



"Cleanse the Lepers"  
Matt. 10:8

# International Christian Leprosy Mission

Since 1943

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## MAXI-MINI . . . MAXI-MINI

But ours is not a battle of the dresses. With us, Maxi-Mini has nothing to do with women's fashions, or even with cloth, except as cloth is made up into bandages. For with us, your colleagues in the Indian Front-Line of the battle against blindness and leprosy, "Maxi & Mini" have totally different meanings. To us, the words refer to EYE CAMPS: Maxi referring to LARGE Hospital Camps, and Mini, to the SMALL.

When we have a Maxi Camp—involving anywhere from 100 to 500 blind patients, the hospital is cleared completely of paying patients, and every available bed is made over to the destitute blind; but even so we never have beds enough for everyone, inasmuch as we have only about 120 such. For the others, most of whom do not have beds in their own homes, we supply mats, which are put down anywhere space can be found for them, and which the patients use most gratefully during the time of their hospitalization.

The Maxi-camp is really a major undertaking, requiring weeks of preparation and large quantities of both surgical and medical supplies. Our hospital staff is extended to the limit, to try to serve the needs of so MANY blind people, among whom there are always a number with leprosy. Such a camp may last for three to five weeks.

For the Mini-camp, the routine running of the hospital is not disrupted, as from time to time, Dr. Coapullai with a specially selected small staff hold Diagnostic Clinics, in village centres, usually about 100 miles from Sompeta. The hospital party, taking their own ambulance, and other car or cars borrowed for the purpose, leaves early in the morning, goes to the selected centre, holds a wayside clinic in some shed, selecting the patients who are ready



Ophthalmic operation in progress at the Arogyavaram Eye Hospital in Sompeta, India.

for surgery, and then brings them back to the hospital (each patient with at least one relative to stand-by during the hospital stay) to arrive sometime that night, so that the staff may be there in time to look after the routine work of the hospital next morning.

We find the Mini-camps very effective, and greatly appreciated by the patients, who otherwise would have to spend days, walking in from their villages, and often with blindness caused by disease such as optic atrophy, glaucoma, trachoma, which cannot be cured by surgery, thus saving such patients from being terribly disappointed later.

Please pray for the Guidance and Blessing of the Great Physician, to rest upon His disciples, as they continue in obedience to His directives, to restore sight to the blind, and to cleanse those with leprosy.

(Article written by Dr. Ben R. Gullison, missionary-doctor who served many years in this area of Sompeta, India.)

Editor's note: Credit for the care of the non-leprosy patients must go to Operation Eyesight Universal. We work together at Sompeta.

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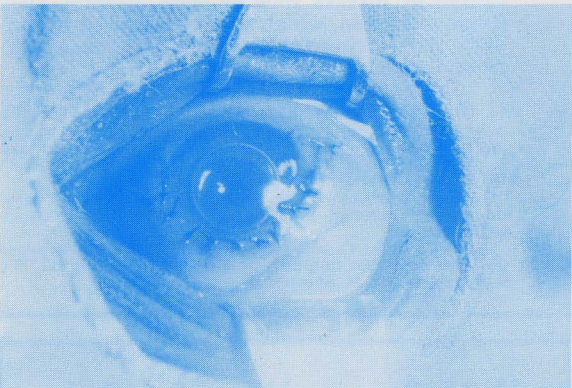
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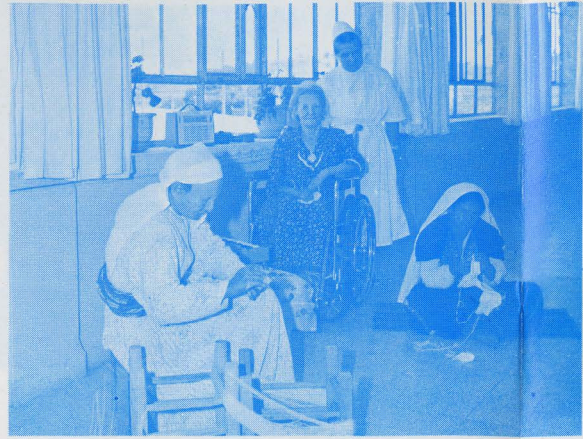
After the bridge suture is supplied to prevent the patient from looking upwards, the operation proceeds.



Cataract is removed and placed on a piece of gauze.



Ten corneo scleral sutures are then placed to insure the safety of the eye. Sterile air is injected into the anterior chamber of the eye. Patient doesn't have to lie flat on his back for one week as in former days. Sutures and bandages are removed after seven days.



Female section at the Moravian Home for leprosy patients.

## APPRECIATION FROM THE HOLY LAND

Johana Larson, at the Moravian Leper-Home in Ramallah, Israel, has written to Jean Etter, ICLM General Director, the following:

"It has been a great joy to receive your dear Christmas greeting. We all thank you so much for it. Your precious gift of \$100 for our work came the 23rd of December and we are most grateful for this sign of love.

"We celebrated Christmas with the patients the 29th of December. The message of Salvation was told to them very clearly and our blind friends of the Mary Lovel Home sang in Arabic and English. By the help of our friends we were able to give the patients nice things and useful ones and cake and sweets of which they are very fond.

"It makes us very glad to be allowed to remain in happy relationship with you, who so faithfully are carrying out what your founder and dear husband, Mr. Harold C. Etter, began in the Lord's name. To have been privileged to meet Mr. Etter in the Holy Land at Easter Day, is unforgettable for me.

"May the Lord give you His Grace and Blessing in your great mission work which is His."



## A HAPPY GROUP SAY "HELLO" TO ICLM FRIENDS

Demetria Balagtas appears on the extreme left of this picture standing a bit behind Michaela Alviar. Lucy (Luz) Broqueza, in the center in white, is one of the staff now doing the marketing. Next to her is Rose Mary Garcia, one of the older girls and on the right, Esmeralda Broqueza. In front of this array of girls we find brave Joel Casa, brother of Lito Casa.

## CAN SOMEONE HELP WITH THE PAINT FUND?

It was necessary to use most of the "Paint Fund" to repair the damage to the building after the typhoon hit in Manila last year. Doctora Dellota reports that they have almost finished painting the interior of the Children's Home but they need additional funds before proceeding with the exterior painting of the building. We are making this a prayer request that someone will be led to assist in contributing to this fund so this project may be completed. They have waited a long time for the finishing touches.

## A TWO-FOLD BLESSING

The act of sharing works two ways — your heart is lightened with joy as you give to those in need. Love travels across the miles and you know, God always blesses the giver in one way or another who honors His work. The recipient also is blessed by your act of kindness.

John 13:34 of God's Holy Word, reminds us of the Lord's wishes, when He gave the new commandment—"That you love one another as I have loved you."

## WATERMELONS IN FEBRUARY

The Philippine children at the Home care for a productive vegetable garden that supplies them with fresh vegetables and all the melons they can eat. This is a project the children enjoy and it provides good practical experience in gardening as well as good-tasting fresh vitamins. Pastor Maquera, no doubt, does a great deal of the work as well as supervising the project and instructing the children in the proper care of the garden.



The Scripture appearing on the stationery of The Philippine Children's Mission reminds us of Christ's tender love for children:

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God."—Mark 10:14

We covet your prayers and continued support for these little ones. May their lives be enriched and blessed by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know their wish for you would be:

HAPPY EASTER!



## A NEW BOY AT THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MISSION HOME

Lito Casa is happy to join the group of children at The Philippine Children's Mission Home. One reason being — he will be near his own brother, Joel Casa, who has been at this home most of his life and is a favorite among the children. Lito is in the 2nd year of High School. We believe his sponsor, a kind lady in Canada, will be happy with his appearance — he is a fine looking boy.



## CHRISTMAS PLAY ENJOYED BY THE JUNIOR CLASS

Three of the children at the Home are pictured in this group. The others are neighbors who attend Sunday School at the Chapel. On the left is Sebastian Balagtas and next to him is his sister Demetria. Michaela Alviar is standing next to the girl on the far right. The children enjoy taking part in various programs.



Patients being treated at the Bebalem Hospital operated by TEAM.



Patient entering hospital for treatment.



Joan Collary-nurse hospital, supplies.

### BY FAITH . . . BELIEVING

Plans to assist the leprosy patients at Beladja are progressing and we are pleased to announce that a sum of \$500 was recently sent to TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) Headquarters to help finance the medical group in being serving in this area in

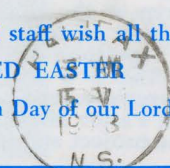
house, of TEAM writes:

We have just received word from Europe that the doctors and nurses will be definitely proceeding to Chad by February 1973. By faith, we as a Mission had committed ourselves to provide \$2000 to the medical group for 1973 to help in transportation costs and also the amount of \$4000 to provide a mobile clinic. To receive word concerning the gift of \$500 seemed to be God's seal on our move.

"By faith, we have placed an order for a vehicle in Europe which will be transformed and prepared for a mobile clinic. In this way, the

medical group will be able to circulate very freely and set up clinics in various areas. This of course will include the Beladja Leprosy Clinic which will now receive frequent visits, not only from nurses, but also from the doctor in that area. We know that you will be praying with us concerning the remaining amount needed for the mobile clinic. We are trusting the Lord to provide the full amount of funds necessary so that the work will not be held up. We would ask you to pray for the medical group as they begin their work in Chad and as they will be giving oversight to the leprosy work at Beladja."

The ICLM members and staff wish all their readers a  
**BLESSED EASTER**  
The Glorious Resurrection Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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