

## **LINDA LEHMAN RECEIVES THE DAMIEN-DUTTON AWARD FOR 2014**

The International Leprosy Association is proud to announce that Linda Lehman OTR/L, MPH, C.Ped has been selected to receive the prestigious Damien-Dutton Award for 2014.

Lehman has been selected for making a significant and lasting contribution to the global fight against leprosy. For more than three decades, she has travelled the world providing technical expertise and training on prevention of disability to everyone from ministries of health to community health workers.

The award was created by the Damien-Dutton Society for Leprosy Aid, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to ridding the world of leprosy. It is named after both Father Damien, a Belgian priest, canonized in 2009 for the care he gave to people affected by leprosy on the island of Molokai, Hawaii, and after Joseph Dutton, a U.S. civilian war veteran, who helped Father Damien.

Every year since 1953, the Damien-Dutton Society has presented an award to a notable person who has made a significant contribution towards the conquest of leprosy. Past award recipients include John F. Kennedy (posthumously), Dr Paul and Dr Margaret Brand and Mother Teresa. American Leprosy Missions received the award in 1981.

An American Leprosy Missions' Senior Advisor for Morbidity Management & Disability Prevention, Ms. Lehman is trained as an occupational therapist, has a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University and a certification in pedorthics. She has developed training materials endorsed by the World Health Organization and the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP). Linda Lehman has strong links with Brazil and its National Leprosy Control Program where she served as advisor in her field of expertise for several years.

The board of the International Leprosy Association is proud that another member of the ILA has its dedication to the fight against leprosy being honoured and recognized.”

