

Thank you for considering volunteering with The Leprosy Mission England and Wales (TLMEW). We hope you will become part of our family as we build relationships with churches and groups sharing our passion to reach out to people affected by leprosy. Jesus gave us our mandate and example and we strive to do what he did first and honour his heart for some of the world's most marginalised and stigmatised peoples.



We hope through volunteering with us you will become part of our mission seeing people who suffer from leprosy set free.

It is such a rewarding role, supported by a committed team of full time field staff. Local speakers are vital to us, so that we can share the stories of people affected by leprosy and engage people with the work we do. Leprosy is often seen as a disease of the past but we need to portray a clear message that people all over the world are still rejected, suffering and affected by leprosy TODAY.

We are looking for passionate and committed public speakers who can inspire people to join us in supporting and praying for people all around the world who are burdened by leprosy.

### **Purpose of your role**

As a local speaker you will have the opportunity to present the work of The Leprosy Mission to churches and other groups using a wide variety of visual aids to encourage the audience to respond to the presentation both prayerfully and financially. It is your role as a speaker to help the audience engage with real stories from overseas helping them to understand the urgency of our mission.

### **Typical tasks include:**

- To use your own network and communication circles to make bookings and also accept those made by your local Regional Manager. These could be meetings such as church services, mid-week groups, schools, community groups, business meetings etc
- To give presentations about TLMEW to inspire, educate and teach people whilst always using the bible as a foundation
- To encourage prayer for the work of TLMEW by the promotion of ASK, the TLMEW prayer diary, and the quarterly prayer bulletin
- To encourage a financial response to the presentation through the materials and training we provide

## **Skills you can offer the mission?**

- A clear audible voice
- Enthusiasm and understanding for the work of TLMEW
- A willingness to learn about both leprosy as a disease and its effects on individuals and communities
- Experience in public speaking and/or preaching
- An ability to make a presentation within a Christian context to people from a wide range of Christian traditions. This may involve the preparation of prayers, choosing suitable hymns and passages of scripture
- A friendly and engaging manner
- The ability to undertake simple administration tasks e.g. completing a meeting booking form, an expense form, a feedback form etc
- Email access: this makes contacting you much easier, quicker and cheaper

## **What we can offer you?**

- We will provide you with a volunteer speakers' pack with everything you will need to equip you for your role, this includes: presentation scripts, case studies to use in your own talks, sermon notes, children's talks and DVD's
- You will be assigned a local Regional Manager who will guide you, train you and provide you with one to one ongoing support throughout your volunteering journey with us. We hope you will develop a great relationship with them in order to help you enjoy your volunteering experience
- You will be provided with a Volunteer Handbook containing important information, expenses form and contact details – this can be used as a reference guide for any questions you might have
- You will be invited to one training day per year to keep you informed of our work. It's also a great opportunity to meet other volunteers and share in your experience
- TLMEW also run an annual overseas visit for you to experience firsthand the work of TLMEW. This self-funding trip will give you the opportunity to meet people affected by leprosy

## **How do I apply?**

It is a simple process to apply:

- First, if you would like to speak to someone on the phone before filling in the application form please ring 01733 404888 and we will be able to answer any questions you might have
- You will be required to supply the names of two referees, one of whom should be the leader of your own church, and the other someone who has firsthand knowledge of your experience as a public speaker
- As our speaking engagements involve regular contact with children or vulnerable adults, you will also be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check

If you have any more questions, please do contact us. If you would like to become a local speaker, please fill out the application form and return to [helenw@tlmew.org.uk](mailto:helenw@tlmew.org.uk).

**We can't thank you enough for volunteering your time and committing to the work of TLMEW.**