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The
Leprosy
Mission



“DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER,
BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.”

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

**PRAYER
DIARY
UPDATE**



“AND LET US RUN
WITH PERSEVERANCE
THE RACE MARKED
OUT FOR US, FIXING
OUR EYES ON JESUS,
THE PIONEER AND
'PERFECTOR OF FAITH'.”

Hebrews 12: 1-2 (NIV)

FEBRUARY

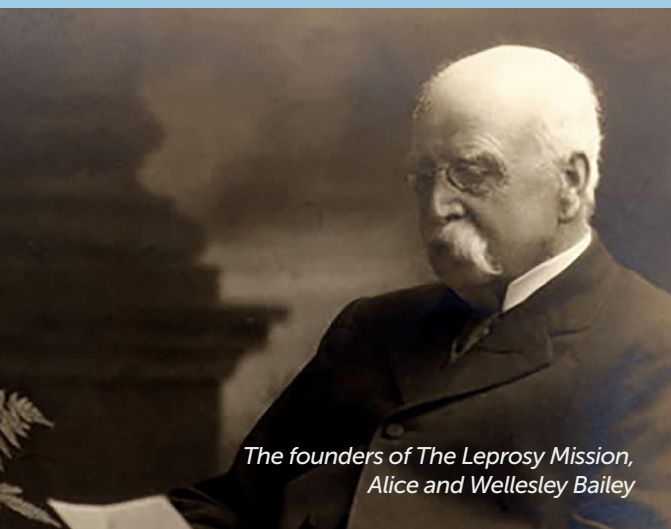
This year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness as we celebrate 150 years of The Leprosy Mission!

It is heart-warming to see God's plan at every turn in the life stories of Wellesley and Alice Bailey, a truly amazing couple. After Wellesley committed his life to Jesus in 1866, God led him to India and showed him the plight of people affected by leprosy.

How wonderful we now stand on the shoulders of giants like this 19th Century Christian! God used Wellesley and Alice's heart for people outcast by leprosy to create The Leprosy Mission, now a global charity serving millions. And you have picked up the baton in the race to end leprosy too! We're so thankful that we travel this journey together.

WEEK 1

Wellesley Bailey famously said The Leprosy Mission was 'born and cradled in prayer'. One hundred and fifty years later, prayer remains at the very heart of everything we do. Each morning, the team prays for the needs of people and communities affected by leprosy. We pray for and thank God for you too, as partners in this kingdom-building work. **Please ask that Jesus and prayer would always be at the centre of The Leprosy Mission across the world.**



*The founders of The Leprosy Mission,
Alice and Wellesley Bailey*

WEEK 2

For more than half of The Leprosy Mission's existence, there was no cure for leprosy. Little could be done medically to alleviate the suffering this disease caused. Those who went before us could only offer love, care and acceptance. **Praise God that a cure for leprosy was discovered 40 years ago, and ask that He would continue to enable us to find people who need this across Africa and Asia.**

WEEK 3

Wellesley's first fundraising target was £30, and he managed to raise £600 by the end of 1874. By the late 1870s, the first supporters generously gave £900 a year which cared for 100 people in Northern India. Today, your generosity and prayer means together we serve thousands in need across 10 countries. The need is great, so fundraising is vital. **Please pray that God would continue to guide and bless the work of our hands as we seek to raise funds to end leprosy.**

WEEK 4

The Leprosy Mission started in India, and today over 60% of the world's cases remain in this country. **Please pray for The Leprosy Mission India team. For wisdom in using resources wisely, for insight to find where leprosy is hidden, and for fruitful relationships with Government and local health teams.**

MARCH

Did you know that eight of the 10 countries you support at The Leprosy Mission are some of the most dangerous countries in which to be a Christian? Today, over 360 million Christians face persecution for believing in Jesus (Open Doors World Watch List 2023). Please join us as we pray for the eight Leprosy Mission teams who face the most danger.

WEEK 1 — NIGERIA #6 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Most violence against Christians is in the north and central belt of Nigeria but is now spreading south. **Please pray for safety for the team when travelling long distances to communities affected by leprosy. Also pray that the Nigerian Government would uphold justice and protect Christians.**

WEEK 2 — SUDAN #10 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

After the military coup in October 2021, reversal of commitments in apostasy laws means that Christians can be charged and detained for practising their faith. The ongoing conflict in Sudan means that the Leprosy Clinic at Aburoff was closed in 2023. **Please pray for team member Seela who fled to Egypt with her family, and for John who remains in Sudan. Please pray too for a clear way forward for The Leprosy Mission in this country.**

WEEK 3 — INDIA #11 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

India has a constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, yet 11 States have anti-conversion laws. Hindutva ideology (to be Indian is to be Hindu) has meant an increase in persecution for minority religions. **As Christian charities are increasingly under scrutiny by the Government, please pray for protection over The Leprosy Mission India Trust. Pray for the team to strike a balance of boldness and wisdom as they show the love of Jesus through their actions.**

WEEK 4 — MYANMAR #14 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Following the military take-over in 2021, fighting has increased across the country and the Christian minority is one of the worst hit in Karen, Kachin and Shan State. **Please pray for protection over our church partnership in the conflict-affected north-east of the country, and for the 15 churches who are now running Disability Centres for people affected by leprosy and other conditions.**

APRIL

WEEK 1 — NIGER #28 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Niger is a Muslim-majority nation and Islam is regarded as being part of Nigerien ethnicity: if you are Nigerien, you are a Muslim. Converts to Christianity face rejection, arrest and persecution. Christianity is slowly growing through humanitarian efforts such as well-digging, agricultural development, and education. **Please pray that Jesus' love would be seen in Leprosy Mission teams by people receiving treatment and aid.**

WEEK 2 — BANGLADESH #30 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Just 0.5% of this country's population is Christian. Persecution is most severe for converts from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or tribal backgrounds. **Please pray for the team at The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Nilphamari, the only centre in the country that provides reconstructive surgery and treatment for leprosy complications. Pray especially for the hospital leadership, that they are able to keep Jesus at the centre of all activities.**

WEEK 3 — MOZAMBIQUE #32 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Since 2017 the people of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique's most northerly province, have faced escalating violence from Islamic militants. More than 4,000 people have been killed and almost a million people have been forced to flee their homes. **Please pray for the team in Mozambique, who continue to serve despite opposition and danger. Pray that the Lord would protect and sustain them, and continue to bless the work of their hands.**

WEEK 4 — ETHIOPIA #39 ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

Although Christianity is the majority religion here, there is persecution for converts from Islam. People who move from an Ethiopian Orthodox Church background to a Protestant or evangelical denomination also struggle with persecution. **Please pray for Bel, who leads the small team as they work with remote, tribal communities of different faiths. Please also pray for a strengthening of their faith as they see God open doors for leprosy work.**

MAY

CHANCHAGA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE

A long, dusty road in rural Nigeria leads to The Leprosy Mission's Chanchaga Orthopaedic Centre. Here, staff work tirelessly to provide the best possible care. They are called to show Jesus' love in action to people who are disabled by leprosy. Their highly skilled hands craft bespoke prosthetic limbs and provide protective shoes, crutches and wheelchairs. They restore mobility, self-esteem and independence.

Patients travel from all over Nigeria, spending days on the road to get to the Centre. It's the only place in Nigeria they can get the help they so desperately need.

WEEK 1

Martha's friendly smile greets people as they arrive at Chanchaga. She runs the guesthouse, a clean and welcoming place for people affected by leprosy to stay while they wait for a prosthetic to be made. **Give thanks for how Martha radiates the joy of Jesus and pray that God give her His words for all who stay at the guesthouse.**

WEEK 2

Severe ulcers caused by leprosy are sometimes impossible to heal. When this happens, amputation is often the only option to stop infection from spreading. As you can imagine, the prospect of losing a limb is frightening, especially if it means you'll lose your livelihood. **Please pray for all those who need to have an amputation this year. Pray that the team at Chanchaga will provide comfort and reassurance in times of fear.**

WEEK 3

Amputations are not simple or straightforward and come with complications that can include pain, infection, tissue death and loss of movement in joints. **Please pray for the surgeon who carries out amputations, that Jesus would guide hands and give wisdom. Pray too that patients will come through surgery without infection or complications.**



Having lost his lower right leg to complications caused by leprosy, Nuhu is fitted with a custom-made prosthetic limb at Chanchaga Orthopaedic Centre in Nigeria

WEEK 4

The physiotherapist at Chanchaga works alongside new amputees to teach them how to walk with prosthetic limbs. It takes a lot of practice and is very uncomfortable to start with until muscle strength has improved. **Please pray that patients have the willpower and motivation to fight through the pain as they learn to walk again after amputation.**

JOIN US IN PRAYER

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This Prayer Diary is for use individually or with small groups. Praying together as The Leprosy Mission family is powerful and the basis of everything we do. Thank you for joining with us in praying for people affected by leprosy globally.

Peter Waddup
Chief Executive

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