Stamp Out Leprosy with TLM Stamps and Collectables

The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales
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It is hard to believe that a used stamp can help transform a life in one of the 12 African and Asian countries where The Leprosy Mission England and Wales works. But the fact is that it does.

Over the past 30 years, TLM Stamps & Collectables has raised more than £1m to benefit people affected by leprosy. These are some of the world’s most marginalised people who have suffered disease, disability and discrimination as a result of the stigma and ignorance which still surrounds leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission provides opportunities for early diagnosis and treatment to thousands each year. By offering healthcare, rehabilitation, education, vocational training, housing and a fresh water supply, we provide a springboard to restored health, self-sufficiency and renewed hope.

We would be most grateful if you could collect the above items on our behalf so that The Leprosy Mission can help change more lives for the better. Why not ask local businesses, schools and church groups to start collecting for The Leprosy Mission? It takes seconds to rescue a used stamp destined for the bin but, by doing so, real help can be provided to people in desperate need.

Please ensure when posting your gift to us that it is weighed and the correct postage paid. Royal Mail will otherwise make a surcharge for underpaid items.

Please send your gifts to:
Phil and Eileen Jarman
26 Drift Road, Clanfield, Waterlooville PO8 0JL
Tel: 023 9259 8115
Email: philj@tlmew.org.uk

We welcome donations of ALL types of stamps – even the most common. Please note, it is better for stamps to be left on their backing and not be soaked off. We recommend they are trimmed with a maximum of 5mm of single thickness paper border around each edge.

From disability to mobility

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Right: Nafisa on arrival at CSL Danja Hospital.
Far Right: Nafisa’s mother proudly watches her daughter learn to walk again.
How you can help with your gift of stamps

1. We recommend stamps are left on their backing and not soaked off. When stamps are on paper, it is helpful if foreign and GB issues are kept separate.

2. Please do not mix stamps off paper with those still on their backing. You can help sort off-paper stamps into the following categories:
   (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

   *Definitives are non-commemorative stamps with the Queen’s head and value

3. Whole collections can especially be of value and wherever possible should be left complete.

All items we receive are sold to aid the work of The Leprosy Mission. To maximise your gift, it may be necessary to divide it up, or combine it with others to sell. It is therefore impossible for us to say what an individual gift realises, but together the proceeds from your gifts can achieve a great deal.

If you would like an acknowledgement of your gift, please include a stamped addressed envelope.