Thank you – a total of £127,341 raised during 2014

Thank you. Only two small words, only eight letters but they mean so much and express such appreciation. Sadly, too often they are forgotten and are not said at all. 2014 was a year of remembrance and we would like to say a big THANK YOU and remember the lives that were transformed across Asia and Africa through your support of TLM Stamps and Collectables.

The total of £127,341 was raised as a direct result of the gifts you donated to The Leprosy Mission and has taken the amount raised by TLM Stamps and Collectables to more than £1.25m since we began collecting in 1983. Thank you to those who kindly donated items and those who supported The Leprosy Mission through their purchases.

We continue to welcome gifts of ALL types of stamps, even the most common. It is preferable for stamps to be left on their backing and not soaked off, especially if they are the self-adhesive types. If possible, please trim around the stamps so that they have no more than a 5mm single thickness paper around each edge. (Less than this is acceptable providing the stamp is not damaged.) Please also separate foreign stamps from the GB issues. Details of the other collectable items we are able to use can be found overleaf.

Thank you once again for all your help and support and we look forward to receiving your further gifts of stamps and collectables in the near future.

Phil and Eileen Jarman

PS Please note our change of telephone number 01733 516094.

Transforming lives in Sri Lanka

Tharshika, 17, was diagnosed with leprosy at the age of 10. Her family was concerned as to why she had developed white patches on her foot, face and arms. It wasn’t until much later that she came into contact with The Leprosy Mission’s services and was diagnosed and treated. Tragically, as her leprosy had gone unchecked for so long, disability had set in and she began to drag her foot on the ground when she walked.

Stigma surrounding leprosy in the Jaffna region of Sri Lanka meant that she often felt ostracised at school, by both the teachers and fellow students. She couldn’t participate in school sports events due to her disability and felt left out.

Tharshika was supported by The Leprosy Mission, however, and was given life-changing reconstructive surgery at a Leprosy Mission hospital in India. She now has just a slight limp and says she thanks God every night for the healing she received through the work of The Leprosy Mission.

The Leprosy Mission supported Tharshika through school and she achieved a good level of education. Although she has experienced much heartache in her younger years, she says her life experiences have strengthened her faith and she now works for the church.

Shortly after Tharshika’s surgery, both her parents, fisherman Anpalagan and his wife Vijaluxmi, were diagnosed with leprosy. Thankfully they were fully aware of the symptoms and sought treatment before they developed life-long disabilities.

Tharshika said of her journey: “I prayed every night, often for healing. Sometimes I prayed for my ulcers and they were miraculously healed but sometimes my prayers were answered through help from The Leprosy Mission.”
Making the most of your gifts
How you can help with your gift of stamps

1. Could you encourage further support for the Stamps and Collectables team by acting as a drop-off point for stamps collected in your area? Please contact us for further details.

2. 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.

3. Wherever possible please ensure stamps on paper have no more than 5mm 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. Where possible please separate foreign stamps from the GB issues.

4. Stamps off paper are still very welcome but please ensure that any backing is fully removed. If possible, please separate foreign stamps and Channel Island and Isle of Man stamps from other GB issues.

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 more than 6,000 individual gifts by post.

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 and Maidstone. Please contact us for details of these or of our approval and mail order service.

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