



**St Michael's
Church**
Stoke Gifford



Mission Partner of the Month – January 2026



**The
Leprosy
Mission**

Thank you St Michaels as we have completed our first of three year's support of this hard working Christian organisational mission partner. The mission has been leading the fight against leprosy since 1874 and operates in 27 countries worldwide. It seeks to bring transformation by healing and empowering people to attain dignity and life in all it's fullness.

Leprosy is a bacterial disease, a sub-stream of TB but surprisingly it is not easy to catch! Over 200,000 new cases are still seen every year. It transmits on the droplets of your breath, not by touch, and can take between 5-20 years to display the first symptoms. Leprosy attacks the nerves. This stops the sensation of feeling which protects our bodies from harm, stops muscles working particularly to the hands, feet and eyelids and finally reduces the ability to perspire thus resulting in dried and cracked skin left open to infection.



As a result of your support during the past year, God led a team to the leprosy colonies in Odisha, India. These have been forgotten 'no-go' areas for 25 years and desperate conditions were discovered revealing despair and hopelessness.

An outpouring of love is demonstrated through building new homes, digging wells for clean water, growing fruit and vegetables and restoring dignity with toilets. Despite these wonderful foundations being laid for the future, tragic news came through that some of the elderly and disabled people in the colonies starved due to the intense

heat of the summer. Emergency humanitarian food programmes became a priority to alleviate hunger.



In Mozambique you've helped build 22 Hubs of Hope which have become the beating heart of once disjointed communities. The Hubs located in war-torn Cabo-Delgado are true beacons of light, literally as they are the only ones with electricity and internet! Providing education, support and healing for thousands of leprosy affected people.

Adam escaped Libya to receive healing in Niger's Danja Hospital. He has also found love, care and acceptance and given his life to Jesus! Leprosy should be a thing of the past and yet it still exists and devastates thousands of children, youth and adults every year.



Please pray for :-

- A site to be found to build the new Research Centre in Nepal following the devastating landslide last year.
- Funds are raised to find and heal children from leprosy and to build a brighter future for them and their families.

www.leprosymission.org.uk

St Michael's Link Person:- Trevor Grant

Other St Michael's Mission News

- **Luke Shaddick** is back for a short break from 20 December until the New Year, before returning to the OM Ship for his last six months of service. The ship is currently in Port Klang, Malaysia.
- **Embrace** works in Gaza through DSPR who report 'As winter sets in, the hardship grows even more severe, more than half of Gaza's population is living in tents or beneath the remains of destroyed homes, many of which have already flooded from the rain. The mobile clinic is seeing 1,200 people a day!
- Pray for the work of **Bristol Churches Shelter and Spring of Hope** during the busy winter period.
- Pray for the **b:friend** project we support as they look for a new CEO to lead the organisation into it's next chapter.
- Give thanks for our **local Foodbanks** and pray that recent Government policy reduces the hardship for children and erase pressure on Foodbanks across the UK.