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All prices exclude p&p. Order at [info@nlt.org.uk](mailto:info@nlt.org.uk) or 020 8940 1200

## Speaking Team!

Enid, Mildred, and Mike, would love to visit your church, school, club or group to share about the work of NLT, life in Nepal, etc, with video and/or slides. We don't make a charge for this, but we do like to bring NLT handicrafts to sell!

**Help in the office at Richmond** is still needed. If you would like to spend a few hours a week helping with admin tasks, handicraft stock management and/or helping at fairs and events locally, please contact us by phone or email.

## Twitter



NLT has a Twitter account!

See the tweets on our website or follow us at:-

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# Nepal Leprosy Trust

*Changing lives*

## Bomb Scare in Kathmandu



In May, a bomb exploded in Kathmandu, killing three people and injuring six others. Another bomb was placed outside NLT's office headquarters, leaning against the wall (circled in the picture). Fortunately it was spotted and the bomb disposal men were called and dealt with it promptly. It seems that a small splinter group of Maoist rebels was responsible and were most likely aiming for a political leader who lives up the road. Apparently it was quite a powerful device and was disposed of with a controlled explosion. We are so grateful that no one was injured.

## More Monsoon Misery

As in 2017, Nepal is once again facing some very severe rain that has already caused bad flooding in Kathmandu and the Terai. In Kathmandu, the Kalanki area has been very affected with people needing rescue and some roads badly flooded. Much of the Terai area has also been flooded and parts of the East-West



A street in Kalanki, Kathmandu on 13<sup>th</sup> July



A main bridge near Lalagadh

Highway have been under water. A number of bridges on this major road are under threat, and one near Lalagadh has already been demolished by floodwaters.

Janakpur is suffering too, with flooding in most parts of the town, and the airport has been under water. Many villages are affected, and transport around the country is restricted by landslides, including several on the Lalagadh-Kathmandu link road via Sindhuli. Reports vary, but it is thought that over 100 people



Landslide on the Sindhuli road - one of several

have died and at least 35 are missing. 28 districts in Nepal are affected. **Please pray for the relief efforts needed amongst the thousands affected. We will do what we can in our area, and any help you can provide will be deeply appreciated.**



Janakpur Zonal Hospital

## Summer Fairs

NLT attended three Summer Fairs in the Richmond area this year. It was hard work, but sales were better than in previous fairs and we had some good conversations with people wandering around exploring the stalls. Richmond Fair had a rocky start with another charity hijacking our stand but we were then offered a bigger pitch which worked out much better. Ham fair was very windy and most of our effort went on holding the tent and goods down, but all in all it has been a good summer, with sales better than they have been for some years.



Mildred manning the tent



## Please Come!!

### NLT Annual Sponsored Walk

Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

Join us in Black Park and Langley Park near Pinewood Studios for this lovely family event. As usual the walk will be an easy 10 miles (or less), starting in Langley Park car park at 10:30am (*Billet Lane, SLO OLS*) and wandering across to Black Park during the day. You can leave or join the walk at the halfway point if the whole walk is not possible. We will bring scones, cream and jam so that everyone can enjoy a yummy cream tea after the walk. If you can find some friends to sponsor your walk with us, that would be great and all funds raised will go towards the work of NLT and the relief work amongst flood victims in Nepal. Watch our website, and let us know if you are coming on [info@nlt.org.uk](mailto:info@nlt.org.uk) or 020 8940 1200

## Eileen's Birthday!



Eileen Lodge, founder of NLT, had her 94th birthday on 29<sup>th</sup> June, with lots of friends celebrating with her in her new home in the grounds of Patan Church. Eileen still very much enjoys a good cake, and a condition of visiting her is that visitors bring cake! But too many candles like the one in the picture could be a health hazard .....

## Vitality Run 2019

We were hoping for more entries of NLT runners into this year's Vitality Run, but in the event we managed



4, as two had to drop out and one had registration problems. It was still a great day though, and our runners finished with some times to be proud of, the best being about 37 minutes - only 9 minutes slower than Sir Mo Farah. Martin who had suffered an injury, ran his own race a few days later for his sponsors and so still raised a some much needed funding. A heartfelt "thank you" to Steve, Matthew, Eric, James and Martin, and to all their sponsors. It makes such a difference to the work in Nepal!

## High Quality Hand Surgery at Lalgadh



In November, Dr Donald Sammut and a team of specialists will be visiting Lalgadh again to support our medical team in difficult hand surgeries. We have many people who come for help with hand and arm deformities caused by leprosy as well as by trauma, burns, congenital defects, and disease. To refer them to the limited services in Nepal, even if possible, would be hugely expensive, and so the gifts of life-transforming surgeries that Donald and his colleagues bring are immeasurably valuable to people who have nothing to give in return except their gratitude. Donald covers all the costs for his visit, including flights and equipment, and NLT only has to find the cost of the pre- and post-operation patient care, which usually amounts to about £200 per patient, or roughly £7000 in total depending on the number of operations - (34 in January of this year). We rely on the kindness of our supporters for this and if you felt able to contribute to the cost of this amazing surgery we would be hugely grateful.

*Many thanks.*

## Envisioning trip to Nepal November 2019



Resting in front of the Outpatients Dept

The first guided trip for NLT supporters is taking place this November to give some of our NLT friends from the UK a chance to visit Nepal with confidence, and see the work that NLT does with their own eyes. They will

meet our staff and patients, see the villages in the community around our centre at Lalgadh, and experience the real difference that NLT makes to people's lives. They will also spend some time enjoying the sights, sounds and places in Nepal.



Another accompanied trip to Nepal is being planned for February 2020. If you are interested please get in touch with the office at: [info@nlt.org.uk](mailto:info@nlt.org.uk) or 020 8940 1200.

## Children needing sponsors



**Salma** is 10. Her father is dead and her mother works abroad, leaving Salma with her sisters. She needs support to continue her education.

**Pujan** is also 10. Her father is dead and her mother works as a housekeeper and hopes that, unlike herself, her daughter doesn't grow up without education. She needs help to pay for Pujan's school fees.



**Bijay** is 12. His father is disabled. They have a small shop but this is temporary and with two older siblings in school already, it is hard for them to afford the education fees.

**Pramisha** is 7, her mother is blind (from childhood) and her father is affected by leprosy. They have no relatives to help, and live by begging. Pramisha needs help to go to school.



**Apekcha** is 5. She lives with her mother and sister with grandparents. They have no income and cannot afford to send her to school.

**Prasana** is 6. She lives with her mother in a temporary tin shelter and the only income is from seasonal work in the fields. She pays her daughter's school fees with great difficulty.



*Thank you so much to all our current sponsors - your support is changing lives.*

## Another young doctor qualified



Ananda Sunuwar has spent the last 6 years studying medicine in China, supported by American Leprosy Missions and Nepal Leprosy Trust. He successfully graduated in June this year and returned to Nepal on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. He then passed his Nepal medical licence exam a few days later on the first attempt, and hopes to join the medical team at Lalgadh soon and begin to fulfil his ambition to serve people affected by leprosy. Ananda is uniquely qualified to do this because he personally suffered from a severe episode of leprosy himself and was very ill for some time, although not

disabled by it as some are. His father is a Christian pastor, and Ananda's own Christian faith has helped him through this difficult time in his life. **Congratulations to Dr Ananda**

## 20<sup>th</sup> International Leprosy Congress, Manila 2019

Every three years there is a gathering of scientists and other specialists in leprosy work for a sharing of the latest research and experience in the leprosy field. In 2013 it happened in China and looked at "Hidden Challenges"; in 2016 it took place in Brussels addressing "Unfinished Business". This year in September it will take place in Manila, and the focus will be "Current Challenges". The Congress is a great opportunity for workers in the leprosy field to share their own experience and learn from others, and nine of our NLT staff have had papers accepted for presentation amongst the several hundred that will feature. Funding is limited and we need some help with finding further funds to send more of our staff to the Congress. If you have an interest in supporting training please consider helping us with this cost. **Many thanks**