

October is usually our Month for supporting The Leprosy Mission. Please Join our **livestream Service at 10am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** via Facebook, or come along to **Morning Prayer at 11am in St Boniface Church**, where Chris Stratta from the Leprosy Mission will be our guest speaker. Below is a message from Chris, with links to the Leprosy Mission Resources:

## **Hello to you all in the Twinspires Benefice!**

My name is Chris Stratta and I am the South Central Regional Manager for The Leprosy Mission. I live in Oxford and it's a joy for me to visit churches like yourselves to speak about the difference you are making to people affected by leprosy.

Before joining The Leprosy Mission, I was surprised to hear that every two minutes, someone is diagnosed with leprosy for the first time and there are at least ten million people living with leprosy today.

Leprosy is curable, but the fear and stigma that surround the disease often stop people from seeking help, but it doesn't have to be this way. Because of people like you, we can bring the cure, care and education to break down the barriers of disease, discrimination and disability. People affected by leprosy lose the ability to feel pain and if they don't realise that they are injuring themselves, they can get lasting damage to their hands and feet, so we offer reconstructive surgery and prosthetic limbs free for people with leprosy in the name of Jesus.

To find out more, please do use the links below and contact me with any questions on 01733 516092 or email me at [ChrisS@TLMEW.org.uk](mailto:ChrisS@TLMEW.org.uk). I would love to hear from you!

To watch a short video of our work to provide prosthetic legs for people affected by leprosy in Nigeria (shown during the service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October), please click here: <https://vimeo.com/461765751/df46c14dc4>

Please do join me in praying for people affected by leprosy. To find resources on prayer and to give to transform lives, please use our website: [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)

If you would prefer not to give online, please use either of these options:

1. You can send a cheque addressed to 'The Leprosy Mission' to me: Chris Stratta, 307 London Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9EJ.
2. You can give over the phone by calling our team at the Peterborough Office on 01733 370505. Please say that you are from Nursling and Rownhams when you call.

Thank you so much for transforming the lives of people with leprosy.

May God bless you.

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