

A cordial welcome in Würzburg to all participants in the ‘Symposium on Multidrug Therapy in Leprosy’. For the first time a new drug regimen puts mankind in the position to not only stop leprosy, but to heal it finally. This is a milestone in the medical development of an efficient therapy against leprosy.

I wish to congratulate all scientists who contributed to the development of this therapy to their outstanding achievement and I thank above all the German Leprosy Relief Association that, by using this new treatment, will continue to perform its beneficial work which, originating from Würzburg, brings help to the poorest of the poor all over the world.

Big talks and nice words do not change anything. But there are the scientists who fight this cruel scourge of mankind by making new discoveries. And there are also the many individuals who by giving donations and assistance, virtually show solidarity with our leprosy-stricken fellow brothers who often live in unbelievable misery.

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