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\*I am happy for The Leprosy Mission to contact me in this way

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I'd like to invite The Leprosy Mission to meet to discuss partnering with one of the projects in this leaflet.

Project  (name and project number)

**Please send me additional information as follows**

annual report of the progress and future needs of the project. **Open NOW to read more about life-transforming projects.** To request further information or to arrange an appointment to discuss these projects in more detail please complete the form below, call **01733 370505** or email **post@TLMEW.org.uk**

Would your church consider taking on one of the projects outlined overleaf? We have further information on each of the areas for which we are looking for support. As a partner your church would receive bi-annual feedback, case studies of leprosy-affected people who are being blessed by your support and a detailed

## Churches like yours are transforming thousands of lives

**Will your church partner with us and show the love of Jesus to people affected by leprosy?**

Churches like yours are working in partnership with us to fund projects in Asia and Africa. Together we show people affected by leprosy what Jesus meant when he promised fullness of life by providing health services for diagnosis and treatment, rehabilitation, advocacy programmes, education, vocational training, low-cost housing and sanitation.

## Church's heartfelt support exceeds all expectations

"Our Church has been supporting The Leprosy Mission since 1969. However, with a new Rector appointed nearly three years ago, we decided to support a specific project for the first time in 2015 to refurbish Purulia Hospital in West Bengal in India. We had an ambitious project to raise more than we have ever raised before. However the congregation took the project to their heart and, with regular updates, the enthusiasm continued throughout the year and we surpassed our target with an additional contribution towards TLM's 'Feet First' Appeal! Such was the success that this year we are supporting the VTC at Bankura and our new Curate will be visiting both Purulia and Bankura in India later this year."

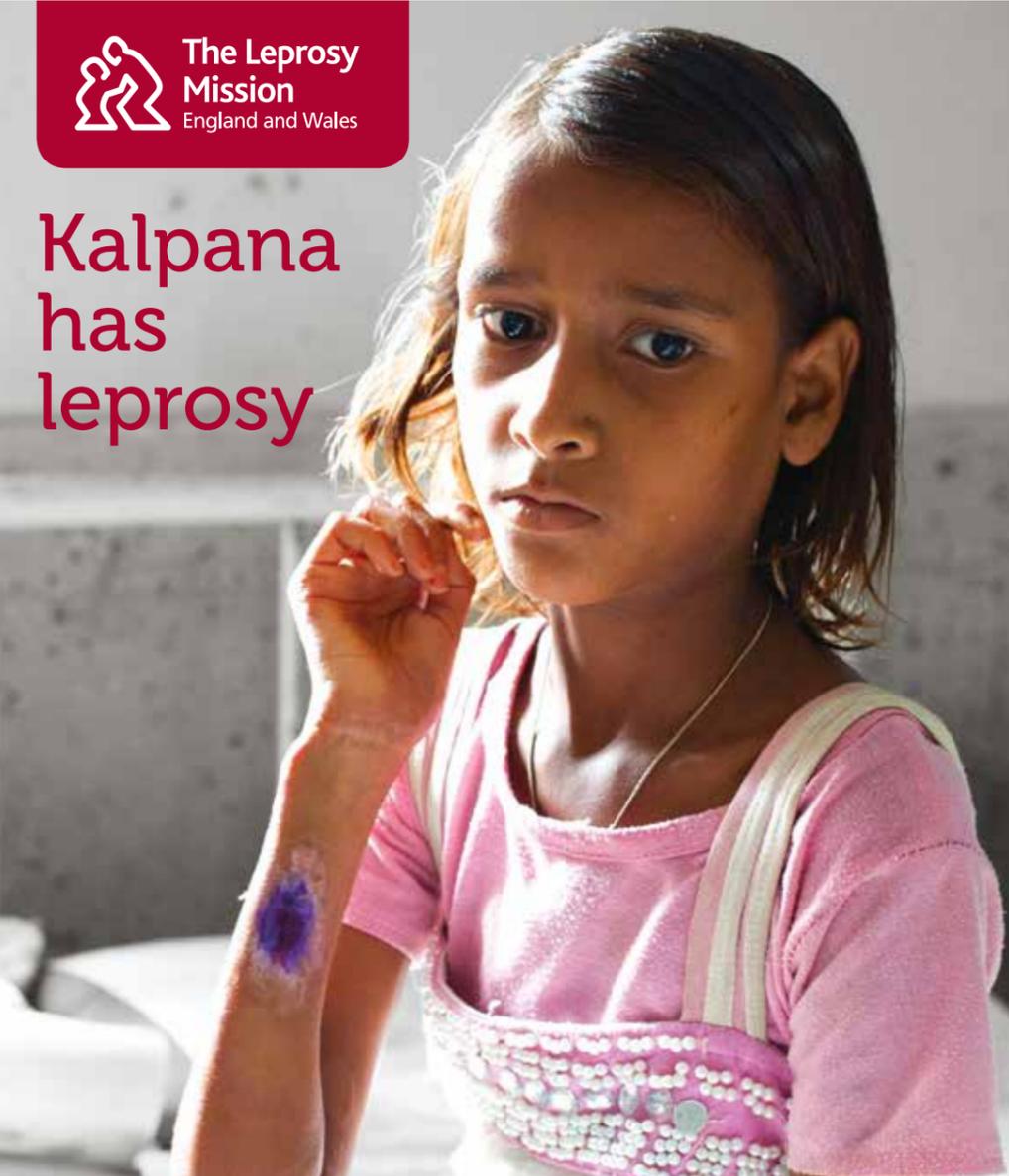
*Colin Osborne  
St. Withun's Church  
Sandy, Bedford.*



Left too long before diagnosis or treatment, leprosy can lead to amputations and disability.



## Kalpana has leprosy



**Could YOUR church stop leprosy in its tracks?**

## Leprosy – the facts

**Every two minutes someone still hears the devastating news that they have leprosy.**

Leprosy is caused by a bacterium, similar to TB, and affects people who have poor immune systems which cannot respond to fight off the disease.

Since 1982, leprosy has been curable with a course of a combination of antibiotics called multidrug therapy (MDT). Sadly it is still destroying lives in many countries where there is poverty and a lack of information about recognising and treating the disease. In many countries the stigma of the disease leads to people not seeking treatment. Untreated leprosy damages nerves and deprives the person affected of the sensation of pain. Over time, repeated injuries can lead to the erosion of fingers, toes, feet or eyes causing visible deformities. Ulcers that do not heal and poor circulation may also lead to the need for amputations. The inability to blink can lead to blindness.

Loss of fingers and 'sunken nose' are some of the complications of leprosy.

**'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full'** John 10:10 (NIV)

# Where your support is needed

## Giving children a future



### 1 Iphiro Yohoolo Education Project: Cabo Delgado, Mozambique

60% of Mozambique's population live below the poverty line and life expectancy is just 50 years. The life-changing Iphiro Yohoolo ('road to the future') project opens the door to a better future for children and young people through schooling.

Your gifts will provide free school uniforms, supplies and equipment for 200 children, with a focus on teaching girls who are often denied an education. Importantly, establishing parents' groups ensures children get support at home and educating the older generation will prevent the poverty cycle from repeating itself.

Every child deserves the chance to flourish and find a place in the world; your church's contributions will make sure this happens.

## Overcoming stigma and poverty

### 2 Anandaban Leprosy Hospital: Kathmandu, Nepal



Over half of people living in Nepal live below the poverty line of \$1.25 USD per day. Limited health care services are difficult to access or provide inadequate support for leprosy-affected people.

Anandaban, a specialist leprosy hospital in Kathmandu, is the main centre for leprosy treatment to a population of around 27 million people and is a beacon of hope for leprosy-affected people.

In much of Nepal, stigma, superstition and a woeful neglect of leprosy services means that those affected by leprosy are rejected

by their families or communities. Many people who contract the disease, (over 3,000 per year), do not seek or cannot access the treatment that they need.

With your support Anandaban hospital can continue its wonderful work, curing leprosy and healing hearts and lives.

## Providing dignity and mobility

### 3 Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop: Niger State, Nigeria



Nigeria has the highest population in Africa, at 174 million.

Sadly, an estimated 20 million of these people live with disabilities, the majority of whom need mobility assistance and orthopaedic appliances. This includes over 20,000 leprosy patients with permanent disabling conditions and who are in need of protective footwear or disability aids.

The workshop supports people affected by leprosy as well as others with physical disabilities resulting from diabetes, accidents, injuries, congenital anomalies and other conditions such as polio.

Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop provides free prosthetic limbs and disability aids to those who could not afford to pay for

treatment, enabling them to walk and move without depending on others for help. It gives disabled people their mobility and freedom, and their dignity back.

Your church's support will help the team at Chanchaga assist thousands of people to have the freedom of mobility.

## Showing Jesus' love, healing and compassion

We are so blessed to be able to support a variety of projects in 11 countries across Asia and Africa and believe that God has a special place in his heart for people affected by leprosy. Inspired by the love of Jesus we demonstrate His message in real and practical ways, transforming lives because of the generous gifts of donors who care about people who are too often forgotten.

## Healing and serving the marginalised

### 4 Purulia Hospital: West Bengal, India

West Bengal has one of the highest leprosy rates in India, with India itself having more than half of the world's newly detected cases each year. Of the 2.1 million population, almost 40% live below the poverty line.

Purulia Hospital provides crucial support for thousands of patients from the most vulnerable sections of society, including women, children, and people living in extreme poverty. Significantly, it is the only health centre providing specialised leprosy

care and reconstructive surgery for leprosy-related disabilities in Purulia district.

Distressingly, around 12% of new leprosy cases treated at the hospital are children. Without early treatment, these children face a future of exclusion from school, disability, stigma and rejection.

Vital support from churches like yours will enable Purulia to continue its amazing work to heal and support vulnerable children and transform lives for all people affected by leprosy in West Bengal.



## Reaching out to those far from help

### 5 Danja Hospital: Maradi Region, Niger

Maradi Region is located in the south of Niger on the border of Nigeria. Leprosy remains a huge problem here. Worryingly, there has been an increase over the last few years of new leprosy cases with grade-2 disability – this means patients being diagnosed with leprosy for the first time but who already have significant disabilities.

Danja Hospital is the only specialist leprosy hospital in Niger and the only active leprosy referral hospital, ensuring that patients who can't be treated by local health facilities are still able to be cured and healed of leprosy. In addition to ensuring the ongoing provision of services by the hospital, funding is also required for the running of community surgical camps for those too unwell to travel, providing specialised shoes and prosthetics to protect leprosy-damaged feet and limbs, as well as physiotherapy training for hospital staff and



other health care workers. There is also a great need to train government health workers in early detection of leprosy and correct treatment of the disease.

Support from churches like yours will truly bless and improve the quality of life for people affected by leprosy in Niger.