

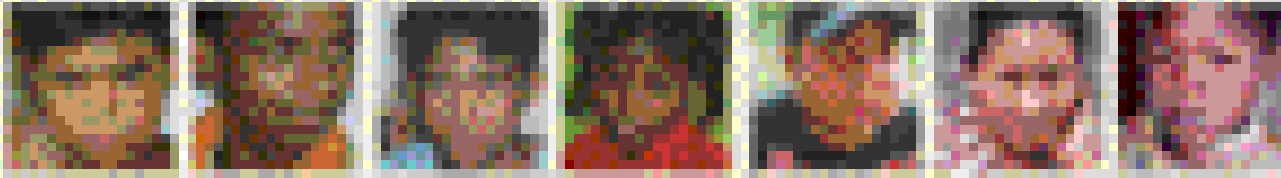
american leprosy missions



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christ's servants. freeing the world of leprosy



mission statement

ALM's mission is to be a channel of Christ's love to people with leprosy and disabilities, helping them to be healed in body and spirit and restored to lives of dignity within their communities. (ALM also ministers to people with Buruli ulcer, a flesh-destroying disease with similarities to leprosy.)

2003
program budgets

Angola:	\$521,909.14 5249 registered cases
Brazil:	\$290,159.83 71,139 registered cases
Cameroon:	\$18,979.02 893 registered cases
China:	\$155,740.55 3,623 registered cases
Democratic Republic of the Congo:	\$287,710.05 4859 registered cases
Ethiopia:	\$20,000 5,580 registered cases
Ghana:	\$152,500 637 new buruli cases
India:	\$753,188.73 344,377 registered cases
Ivory Coast:	\$50,000 (case statistics shaky due to war)
Myanmar:	\$258,893.95 4965 registered cases
Nepal:	\$129,583.41 7291 registered cases
Peru:	\$96,089.32 72 registered cases
Philippines:	\$149,866.07 3334 registered cases
Somalia:	\$40,000 (case statistics uncertain)
Thailand:	\$47,523.41 1905 registered cases

Dear ministry partner,

Greetings in the name of a God who supplies our needs.

The year 2003 was challenging. From start to finish, income lagged behind what we'd hoped for. But in God's economy it was perfect.

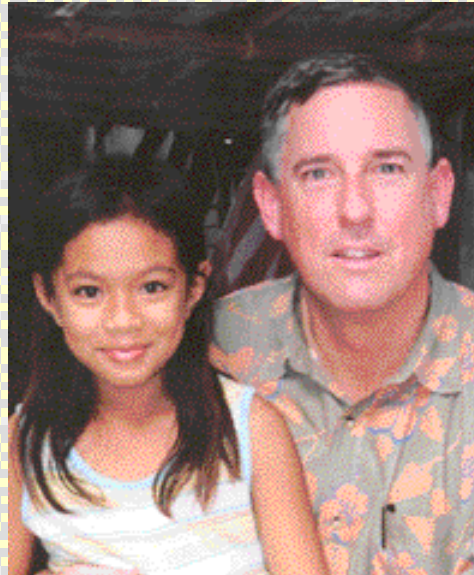
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We fell short of what we'd anticipated from churches and foundations. And then we were blessed by the generosity of two matching gift challenges from key donors.

Together, these challenge matches generated over \$170,000 to aid hundreds of people with leprosy and Buruli ulcer. Individual donors who responded to the challenge were able to see their gifts doubled. Twice as many people experienced healing.

We recovered lost ground on our investments and ended the year financially sound. We recruited 10,000 new ministry friends. Our expenses came in below budget.

Best of all, we continued to see lives changed by God's healing touch. We heard from blind folks in China whose sight was restored. We rebuilt a bridge, repaired a vehicle, and went without rest to reach a remote village in DR Congo to deliver a cat so rats would not nibble at a crippled farmer's open wounds. We diagnosed young kids with leprosy and gave them medicine to keep limbs strong and hope alive.



And we gained momentum for an unprecedented vaccine campaign. God willing, we hope to present the gift to end all gifts by the time we reach our 100th birthday in 2006: a vaccine against leprosy.

I give heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been part of these experiences. You've prayed with us and rejoiced with us, and we have felt the power of your love.

I ask your continued support.

In His Name,

Christopher J. Doyle
Christopher J. Doyle, president

ministry highlights from a 2003 ministry diary

january

Gemena Hospital in North Equator has a new roof. Oh, if you could see the before and after photos...before shows gaping, bombed out holes. How could this place ever function as a hospital? The after photos show a strong new roof. Thank you, ALM donors. Patients hospitalized with leprosy complications will stay dry!

The midwives in Myanmar are doing a great job. These women have been trained by ALM and equipped with bicycles to visit their patients. They can identify early signs of leprosy and even complications like "reaction" and neuritis. Patients trust them and look forward to visits from these "red angels."

may

february

ALM donors helped fund workshops for 30 church leaders in Ivory Coast. ALM works closely with these churches to aid Buruli ulcer patients and others displaced by civil war.

march

ALM-Heiffer partnership in Thailand trained 120 leprosy-affected people in cattle raising and pasture management. People from eight "colonies" participated in a day of education, prizes, singing and dancing.

april

American Leprosy Missions and building partner, Habitat for Humanity, construct China's first "Habitat" houses in the Xiang Haian leprosy village. "This village of people, ostracized and separated from society, became transformed into a community of people where laughter and smiles were evident."



chairman's message

vaccine report

Dear friends,

In 2002 a dream was born. In 2003 it grew legs. As I write, it is preparing for flight.

I'm talking about the ALM dream to develop a vaccine against leprosy, one that is both therapeutic (treatment) and prophylactic (prevention). It's a dream to end centuries of suffering and heartache.

ALM is working with the Infectious Disease Research Institute in Seattle, Washington. IDRI targets "neglected" diseases. In addition to development of a leprosy vaccine, they are researching diagnostic and prevention methods for leishmaniasis, tuberculosis, chagas disease, and malaria.

Promising steps are already being taken to identify specific proteins of *M. leprae*, using the recently published description of its genome, from which an effective vaccine could be

built. In addition, such proteins may have potential use as new diagnostic agents, which may allow much earlier diagnosis of infected individuals. These twin tracks are being pursued as vigorously as possible.

I covet your prayers and your partnership as we pursue this ambitious dream. We are looking at an initial 4-year, \$7 million investment to roll out a test program. We are looking at a future free from the horror of leprosy for generations to come. Priceless.

To learn more about the ALM vaccine campaign, please contact our campaign office: campaign@lerosy.org, or call 864-241-1710. Thank you.

Jim Cockman, chairman

r o u n d t h e w o r l d



j u n e

Hundreds of ALM donors returned Easter cards for distribution to people with leprosy around the world. The card was designed by a little boy in India, Bednayan. His leprosy was diagnosed at an ALM-supported "skin camp."

j u l y

ALM donors responded 110 percent to a matching gift fund for Bethesda Leprosy Hospital in one of India's most endemic regions. Some patients at Bethesda have been banished by family and neighbors. At Bethesda, they find healing for body and spirit.

a u g u s t

Hallelujah! In Nepal, Sumitra learned her leprosy lessons well. She was one of the patients who received training at Lalgadh Hospital so she could return to her village and help others. This month she brought 6-year-old Madhu to the hospital after recognizing the child's leprosy "patches." Madhu will be treated with MDT. She was diagnosed early. She'll be fine!

s e p t e m b e r

Twenty-three students from poor leprosy families in China received scholarship fees for fall semester 2003.

o c t o b e r

We turned our attention to Buruli ulcer victims. Again, ALM friends responded to a fundraising challenge from an anonymous donor. Buruli is a heartbreaking disease. It eats holes in the flesh. It attacks mostly kids. Thanks to your response, ALM met its 2003 budget for Buruli work in Ivory Coast and Ghana.

n o v e m b e r

The ALM "Healing Unit" in China went to Guangxi Province. This is what an old woman, blinded by leprosy told us: "You came right down from heaven. The first morning you took the bandage off, I laughed and cried. My vision was perfect. Now I walk to church to worship my God again. God bless you for giving me my eyesight."

d e c e m b e r

God is good. Though ALM's income was down in 2003, program grants of \$4341.91 squeaked past 2002 with an increase of \$13,326.



The D.R. Congo is a difficult country in which to work. Nonetheless, 65% of local nurses in general health centers are now able to perform early diagnosis and treatment, thanks to ALM training. **Pray for Dr. Kongaw and for continued peace in D.R. Congo.**

ALM donors (and Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation) provided eight vehicles to boost supervision and outreach in post-war resettlement and reconstruction projects in Angola. **Pray for Dr. Brechet and for continued peace in Angola.**

Cote d'Ivoire is reputed to have the worst Buruli ulcer problem in West Africa with up to 16% infection reported in some villages. There were 10,382 cases of Buruli ulcer detected from 1978 to 1997. Annual new case detection increased each year with 1712 detected in 2001. The civil war reduced case detection in 2002. ALM's support is coordinated through the Abidjan office of MAP International **Pray for peace in the Ivory Coast.**

Healthworkers in Nepal face difficult conditions in their search to bring hope and healing to patients in this mountainous country. **Pray for Nepalese field workers as they help ALM in its mission to free the world of leprosy.**

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dr. paul brand

(1914-2003)

Dr. Paul Brand, world-renowned hand surgeon and leprosy specialist died July 8, 2003 in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Brand and his wife Margaret served as board members and advisors for many years.

A long-time friend of ALM, Paul was one of God's special saints whose gentle spirit and surgical legacy touched the lives of millions of people around the world.

Born in India, 1914, of missionary parents, Paul Brand obtained his medical and surgical degrees in England where he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1946 he accepted a teaching position at Vellore Medical College in India. There he saw the stigmatizing and disabling deformities of untreated leprosy and determined to devote his life to preventing and correcting such deformities. He pioneered surgical procedures for correcting hand and foot deformity in leprosy patients and was a leader in the

field of reconstructive surgery.

He was a gifted speaker and writer. His list of awards includes the U.S. Surgeon

General's Medallion for his work in rehabilitation at the U.S. public health service hospital in Carville, LA; the Albert Lasker Award for outstanding leadership and service in the field of rehabilitation; the Damien-Dutton Award for outstanding contributions in prevention of disabilities due to leprosy; and Commander of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) bestowed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ALM often gives Paul's book, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, to donors. The book is an exploration of the physical body's anatomy and the special work of the body of Christ.

Paul was brilliant in so many fields of study; but most of all, he was Christ's servant, called to serve the poor, the sick and the disenfranchised. Well done, faithful servant.



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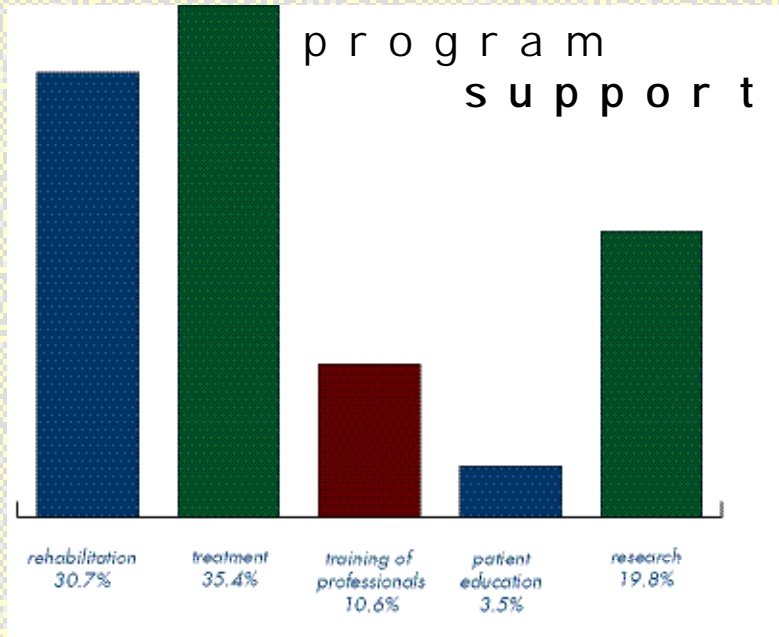
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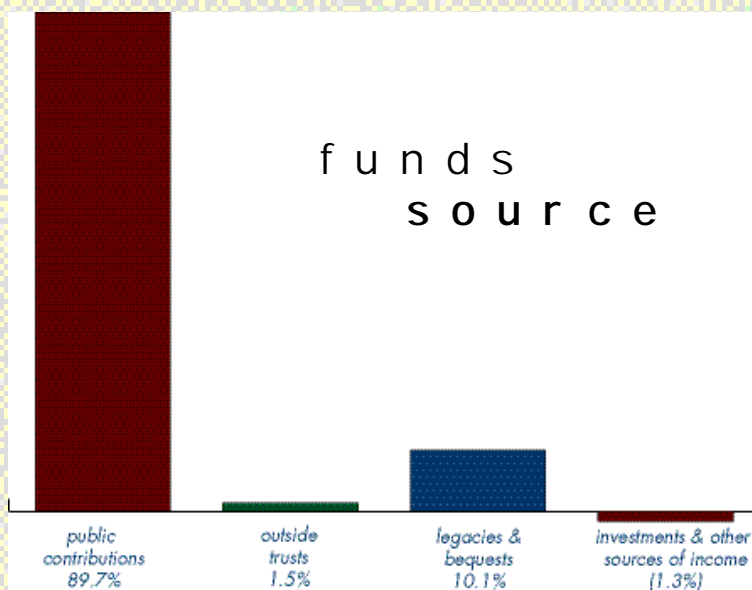
our finances



Revenue:	2003	2002
Contributions	\$5,984,248	\$6,951,610
Investments and other income	(90,253)	(320,112)
Legacies	663,963	761,970
Total revenue	\$6,557,958	\$7,393,468

Note: ALM's revenue is supplemented by prior year's legacy income.

Expenses	2003	2002
Program services	\$5,058,516	\$5,296,965
Supporting services	\$2,653,461	\$2,852,038
Total expenses	\$7,711,977	\$8,149,003



our partners

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