

Responding to the need

For the West Central 2010 Appeal we want to raise £8,000 to help The Leprosy Mission's Community Hospital in Naini. Your generosity will help provide:

- protective footwear
- reconstructive surgery and home therapy
- teaching of self-care, ulcer care and health education
- training of local non-government organisations and government health professionals in various aspects of leprosy
- community rehabilitation
- self-help groups
- low-cost housing
- community education through the Catch Them Young programme and stigma education

To support the project, you can get involved in one of our fundraising sponsored walks, details of which are in our Days to Care leaflet, or visit

http://www.leprosymission.org.uk/area_events/west_central.aspx

However you give, your support will make a big difference in the fight against leprosy at Naini Community Hospital.

I/we would like to support the West Central 2010 Leprosy Mission Appeal for Naini Community Hospital

£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 for West Central
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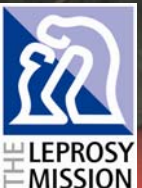
Changing lives at

Naini Community Hospital



The West Central region 2010 project

Photo: Peter Caton



Aarti: a teenager transformed

Aarti loves to paint her toenails and like most teenage girls she paints them a different colour every week. She loves to try out new hairstyles and will use anything that makes her hair look pretty. Aarti's life was very different a few years ago.

When she arrived at Naini hospital in Uttar Pradesh, India, she had clawed hands, she could not lift her feet properly, her toes were disfigured and she was unable to close her eyelids. She spent three years at Naini. Through reconstructive surgery on her hands and feet, she has been transformed not just physically, but emotionally and mentally too. For a long time, Aarti was reluctant to smile for photographs: due to leprosy nerve damage her mouth became crooked and she felt self-conscious about it. Surgeons at Naini agreed to correct this.

For the future The Leprosy Mission will provide her family with financial assistance so Aarti can go back to school. She will be able to attend one of our vocational training centres where she will learn a professional trade, giving her a firm foundation from which she can begin the rest of her life.



Aarti before her facial surgery

Naini Community Hospital



A self-help group supported by Naini Community Hospital

The Place

Mr Sam Higginbotham, an American Presbyterian missionary, started work with people affected by leprosy in 1876. At that time, this was part of the nearby Agriculture Institute and Blind Home. For the first few decades, this institution functioned mainly as a home for the destitute leprosy patients, coming under the management of The Leprosy Mission in 1908.

Naini Community Hospital is now one of the largest leprosy regional referral centres in the area, with patients coming from all over northern India to receive treatment. It has earned a great reputation for compassionate and affordable general health care, with leprosy care continuing to be the first and foremost concern. Increasing general care will help strengthen the hospital's presence in the community and add to Naini's capacity to treat leprosy patients.

The Need

Naini's hospital facilities include 110 beds in the patient wing, a 40-bed snehalaya (a mercy home which offers holistic care including shelter, healthcare, love and spiritual support for severely disabled patients), and a host of other services such as X-ray, physiotherapy, laboratory, surgery, ophthalmology and more.

Our special West Central region project for 2010 is to raise £8,000 to help support those with leprosy in many critical ways, through providing protective footwear, reconstructive surgery and home therapy; teaching self-care, ulcer care and health education; training of local, non-government organisations and government health professionals in various aspects of leprosy; community rehabilitation, self-help groups and low-cost housing and community education through the Catch Them Young programme and stigma education.

Please consider whether you could support those affected by leprosy who come to Naini for help, either by making a donation or by participating in one of our 2010 fundraising events. Your prayers and financial support are needed and greatly appreciated.



Naini caters to patients from many parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa.

It is close to the city of Allahabad, which has a population of 2.5 million people, with a district consisting of 2,965 villages.

The general out-patient department at Naini treated 47,247 patients in 2008, with 2,053 being admitted into the hospital for treatment.

1,054 new cases of leprosy were detected through Naini in 2008, of which 524 were new cases with disability.



Sant Lak received a low-cost home through Naini's community work

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