

Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th November in Seymour Street Methodist Church Hall (Lisburn)

from 10am to 12noon

We would really appreciate your prayers for this event. Please pray that it would be well supported and advertised, resulting in a great time of fellowship for all!

If you can assist in spreading the word about the coffee morning, please do. It is an excellent opportunity to enjoy fellowship, try some tasty homemade treats and experience our Christmas shop. If you can distribute promotional flyers, or if you would like to receive an electronic flyer, please contact the office.



Headline prayers

Here are some prayers that you could include in your church bulletin:

- Pray for the work and witness of Hombolo Leprosy Hospital
- Give thanks for the clean water enjoyed by the village of Samaria, a leprosy settlement, who had a water pump installed last year
- Pray for the Hospital Director at Hombolo, Niwagila Tigwela
- Pray for the 32 community health volunteers, who reach over 12,000 people each year, providing education, screening, diagnosis and referrals

Support through prayer

Do you know anyone who would like to support us in prayer? If you would like to receive more copies of Prayer Fuel, or start a prayer group, please get in touch.



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Focus on Tanzania



PRAYER FUEL

"The LORD sustains all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down." *Psalm 145:14*



Hope for the future

Often leprosy leads to loss of income, isolation and despair. In Tanzania, your support helps hundreds of people affected by leprosy to overcome these issues through self-care groups.

These groups are made up of 8-10 people, who meet together for a daily health check. They wash feet and hands, and check each other for cuts and ulcers. They also use funding from The Leprosy Mission to set up small businesses, which help to bring independence, dignity and lasting transformation in their lives. The story of Magreth helps illustrate how self-care groups bring hope for the future.



The Story of Magreth

Since 2013, Magreth had been ill, but it wasn't until 2016 that she discovered she had leprosy.

It was the visit to her remote

village of a volunteer health worker from Hombolo Leprosy Hospital that led to correct diagnosis, and a referral on to the hospital for treatment. Hombolo Hospital sends out 32 trained volunteers into villages across the region. Through the Community Health Education Programme (CHEP), they often visit places which have no health care provision. Magreth is one of over 1600 people diagnosed by this team last year.



CHEP volunteers



Following treatment at Hombolo Hospital, Magreth joined a self-care group, and it was here that she learnt of the need to examine daily skin that had lost its feeling for cuts and ulcers, as well as exercise hands and feet to keep them supple, so as to avoid nerve damage and disability.

In February this year, the self-care group agreed to seed fund a poultry business for Magreth. She was overjoyed, as this has allowed her to earn an income to support her family. Magreth has 3 children, Marylin, who is 16, 12-year-old Tiyamika, and Yanase, aged 9. With the money that she earns from her chickens, she is able to clothe and feed her children. More than this, she has begun to save some money. Magreth plans to use these savings to send her children to school. She hopes that one day they might be able to go to university in Dodoma, the capital city of Tanzania.

From the depths of despair, facing financial insecurity coupled with suffering from a debilitating and unknown disease, Magreth's life has undergone an amazing transformation, experiencing healing of her leprosy, and enjoying a measure of hope she never dreamt possible!



Hombolo staff

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Please join with us as we pray for people like Magreth, battling leprosy in Tanzania

- Pray for the work of Hombolo Leprosy Hospital. Pray for hospital director Niwagila Tigwela, and for the staff of the hospital.
- Give thanks for the 32 volunteer health workers. Pray for safety as they travel, and for skill as they screen patients. Pray that many people would find diagnosis and treatment for their health issues.
- Pray for the government support of Hombolo Hospital. Pray especially for the visit of the Health Minister on 25th September, as they determine whether or not to release funding to the Hospital.
- Over 2,000 new cases of leprosy are discovered each year in Tanzania. Pray for those who will be diagnosed this year, that they would get the correct treatment and care. Pray for those as yet undiagnosed but suffering from leprosy, that they would have courage to seek help.
- Give thanks for the hope that Magreth has experienced. Pray for her, and her children, that they would know God's continued provision, guidance and good health.
- Pray for the self-care groups in Tanzania. Give thanks for the many people who have benefitted through participation in these groups. Pray that the self-care groups would continue to have an impact on the lives of their members.
- Pray for the village of Samaria, where over 300 people affected by leprosy live. Give thanks for the 26 new homes that have been built by volunteers from Northern Ireland over the past 10 years. Pray that the final houses will be completed this year.
- Pray for the TLMNI Board and the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika (DCT), as they review the work achieved at Hombolo, and determine how funds can be best used in the coming months.