

american leprosy missions

QUARTERLY

MINISTRY

WINTER 2012

UPDATE



Your Gifts in Action: Buruli Ulcer Flip Charts Changing Lives in Africa

In June 2010, we asked you to help us send ALM-created flip charts – “10 Tasks for people affected by Buruli ulcer who want to prevent disability” – to the field. Thanks to the support of people like you, hundreds of charts have been distributed in Ghana, Ivory Coast and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, reducing the risk of disabilities that may afflict children for the rest of their lives. These simple, durable materials enable people with little training to teach communities and patients affected by Buruli ulcer how to detect the disease and prevent disabilities.



Community health workers in Ghana receive Buruli ulcer flip charts and training in how to use them.



This partner in Ghana is teaching a patient affected by Buruli ulcer the ten steps to preventing disabilities.

Catholic High School Uses Drama to Raise Money for Leprosy Ministry

Five people affected by leprosy have been given a miracle of healing thanks to thespians at Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, California. Archbishop Riordan Drama raised \$1,527.04 for the global ministry of ALM from donations collected after each performance of their



Archbishop Riordan Drama raised money from their musical production to cure and care for people affected by leprosy.

production of the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Inspired by Christ’s example, the cast and company chose to give hope and healing to people affected by leprosy, and to raise awareness in their community that this ancient disease still exists and can be cured. In October, members of the ALM staff and board of directors presented a certificate of appreciation to the school. If your church or school is interested in doing something fun and unique to help people affected by leprosy, please contact us at churches@leprosy.org or 800.543.3135.

World Leprosy Day January 29, 2012: Local College Students Help Raise Awareness

The twelve students of Radio Practicum II at North Greenville University in South Carolina put their skills to work for people affected by leprosy by developing radio public service announcements for World Leprosy Day 2012 and to raise awareness about this terrible disease. You can listen to some of them on our website at www.leprosy.org.

We invite you to join us in celebrating World Leprosy Day on the last Sunday in January. On this special day we focus on the needs of the very poorest of all people – those affected by leprosy. It also helps raise funds so that those with leprosy can be cured and cared for. All of the materials you and your church need to participate can be found on our website at www.leprosy.org/wld.php.

Prayer Requests from Around the World

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Ethiopia

Medhen Social Center trains youth in leprosy-affected families as tutors to assist with income generation and community involvement. **Pray** that youth will overcome family health issues and complete their training. Several children from leprosy-affected families are studying hotel management, accounting and machine operating, and two are attending university preparatory school with full support. **Pray** that these students will continue to receive assistance to continue their education, support themselves and their families, and enrich their communities.

India

Vadala Mission Hospital and Leprosy Control Program

Pray that God's healing power would be on the hospital patients. **Pray** for the 50 children in the Children's Home, 150 boys in the hostel and 110 children in the educational assistance program. **Pray** that God would provide committed Christian staff, especially doctors and nurses motivated to work in rural areas. **Praise** God for His protection, His kindness and His grace.



Children like Ravichandra receive loving care at the Vadala Children's Home.

Schieffelin Institute of Health, Research and Leprosy Centre, Karigiri

Pray that much-needed specialists in general medicine, general surgery and other departments would join the hospital. **Pray** that expertise in leprosy may be passed onto the next generation of staff and that they would carry forward the mission. **Pray** for strengthened fellowship between staff and students and that God's gracious providence will be sufficient to meet the financial and other needs of the institution. **Pray** for all the leprosy patients and their families.

Philippines

Cebu Leprosy and Tuberculosis Research Foundation Incorporated (CLTRFI)

Pray that the Lord would continue to provide staff with strength and wisdom as they battle leprosy through compassionate clinical work and collaborative research.

Pray that leprosy patients will have strength to face the challenges of social stigma and the risk of developing lifelong complications associated with leprosy, and that their family and friends will provide them with support, patience and understanding. **Pray** that the Lord will grant CLTRFI economic stability as they care for the sick and the poor, and as they fight TB and leprosy to the glory of God.

Philippine Leprosy Mission (PLM)

Pray for people with new cases of leprosy in Ilocos Sur, that they would have hope and determination to be cured and live a normal life again, and that the Lord would provide all their daily needs. **Praise** God for the project coordinators who spend precious time and priceless effort delivering PLM's programs and services. **Pray** for protection as they compassionately serve people affected by leprosy. **Praise** the Lord for giving the staff energy, and for all the favor and blessings PLM receives. As PLM reaches its 50th birthday, **pray** for God's direction and leading. May God continue to remind PLM that the 50 years are about His grace and love, most especially to leprosy-affected people.



These women work for PLM's community health education program promoting nutrition and self-sufficiency through initiatives such as community gardens.

The Quarterly Ministry Update is a way for ALM to inform supporters and connect with them through prayer. Please feel free to pass along the Quarterly Ministry Update, allowing others to get to know the work of American Leprosy Missions. More immediate ministry updates are available on our Facebook page.