



2011

Stamp news

Annual newsletter from The Leprosy Mission's Stamps and Collectables team

Stamps and Collectables achieve another record total in 2010: £75,382



Left: the young people of Awassa and their representatives. Above: new replaces old at Awassa

As this letter goes to print, we are all seeing and experiencing many changes in the world and especially here in Britain. One thing that does not however appear to change is the great support and help we receive which has again resulted in another record year. Our grateful thanks to everyone who has made this marvellous result possible. Since 1983 over £850,000 has now been raised through the sale of stamps, coins, postcards and the other small collectables.

One of the changes seen in recent years is the method used in stamp production and in particular the introduction of the self-adhesive type. We continue to welcome ALL types of stamps, even the most common, but would prefer that all self-adhesives are

left on their backing and not soaked off. All stamps on paper now sell very quickly, especially if they are already trimmed as suggested overleaf. For the first time in our 27 years of involvement, demand has outweighed supply, so please continue to collect and encourage others to do so too.

Justice and Dignity – The Leprosy Mission's (TLM) theme for 2011

Until a few years ago, on the outskirts of Awassa in Southern Ethiopia, there could be found the city dump. All the rubbish and dead animal carcasses were brought here to rot and amongst all this waste a number of people were forced to live, including families that had been affected by leprosy. Through the great efforts of The Leprosy Mission and local officials, an agreement was reached to

clear the land and make it habitable for those there. With the rubbish removed, new strongly built houses, with toilet and kitchen facilities alongside, have now been provided to replace the old ramshackle huts. Water is now readily available from a well and life for many families affected by leprosy has been dramatically changed. Just seeing the joy on the faces of the young people who will benefit most from these changes makes us realise how important the work of The Leprosy Mission is, not only medically but in other ways too. Our thanks to you all for helping to make changes like these possible and please
KEEP ON STAMPING.

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Please also contact us if you would like to receive a free copy of The Leprosy Mission's magazine, *New Day*.

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Our vision: a world without leprosy

Making the most of your gifts



Another satisfied customer at one of the The Leprosy Mission Stamps and Collectables stalls



Preparing more stamps for The Leprosy Mission – Peter Craft, one of our many supporters

How you can help with your gift of stamps

- 1) Please ensure when posting your gift to us that it is weighed and the correct postage is paid. Royal Mail charge £1 plus the amount due for underpaid items.
- 2) Wherever possible please ensure stamps on paper have no more than 5 mm of single thickness border around each edge. SELF ADHESIVE STAMPS - please do not try to soak these off paper. Please leave them on their backing and trimmed as above.
- 3) Stamps off paper are equally welcome but please ensure that they are fully clear of any backing. To obtain their value, stamps off paper will at some point have to be sorted. This can easily be done at the soaking stage and you can help immensely by doing this.
The suggested categories are as follows:
 - a) GB Definitives up to and including current 1st class letter rate
 - b) GB Definitives large letter rate and above
 - c) GB Christmas issues up to and including current 1st class letter rate
 - d) Non-Christmas Commemoratives up to and including current 1st class letter rate
 - e) GB Commemoratives large letter rate and above
 - f) Regionals (Wales, Scotland, Ireland)
 - g) GB pre-decimal
 - h) Channel Islands/Isle of Man
 - i) Foreign and Commonwealth
 - j) Anything else
- 4) Soaking can also save on your postage costs to us, but please be sure to take care that the stamps are not damaged through the hasty removal of the paper or the over soaking of bulk lots.
- 5) Please do not mix stamps off paper with those still on their backing.
- 6) Whole collections can especially be of value and wherever possible should be left complete.
- 7) If your hobbies include stamp collecting or you know of someone who may be interested, please ask for details of our approval and mail order services.
- 8) We would be pleased to acknowledge your gift and say thank you, but would request that a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose. Besides bulk deliveries of stamps, each year we receive over 6,000 individual gifts by post.



Stamps, covers, whole collections



Postcards (used and unused)



Old notes and coins

Also cigarette cards, medals, old matchbox collections, etc.

All items we receive are sold to aid the work of The Leprosy Mission. To ensure the most is made of your gift, it is sometimes necessary to divide it up, combine it with others or sell it in various other ways. It is therefore impossible for us to say what an individual gift realises, but together we can achieve the sorts of totals mentioned overleaf. Whenever possible we will sell direct to collectors, but failing this items will be sold at auction or to the trade. We also hold our own fairs at Clanfield, Peterborough, Maldon (Essex) and Maidstone (Kent). Please contact us for details of these or of our approval and mail order service.



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