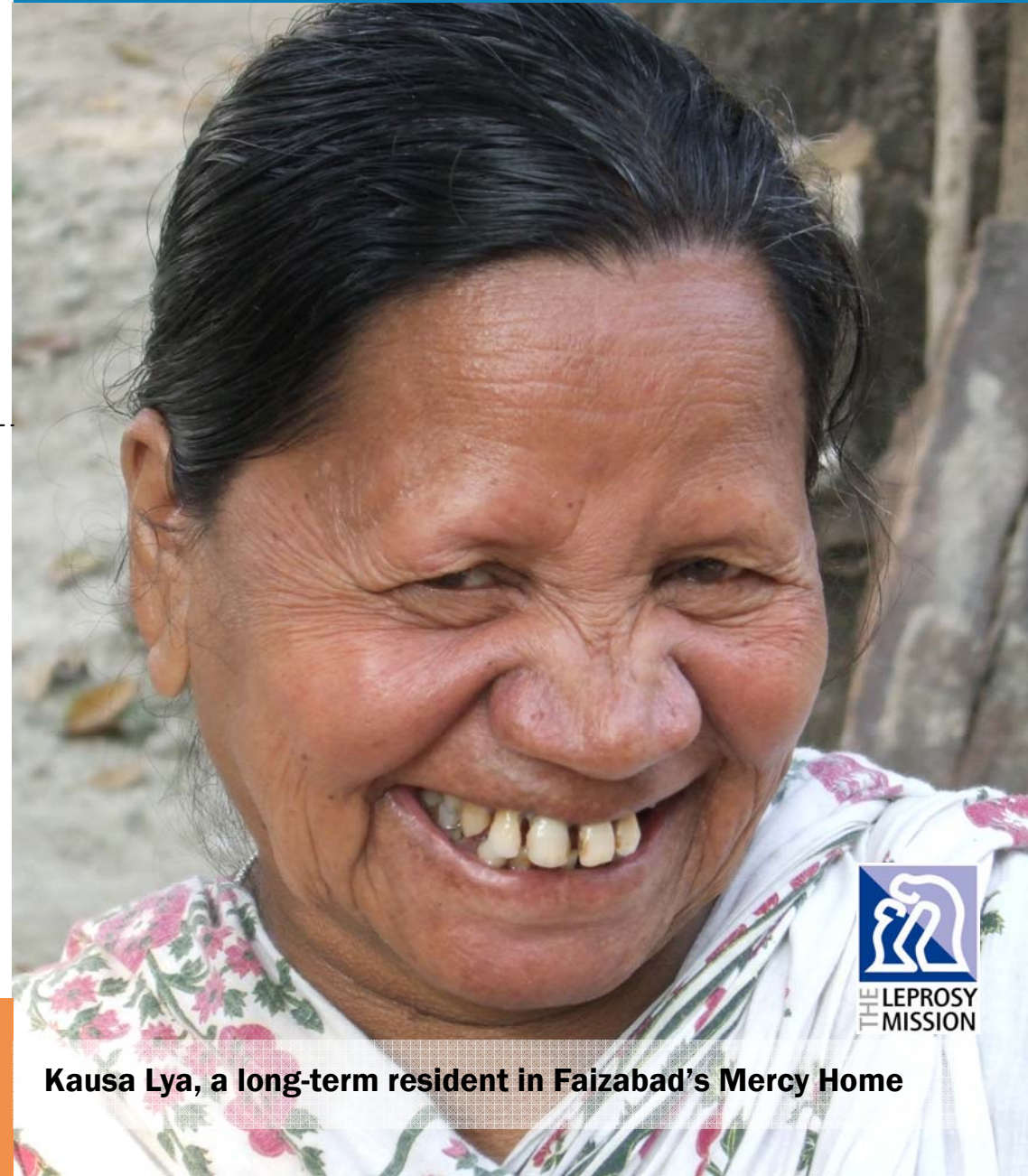


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Providing care and companionship for life

Faizabad Mercy Home

The Leprosy Mission Wales Project 2010



THE LEPROSY
MISSION

Kausa Lya, a long-term resident in Faizabad's Mercy Home

Dhani's story

One long-term resident of Faizabad Mercy Home, Dhani Ram, could challenge many of us about what we really need in life to be content.

Dhani's untreated leprosy was steadily making him go blind, and his search for a cure finally brought him to Faizabad. But by then, sadly, his sight was beyond saving. 'Leprosy took my eyes,' Dhani says, 'and shattered all the hopes for my future.'

However, Dhani stayed on in Faizabad and learned to live a new life. 'The love and care I received from the doctors, nurses and other staff have helped me build up my broken self-esteem. If I were living somewhere else, I don't know how people would treat me.'

Dhani still lives in the Mercy Home today. Although he is blind, he remains independent and, with a little help and within this safe environment, is able to take care of himself.

And he is a contented man. 'I have learned about God and learned to be thankful to him for what he has done and is doing for me.' That's the life-changing effect of Faizabad Mercy Home.



Dhani (right) with a fellow resident

Faizabad's Mercy Home

The Place

Faizabad's Mercy Home - or Snehalaya in the local language - provides long-term residential care for older men and women who are deformed by leprosy and would find it very difficult to live alone. Although cured, these people have often been abandoned by their families and communities because of their disease, but have found a new home for life in Faizabad. Just as important as the practical and medical care given by the mercy home is the companionship and friendship it provides into old age. Residents know they have a safe and secure refuge to the end of their days.



Some of the female residents of Faizabad Mercy Home

The Need

In Wales this year we are raising money to help Faizabad Mercy Home continues its crucial work for another twelve months. The target is £9000 and our support will go towards:

- Making improvements to the ageing accommodation in Faizabad
- Meeting daily needs of food and other small personal items
- Providing medical care and, where appropriate, special footwear, artificial limbs, and other disability aids
- Covering staff costs to give care, counselling, medical support, and spiritual nurture
- Giving support to those residents who want to contribute to their care by making small trade items to sell through local markets and other outlets

The Leprosy Mission's mercy homes were first started many years ago to give a safe and caring refuge to homeless and elderly leprosy sufferers. The same need still exists today. Please support this year's appeal to help us continue to care in this vital way.



What else happens at Faizabad?

Faizabad has its own Leprosy Mission community hospital, serving a population of 300,000 in its immediate area. It is the major leprosy referral centre for its region, and also provides general medical care. In 2009 supporters in Wales raised thousands of pounds for much-needed equipment for this hospital.

Faizabad also has the Leprosy Mission's newest vocational training centre for young people.

Small businesses are funded to provide both livelihood and dignity.

Low-cost homes are built for those in greatest need.



One of Faizabad's oldest residents

For more information on the project and local events that support it please visit www.leprosymission.org.uk