

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH ALMS:

The charity represented for the month of May is: **The Leprosy Mission – Restoring Health and Hope for the future**

The Leprosy Mission was founded in 1874 by Wellesley Bailey to help leprosy sufferers in India. TLM is now an international Christian medical charity with 2,300 field staff caring for some 200,000 people affected by leprosy in over 30 countries.

On an annual budget of £9.8 million, TLM works directly through its own or aided hospitals and programmes and in partnership with voluntary agencies, churches, governments and international organisations.

TLM has paramedical workers who hold surveys in towns, villages and schools to detect and treat people with leprosy. It runs schools attached to some of its larger hospitals to provide both treatment and education to children with leprosy. Youngsters whose parents or siblings have had leprosy are also admitted to TLM's schools as they often suffer stigma and rejection in a state school.

TLM has increased its Vocational Training Centres (VTC's) where young people who have had leprosy are taught a trade. Former patients can suffer rejection because of stigma; others may be reduced to begging because they cannot carry out their previous jobs after becoming disabled. Through its community based rehabilitation TLM gives such people a loan for equipment, livestock, and supplies for setting up a small shop etc. Gradually they can pay back the loan and regain their financial independence and respect in the community.

TLM is committed to curing people and providing care after cure in the form of reconstructive surgery, prevention of further disabilities, rehabilitation and vocational training.

This very worthy cause requires all the assistance it can muster and deserves the continuing support and endeavours on its behalf that St Peter and St Paul gives it.

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