



'Bless all his skills, Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.'

Deuteronomy 33:11 (NIV)

Hello Jane,

It's so good to be back in touch with you and share an update on the work you so generously enable. Thank you for your ongoing prayers which are needed more than ever, as COVID-19 continues to bring change and uncertainty.

I do pray that you and your families are keeping safe and well, and that you feel the closeness and presence of our dear loving Father God in every aspect of your life.

Because of your faithful prayers and financial gifts we can partner to support some of the poorest communities in the world. Sadly, their needs are now even greater, as health and financial challenges keep all our Country Leaders on their toes.

Because of lockdown, countries like India and Nepal face funding shortfalls as they are unable to treat general patients who pay for medical consultations. This is alongside increased costs for essential protective clothing and equipment. Many members of staff have taken a reduction in salary, forgone annual leave and are working longer and harder to keep serving people with leprosy.

Sadly, some of our long serving brothers and sisters overseas have contracted COVID-19 and several have recently passed away. It's humbling and heartbreaking for us to hear and share such heavy news for prayers.

Back here in the UK, along with several colleagues, I've been on furlough for a few months. A time for challenges and opportunities as we stopped working for The Leprosy Mission.

My colleagues and I considered it a blessing to help reduce costs at such a difficult time for all UK charities. These savings meant more could be sent to people affected by leprosy; people who needed it more than we ever will!

At times those of us on furlough understandably felt uncertain about the future. But although we couldn't participate in work-related activities, we could still join the rest of the team for our morning daily devotions.

For me this has been a real lifeline, keeping me connected as part of the body of Christ, serving people and communities affected by leprosy through collective prayer.

During these months we have prayed BIG prayers. We continue to ask for a hedge of protection around all our overseas staff and communities affected by leprosy.

We're praying that God will provide ALL the financial resources needed and for new ways to ensure the work you fund continues.

Praise God! He has been faithful, answering our many prayers in overwhelmingly generous ways!

There are so many stories I could share to encourage and excite you about God's love and goodness for people affected by leprosy. As a team, we know more than ever before that you truly share our vision and desire to see the end of leprosy. We're continually amazed by your faithful prayer and financial support through these difficult times.



One story that encapsulates God's eternal promise to bless the work of our hands is from India, a country in great need as the virus ravages millions of people. Not only are people with leprosy living in fear of catching the virus, but many have been unable to work or beg. With no income they face hunger and declining health.

What encouragement it is to hear about the work of The Leprosy Mission Trust India! They have brought together people affected by leprosy in Cuddalore and trained them with new skills to generate an income during this time.

The team are part of a cooperative and have learned to make cost-effective face shields. This means that they can earn a living while ensuring the availability of PPE for frontline coronavirus warriors in India.

Please join me to praise God for blessing the work of our hands in so many ways. Please continue to pray for protection, peace, and the provision of everything needed to keep working towards our goal: an end to leprosy in our lifetime.

With every blessing,

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