



Will you care for their tomorrow?

How your will can help create a world without leprosy

Photo: Richard Hansen



Photo: Georgina Cranston

It doesn't have to be this way: Chandrabai had leprosy for many years before the cure, called multidrug therapy, became available. Nerve damage and loss of feeling led to her irreversible injuries. Today early detection can prevent disability.

About leprosy

Leprosy is caused by a bacterium which attacks nerves in the hands, feet and face. This can result in loss of feeling, leading to injury and blindness.

Although leprosy is the least contagious of the communicable diseases, it has a long incubation period and there is no vaccine against it.

A course of multidrug therapy usually cures leprosy in as little as six months, but it can't restore lost function to hands, feet and eyes.

One new case of leprosy is discovered almost every minute, adding up to over a quarter of a million a year.

Almost all cases of leprosy are found in developing countries. As long as there is poverty, it is unlikely that leprosy will be eradicated.

Leprosy disables 100 times more people than polio every year. Millions live with its physical, emotional, social and economic consequences.



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Leave a legacy—leave a lasting impression

Legacies are a major source of income for UK charities—a quarter of The Leprosy Mission's income comes from legacies. The amounts range from a hundred pounds to an entire estate.

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to your values and beliefs

WHAT is a legacy?

A legacy is a gift of cash or assets included in your will. Legacies are all about living—you choose who to leave your assets to. Legacies left to UK charities are currently free from inheritance tax. Your will can be a living testimony to your values and beliefs, your hopes and dreams.

WHY leave a legacy to fight leprosy?

Your gift will help secure our future ability to continue bringing healing and hope to leprosy and poverty-affected communities around the world. Because the threats of social exclusion and disability are the most significant effects of leprosy, we address it in its wider context—physical, social, emotional, spiritual and economic.

Your legacy will guarantee the future of our programmes and help us reach our goal of eradicating the causes and consequences of leprosy. There's still much to achieve before that becomes a reality, but your gift will help keep the hope of a world without leprosy alive.

HOW do I include a gift in my will?

It's easy to include a legacy for The Leprosy Mission in your existing will. All you need to do is add a codicil which is an amendment to your will. A codicil form is attached to this leaflet. Take this to your solicitor for preparation and advice on making the codicil.



Together we can make it better: teaching self care in DR Congo

There are three ways of leaving a legacy

Residuary bequest: a gift of everything or a percentage of everything once specific or pecuniary bequests and debts have been paid. This form keeps pace with inflation.

Pecuniary bequest: a fixed amount of money. Rises in inflation could reduce the gift's final impact. For example, £1,000 left in a will in 1980 would be worth only £380 today. A clause may be added for a gift to be index-linked to inflation.

Specific bequest: a gift of a specific item (e.g. your car, jewellery, furniture, bank account, etc.).

If you have no will

Making a will is an opportunity to reflect on your life and how you'd like to remember your family, friends and charities. It's the only way to ensure your wishes for your assets are carried out in the event of your death and avoid causing anguish to those you leave behind. We suggest you consult a solicitor to discuss your wishes so that you can make proper provision for your family and nominated charities.

Your will could be the most important document you'll ever sign. We can supply a free will-making guide and a list of Christian solicitors.

Please contact us

We understand that your will is a personal matter. Please rest assured that any information you provide will be treated in strict confidence. We'd love to hear from you if you want to know more about leaving a legacy. If you've already decided to provide a gift in your will towards The Leprosy Mission's work, please let us know so that we can express our appreciation to you.

Please tick the boxes which apply, detach and return to the Freepost address below

- I'd like a visit from a representative to discuss legacies with me
- I've already included The Leprosy Mission in my will
- Please send me your will-making guide, *A will to give*
- Please send me details of local Christian solicitors

Name _____ Telephone _____
 Address _____

 _____ Postcode _____

You can call us on 01733 404878 to discuss your questions with our legacy officer, or email legacy@tlmew.org.uk.
 The Leprosy Mission, Freepost PE 1089, Peterborough PE2 5BR

Codicil information for solicitor

I give and bequeath:

Please tick the box which applies

- ____% of my estate
- The residue of my estate
- ____% of the residue of my estate
- The sum of £ _____
- Property or assets as follows: _____

...to The Leprosy Mission (registered charity no. 1050327), whose present office is Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5GZ, for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Leprosy Mission for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

Name _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Please hand this form to your solicitor. Thank you

Look who's smiling now: Ulka is conscious of the deformities leprosy has caused to her left hand and is awaiting further surgery to her thumb. In the meantime, she's doing a government-recognised tailoring certificate at one of our vocational training centres, learning how to produce 45 different types of garments. Soon Ulka will be able to contribute to her family's income.



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'I love using my hands for craft activities and I want people who have had leprosy to be helped to regain the use of theirs.'

TLM pledger

About The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission is a leading Christian development mission working in around 30 countries, serving the needs of people at risk of leprosy or living with its effects.

The Leprosy Mission was established in 1874 by Irish school teacher Wellesley Bailey and his wife. In its first year it sought to raise £60 but succeeded in making £600!

Curing the bacteria that causes leprosy is only half the solution. The Leprosy Mission also provides access to healthcare, education and micro-credit, creating healthy environments where leprosy and poverty can't thrive.

Stigma is one of the worst outcomes of leprosy. The Leprosy Mission advocates for those who can't speak for themselves. Our vision is a world without leprosy, and our goal is to eradicate its causes and consequences.



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