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*Behold, I send an
Angel before you,
to keep you in the
way, and to bring
you into the place
which I have
Prepared.*

Exodus 23:20

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*He led them on
safely.*

Psalms 78:53

NLT Celebrates 40 Years

Since 1972 NLT has been working to empower people affected by leprosy, disability and other marginalising conditions in Nepal. To celebrate the past 40 years, a Thanksgiving Service was held in Mullingar in October.

There were presentations about NLT past, present and future with Deepesh Man Shakya President of the Nepal Ire-



Inpatients at LLSC Photo: LLSC

land Society saying a few words on behalf of the people of Nepal. Former Director Gary Hill gave the keynote address on the theme 'Why we do what we do' Read on to find out more about the history of NLT, current programmes and future plans.



Deepesh and Kabita Man Shakya
with NLT Director Steve Thomas

Photo: Gary Hill

NLT Directors
Mike Winterburn
and Tricia Linehan

Photo: Gary Hill



Interested in seeing the work
of Nepal Leprosy Trust for
yourself? See page 4 for more

Demolition Threat to NLT Kathmandu Workshop

New dual carriageways are being built all around Kathmandu. To make room for them, buildings along the routes are being demolished—often with no compensation to the owners. The NLT workshop and offices are on one such route. As they were only built in the late 1980s NLT will not be entitled to any Government compensation and will have to pay for the



NLT Kathmandu Office
and Workshop

Photo: NLT Nepal

demolition of the building. Together with local businessmen, we are petitioning the government to adjust their plans. The workshop can be temporarily transferred to NLT's Long House accommodation nearby, however building new facilities would be necessary. Please join us in prayer that the government will alter their plans.

*I am come that they
myahave life and they
may have it to the full*

John 10:10



Introducing new NLT Ireland Director Mike Winterburn, see here with his son Kevin. Mike is married to Anne, and spent 4 years working in Nepal with NLT in the early 1990s



Eileen Lodge, founder of NLT first went to work with people affected by leprosy in Nepal in the early 1950s. She and her friend Betty Bailey set up Nepal's first Leprosy Hospital, Green Pastures in Pokhara.

In the early 1970s the Government of Nepal invited Eileen to help with the rehabilitation of leprosy affected families in the Khokana Leprosy Colony in the Kathmandu Valley.

Where NLT began - the Early Years



Eileen Lodge c1974

Photo: Brother Kaleb

Eileen c2000 *Photo: NLT UK*

Eileen set up Nepal Leprosy Trust and started to move families out of the Colony into the community. She then set about finding ways of helping them make a living. Early income generation projects included making candles, pottery and leather goods.

Other families were resettled with livestock and tools on Government land in the Bardiya District of far western Nepal. In the early 1990s, after 8 years of negotiations, NLT was given permission to build Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre (LLSC) in South East Nepal. Today LLSC diagnoses more new cases of leprosy than any other leprosy centre in the world



Photos of Early NLT Activities: candle making in the 1970s, pottery making, families preparing to resettle in Bardiya, one of the first houses built in Bardiya, Eileen Lodge with early plans for Lalgadh Hospital c1990

Photos: Brother Kaleb and NLT UK

NLT Focus 2012—2016

Development of Lalgadh Hospital Services as a good standard leprosy referral and community hospital

Capacity building of NLT/Nepal as a self-governing, self-supporting, community serving organisation

Developing and extending the Community Programme

Supporting the Government of Nepal's National Leprosy Strategy

Leprosy research with a patient-benefit focus

Developing the scope and impact of NLT's Training Capacity Building Information Education and Communication Programmes

Khirkhire Dada Village Comes Alive

Community Working Together



Planting Trees, Cleaning the local pond Photos: LLSC



Mother and Child Health



Mrs Babita Bhujel Village Health Representative with young mothers Photos: LLSC

3 Year Integrated Health Project supported by the RTÉ One World Fund

The numbers:

- 1 Village Health and Sanitation Group (HASG) established and empowered
- 1 Village Health Representative trained
- 1 Savings and Loan group established
- 1 Village group meeting house constructed
- 2 toilets installed in the local school
- 17 households receive electricity with more to follow
- 22 receive Non Formal Education
- 28 toilets installed in village households
- 11,000 trees planted across the Ratu river to prevent flooding

Improvements in Sanitation



Health and Sanitation Group Meeting , new toilet Photos: LLSC

Access to new Services



Jali Maya Kyapahhaki receives an electricity connection Photo: LLSC

In 2012....

- 20 new self support groups established
- 51 original self help groups supported
- 42 disabled people received Disability Cards to access Government Services
- 20 Staff members received social mobilisation training to implement RECLAIM community based activities effectively
- 200 people participated in a common feast in Belghari, Sindhuli District
- 72 men participating in adult literacy classes
- 435 women participating in adult literacy classes
- 13 children with disability are attending school regularly
- Self support groups refer 21 suspected cases of leprosy to local health centres

Leprosy Affected People RECLAIM their lives

Releasing the Energy and Capabilities of Leprosy Affected Individuals and Marginalised people

RECLAIM Programme Community Based Activities

- Regular weekly meetings
- Regular savings
- Credit management
- Book-keeping
- Social action programs
- Community health and development programmes
- Awareness and Non-Formal Education
- Networking with relevant local agencies
- Monitoring and supervision



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Lalgadh Welcomes Two New Doctors

Two new doctors have joined the team at Lalgadh hospital. Dr Yamuna Rai has come to NLT from Rukum Hospital in the far west of Nepal, and Dr Bijay Shahah has come from Okhaldhunga Hospital. Dr Shahah is originally from nearby Janakpur which makes it very easy for him to relate to the patients at LLSC.

Coffee & Crafts

NLT representatives are available to come and talk about the work of Trust and make Himalayan Handicrafts available for sale at the event. Contact our office for more details



Felt Crafts
Photo:
NLT Nepal



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Visit the projects of Nepal Leprosy Trust in 2013

March 26th - April 6th 2013

The visit includes staying at Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre, field trips to see Village Alive and RECLAIM programme activities, a tour of NLT Kathmandu Fair Trade Craft Workshops, sightseeing and more!

For more information contact:
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Dr Rai & Dr Shahah
Photos: LLSC



Busy Outpatients Department at Lalgadh

Photo: LLSC



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Standing against stigma

For as little as €10 per month you can help transform lives in Nepal, supporting those affected by leprosy and other disadvantaged people to care for their wounds, earn income and bring practical improvements to their villages.

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