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Women from the Holland-Zeeland Women's Federation serve "the least of these" with their gifts.

Here's what a group of godly women can do. They knit, cook, distribute literature, hold banquets and raise \$2350 in a year. Some years they raise more, some less. After 85 years, they've contributed more than \$200,000 to help people with leprosy.

They have gray hair; some use canes. They worry about recruiting "new blood." But, make no mistake. Their love is strong and faithful and timeless.

The Federation of Women's Societies of Holland-Zeeland, Pennsylvania recently marked 85 years of service to people with leprosy. They've supported projects in Mozambique, Liberia, and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Today their gifts and prayers are indispensable to the work of Dr. Kongawi in DR Congo. *We give*

## President's Corner

*Christopher J. Wyle*

### Helping others...a mission for all ages.

*thanks for the women of Holland-Zeeland.*

Here's what a group of godly children can do. Sunday after Sunday, they "feed" their Pete the Pig bank. Before you know it, they have over \$100 to help kids with leprosy. We give thanks for John, Michelle, Jessica, Holly, Jenna, Emily, Annie, Morgan, Alyssa, Chelsea, Justin, Max, Brandon,

in Cameroon. For all of them.

"Although I am only in my forties, I have rheumatoid arthritis. I am physically weak. I can't walk far. But I can still kneel and pray. Ask what you will...typing, phone calls. I will help in any way I can. If you have special prayer requests let me know. The best wars are waged on our knees." *We give thanks for prayer warrior, Susan Young.*

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Erin, Megan, Adbrey, Erin, Alex, Tessa, Kayla, and Mrs. Rodkey at Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Here's what one godly person can do. Susan Young emailed us about the children whose pictures accompany gift receipts: "I know each child by name. I have memorized them. I pray for them. They are "my" children. I pray for 6-year-old Mohan's mother and his grandfather with leprosy...for Chia

ALM's special verse for 2004 is from I Peter 4:10: "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." How blessed we are to be among these good stewards of His manifold grace.

*Christopher J. Wyle*

*Will you and your church consider a gift to help people with leprosy? The needs are great.*



## ALM wants to serve you. What do you need?

Does your personal mission include serving others? May we help you?

Please check any needs you have. Clip this section out of your newsletter (or make a copy) and return it in the enclosed envelope. We will send you what you need by return mail.

Or call Cheryl Mathes toll-free at 1-800-543-3135 to request these materials.

- Information about preparing a Christian Will
- Pete the Pig Activity pack for children's Sunday School and Bible School
- ALM video and Speaker's Kit
- Annual Report
- Church bulletin inserts
- Church contribution envelopes
- List of Bible references for "Leprosy" study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK: "His was perhaps the most pitiful story I'd heard of a child."

### Several months ago, ALM president Chris Doyle visited leprosy clinics in the Philippines. Here is a page from Chris's travel notebook:

MONDAY: I met Robin today at the leprosy clinic. What a sad, despairing child!



He comes from a family of five children. He is the youngest. Both of his parents had leprosy but both are now deceased. His parents were beggars before they died.

He lives with an older sister who doesn't seem to take much interest in his welfare. They live, impoverished, in the leprosy village

that has grown up around the hospital. Robin is small for his age and appears to be malnourished.

### Join ALM's email prayer partners

Are you a prayer warrior? Could we send you a brief email every month or so listing special prayer concerns? We might ask for prayers for a worker in troubled Nepal, or relief for

Picture to come.

people hurt by India's drought. We'll keep our requests short. We won't ask for money and we won't give your email address to anyone else. You may ask us to remove your name at any time.

If you're willing to pray for ALM projects and people, respond by email ([amlep@leprosy.org](mailto:amlep@leprosy.org)) to let us know you will become an email prayer partner. Thank you!

Mrs. Rodkey's Sunday school class at Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

This little boy has lost interest in school and has dropped out of fourth grade. He spends his days wandering around and tries to make a little money by picking up cans and bottles. His sister has no job. I was told she is into drugs and gambles what little money she has. She does not see to it that Robin even gets food every day. He scrounges around for meals with the neighbors.

Robin has lost hope. He has no interest in school. He is sad and basically alone. He says very little. He feels like he is a cast away and having leprosy makes life even worse for him. He does not see anything for his life in the future. No education, no parents, no one who cares.

I'm glad he's taking MDT for his leprosy. I spoke to our country director and asked him to follow up on Robin's needs. Please help him get back into school. Let's not let this child drop through the cracks. We must pray for Robin.

*Your gifts are vital to rescuing kids like Robin from hopelessness. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift of love today!*

## CURE+

MDT kills the bacilli in a young body; but it is only the beginning of the restoration ALM believes God wants to complete in each troubled life.

It does not equip a young man for work or fill a troubled spirit with Christ's comfort. It does not pave the way to a future of promise and possibility.

Your gifts to ALM provide Cure+ -- medicine and much more -- for young people like Robin. More than cure. Hope for a life restored in body and spirit.

*Use the enclosed envelope to provide Cure+ for a young person or adult in need of leprosy care! We thank you.*



**NAANNIMA**

Sometimes I cursed God and asked him to take away my life...

INDIA: "We were deprived of even drinking water from the taps," says Naannima. "Sometimes I cursed God and asked him to take away my life. When I fell sick, there was no one to care for me. My parents were beggars. In sickness and in health, I had to work to survive.

"I was still a child when I was forced to marry a lame man. I cared for him and my sister and my sister's child, all with leprosy. I had to beg in the streets."

Nannima thanks God for The ALM-supported program where she has learned to embroider and make handbags. She even teaches other women at the leprosy colony where she lives.

She's from a Muslim background, but she now attends Sunday church. She loves to tell her family about Jesus.

Nannima has two prayer requests: for her family's salvation and for the people in her colony to benefit from the vocational programs supported by ALM.

*Your gifts change lives! Nannima the beggar is now Nannima the teacher. She teaches others embroidery and she teaches them about Jesus. Please send a gift today to continue ALM's outreach to folks like Nannima.*



ALM also helps kids with Buruli ulcer, a flesh-destroying disease that attacks mostly children under 15.

ALM news briefs...

• **MiBusiness.net of , Canada has launched its annual client charity drive.**

The ALM Vaccine Project has been designated as this year's recipient. To date, ALM has received \$xxx,xxx in contributions towards in \$7 million goal. For more info about the vaccine



campaign, contact our campaign office at [campaign@leprosy.org](mailto:campaign@leprosy.org) or call 1-800-543-3135

• **ALM supporters can give online.** Gifts for kids like Robin and women like Nannima can be made at ALM's website, [www.leprosy.org](http://www.leprosy.org).

• **The lame walk.** Yao Jin Lian says the care she received for her ulcerated foot changed her life. "Without your project I would be lying in my bed all the time instead of walking. I'm happy now. I can walk. People are no longer afraid of me. They are willing to buy my eggs now."

I want to help kids recover from leprosy!



Here is my gift to stop disfiguring and heartbreak:

- \$50     \$100     \$500     \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \$240 to provide care for one child with leprosy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR DONORS WHO MAKE MONTHLY PLEDGES

Kindly check the correct box so we may process your gift correctly:

- Apply this gift to my regular monthly pledge.
- This is an EXTRA gift, above and beyond my monthly pledge.



Thank you! Please make your check payable to American Leprosy Missions and mail it with this reply form to ALM, 1 ALM Way, Greenville, SC 29601. To give a gift using your credit card, please call 1-800-543-3135 or visit [www.leprosy.org](http://www.leprosy.org).

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