

Quarterly Prayer Guide



April, May, June 2017

Welcome

This is the Quarterly Prayer Guide for Apr-Jun 2017.

It is designed to be used as an accompaniment to the ASK 2017 Prayer Diary, exploring similar themes but with more specific daily prayers. The Quarterly Prayer Guide can also be used on its own.

Over the next three months please join us in prayer for TLM and partners in Niger, DR Congo, Southern Africa, New Zealand, Nepal, Spain, Italy, India, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, Northern Ireland, Mozambique, Timor Leste and for new countries and opportunities for TLM..

Thank you for supporting the work of TLM in prayer.

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Cover photo: Jose and his father Celestino.

Right: Celestino.

Jose and Celestino



Jose was 12 years old when he was diagnosed with leprosy in 2012. Due to nerve function loss, his fingers had begun to claw. He was unable to play games like marbles with his friends, who asked him “what’s wrong with your hands?” He didn’t know what it was, but he was becoming more self-conscious about it the more people at school noticed.

“I kept asking myself, ‘why are my fingers not like my other friends’ fingers?’” Jose says.

Jose’s father Celestino was diagnosed with leprosy just before Jose. Through the Better Health project, The Leprosy Mission was able to undertake contact tracing activities with Celestino’s family members to see if they had leprosy too. When Jose found out he had leprosy as well, he was scared. But now he had an opportunity for treatment!

“I just wanted my hands to be

like my other friends’ hands...”

With support from The Leprosy Mission, Jose and Celestino joined a self-care group in 2013 and began to learn about ways to treat numbness in hands and feet through regular massage. With appropriate self-care, Jose now has no deformity in his hands and feels so relieved and confident about the future.

“Thank you TLM for your support!”

Jose hopes one day to become a teacher, and wants to ensure other teenagers like him never have to go through what he has because of leprosy. Please continue to pray for our work in Timor Leste and for advocates like Jose who want to stop leprosy spreading. Pray for us to find more people like Jose, who can spread the news that leprosy is curable and prevent needless disability from affecting the next generation.

Week 14: 3 - 9 April

Niger

Mon 3 Apr

TLM Niger is making efforts to reinforce its partnership with other NGOs and with the Government (particularly the Ministry of Health for their work with Neglected Tropical Diseases and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Population to do more in inclusive development). Please pray for a successful partnership to meet the needs of people affected by leprosy, NTDs and other disabilities.

Tue 4 Apr

The security of Niger is still very fragile; ask for God's protection in the city and all across the regions of Niger for Country Leader Bunmi's family, the TLM team and people affected by leprosy.

Wed 5 Apr

The season of hot weather in Niger in April means poor electricity supply, poor internet and lack of physical strength to work. This can sometimes have a negative impact on the work of The Leprosy Mission team and their partners; pray for God to provide grace to cope with the hot weather.

Thu 6 Apr

Pray for the team in Niger as they travel to various regions by road to implement ongoing projects and supervise other partners in the field who are helping to implement project activities. Pray for safe travel especially this month as they will be doing a lot of journeys within and outside the country.

Fri 7 Apr

The end-of-term evaluation for TLM Niger's project at CSL Danja leprosy hospital

has recently been carried out; please pray for TLM Niger as they plan to develop another multi-year project to address the needs of people affected by leprosy in the Maradi region.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 Apr

IDEA Niger, an association of persons affected by leprosy, now has a new Project Coordinator: Joshua Boubacar, a university graduate with a leprosy-affected parent. Please pray that the Lord will give him the wisdom and strength needed to implement IDEA activities in the field and also find other supporting partners for IDEA Niger.

Week 15: 10 - 16 Apr

DR Congo

Mon 10 Apr

Praise God that strong involvement of local communities is bearing fruit in areas where a new TLM Congo project is focusing on villages rather than the whole province. Potential new cases are oriented to health centres by local communities and it is an opportunity to raise leprosy awareness.

Tue 11 Apr

Praise God for the new partnership between the national Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) programme, TLM Congo and AIM (Accelerating Integrated Management, an innovative mapping programme). A pilot project jointly mapped and planned is underway and will strengthen case management of NTDs, including leprosy, more clearly than before.

Wed 12 Apr

Let's pray that field visits

make a positive change in the lives of beneficiaries by improving the quality of TLM Congo's work in remote villages.

Thu 13 Apr

This year TLM Congo is going through a finance shortage and this is causing uncertainty to staff. Pray for God's faithfulness and grace.

Fri 14 Apr

Let's pray for people diagnosed with disabilities, that they will keep courage and receive appropriate treatment. Pray for those who do not want to live with the labels that leprosy stigma often brings.

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Apr

Let us continue to pray for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as many civilians are dying, that politicians reach an agreement.

Week 16: 17 - 23 Apr

Southern Africa

Mon 17 Apr

Give thanks that the mail service in South Africa continues to show signs of improvement – however, there is still a long way to go before it gets back to normal. TLM Southern Africa are very dependent on the mail service for their fundraising programme. Pray for God's continued intervention in this matter.

Tue 18 Apr

Give thanks for the progress being made by the RampUp project and continue to pray for Erna Möller as she encourages churches to get involved with disability outreach activities. Give thanks that Barbara Watt, a key member of the RampUp programme, has recovered well from a recent illness and pray that she will continue to

enjoy good health in her new home.

Wed 19 Apr

Many parts of South Africa and neighbouring countries have been in the grip of a drought – pray with us for an end to the drought and the recovery of the farming sector.

Thu 20 Apr

We are grateful for good co-operation between the TLM team in South Africa and the national Communicable Diseases team. Pray that this will lead to an increased awareness of leprosy by health professionals and a deeper understanding of how to manage leprosy. A few patients have recently been diagnosed at an advanced stage of leprosy – this is deeply disappointing to the team, as they have conducted a lot of leprosy training in the areas from which the patients come. Some health professionals are still very afraid of leprosy – we are glad that they have been open with us about their concerns – pray that we will find effective ways to address those fears.

Fri 21 Apr

TLM Southern Africa have been notified of bequests pending to the Mission – payment dates are not given, but they may receive them by year end. Pray for a smooth process and timely receipt of these funds, and give thanks for the lives and generosity of these donors.

Sat 22 - Sun 23 Apr

The team in South Africa have received a few 'out of the blue' donations in recent days that have given a good boost to their income. Give thanks for the supporters who enable our work and for God's faithful provision.

Week 17: 24 - 30 Apr

New Zealand

Mon 24 Apr

Pray God will guide and bless The Leprosy Mission New Zealand's fundraising initiatives. Pray that more visitors will be attracted to their website and Facebook page and be encouraged to give support through prayer, donations or advocating for people affected by leprosy.

Tue 25 Apr

Praise God for the programmes team, Jasleen Kler (Programmes Manager), Tony Wrightson and Andrew Harding (Programme Consultants) as they work together on projects in Papua New Guinea, Bougainville, Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Pray for wisdom and inspiration as they work on project concepts. Pray also for God's provision and protection as they travel overseas to support and empower colleagues and people affected by leprosy.

Wed 26 Apr

Pray for successful fundraising outcomes for the 2017 Youth Advocates as they present in churches and community groups about their life-changing experience in Nepal. Pray that their voice will be heard and can help raise funds and awareness for the Mission's work in Nepal.

Thu 27 Apr

Pray for wisdom and direction for TLM NZ's Management Team: Gillian Whitley, Executive Director; Martin Malkaney, Finance Manager; Jane Walker, Fundraising Manager; and Jasleen Kler, Programme Manager. Pray for oneness in hearts and minds as they lead the team in supporting people affected by leprosy, to

help Cure, Care for and Restore people affected by leprosy.

Fri 28 Apr

Praise the Lord! TLM NZ recently received approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for funding the new project in Papua New Guinea. This is vital for the continuation of The Leprosy Mission's work in mainland PNG from 2017 to 2021. Pray for God's guidance and favour in starting the new project. Pray also for smooth communication as the teams in NZ and PNG work together to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 Apr

Pray that the appeals and mailings sent out by TLM NZ will be powerful and moving in their message and that their message will reach a wider New Zealand community. Pray also for the hearts of New Zealanders to be stirred into action with a willingness to support the work of The Leprosy Mission to help end leprosy in a generation.

Week 18: 1 - 7 May

Nepal

Mon 1 May

Continue to pray for Mr Shovakhar Kandel, Country Director of TLM Nepal, and his family as they cope with the loss of their beloved daughter Mamta Kandel. The family is going to publish a biography of Mamta and her influence as a young person committed to Jesus, so please remember them in your prayers.

Tue 2 May

Please give thanks for the wonderful opportunity of being able to network with the churches in Kathmandu and elsewhere in Nepal. As a

result of frequent training taking places in churches and meetings with several church leaders, a basic network with the churches has been established with TLM Nepal. Please pray that this network grows stronger to mobilise local churches in community intervention and development activities.

Wed 3 May

A community-based rehabilitation project supported by EO Metterdaad Netherlands is restoring livelihoods in nine districts of Nepal that were devastated by the earthquakes. The project is conducting livelihood training (poultry, vegetable farming) for self-help group and cooperative members and providing business support money to improve their status in society. Please pray for the smooth completion of the training and distribution of money.

Thu 4 May

Please pray for IDEA Nepal, an association of people affected by leprosy which is working in partnership with TLM Nepal. Remember IDEA leadership as they roll out activities to equip members with basic counselling skills. Please pray for more confidence in the members of IDEA Nepal for launching other advocacy and capacity building activities in the communities.

Fri 5 May

TLM Nepal's Country Review will take place from the 10th of May. Please help TLM Nepal staff in preparation for the review as well as for the preparation of the review team of Brent Morgan, Jannine Ebenso and Jan Bert from the International Office. Please pray that this review

will further strengthen TLM Nepal's practices, procedures and improve implementation of project activities.

Sat 6 - Sun 7 May

An initiative has been undertaken following increasing frequencies of disaster events in the South Asian region to form a healthcare emergency alliance. The objective is to develop proactive, collaborative and coordinative mechanisms to improve disaster response. The first meeting is supposed to take place in the second week of May. Please pray that the role of TLM Nepal and Emmanuel Hospital Association in all of this would have fruit bearing influence to the stakeholders.

Week 19: 8 - 14 May

Spain and Italy

Mon 8 May

TLM Spain's Communications Officer Sebastian and volunteer Samuel have given a complete turn to their website, redesigning almost everything. Give thanks for their skills and dedication and pray this will encourage supporters to engage with the Mission online.

Tue 9 May

Pray for TLM Spain's magazine, that the pictures and stories of lives impacted by the Mission's work will inspire donors to give. TLM Spain continues to seek to minimise costs and use the funds to reach the sick – pray for opportunities and partnerships that enable this.

Wed 10 May

Pray for the TLM Spain team, for courage to share their faith, compassion for those who do not believe and

wisdom to transmit the love of God in their work. May they preach the gospel where God has placed them. Pray too for protection and blessing in their lives, that God will meet their daily needs in housing, income, transport and relationships.

Thu 11 May

TLM Italy is run by a small but dedicated group of volunteers. Give thanks for these generous people and their passion for helping people affected by leprosy. Pray for more people to join their working groups and greater commitment of supporters.

Fri 12 May

TLM Italy hopes to promote the Mission's work through cultural initiatives and events this month and next. Pray for the team as they plan for innovative and engaging events that will inform and inspire new supporters.

Sat 13 - Sun 14 May

Board member Pietro Matino recently published an English translation of a book he wrote titled "Never Forget the Cat" (e-book and paperback, translation by Norma Melgren, available on Amazon) to raise funds for The Leprosy Mission's work. It is an amusing feline adventure about the universal values of friendship and the mysterious world of cats. Pray that "Never Forget the Cat" will be well-received, and for God's wisdom and good opportunities for TLM Italy to promote this and other fundraising initiatives.

Week 20: 15 - 21 May

India

Mon 15 May

Thank God for Dr Sunil Anand, former Executive Director of The Leprosy Mission Trust

India who retired from the Mission in March. Thank God for his able leadership. Pray that God blesses all his future plans.

Tue 16 May

Thank God for Dr Mary Verghese, who has been appointed as The Leprosy Mission Trust India's new Executive Director, from March. Pray for God's blessings and wisdom for her to lead the Mission.

Wed 17 May

Pray for TLM India's partners, like the Government of India, members of ILEP (International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations) and other like-minded organisations. Pray that with God's wisdom, we all can work together effectively.

Thu 18 May

Pray for committed staff to join the Mission. The breadth of TLM's work in India means staff of many different skills are needed – pray for God to call compassionate and enthusiastic people who have a genuine interest in our vision of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Fri 19 May

All TLM India's hospitals, vocational training centres and community development projects are putting in extra efforts to raise funds that will make their work self-sustainable. Pray for God's grace, encouragement and guidance for staff.

Sat 20 - Sun 21 May

Pray for enthusiastic and committed partners to support TLM India's community campaign for building awareness about leprosy.

Week 21: 22 - 28 May

Papua New Guinea

Mon 22 May

TLM PNG's Sustainable Livelihoods Development Project is now two months into implementation. Please pray for their team of eight staff as they work together to achieve the project objectives for this year, even though the project got off to a late start. Pray for staff as they analyse gathered information and complete the required reports for funders by 30 June.

Tue 23 May

Unfortunately TLM PNG's Leprosy and Disability Inclusive, Gender-Based Violence Project in partnership with World Vision was not accepted by the European Union for funding. However, TLM, the National Leprosy Elimination Programme and the World Health Organization now have a combined project for two years, to support the contact tracing of new leprosy cases. This means visiting each new patient and screening their family members for leprosy skin patches and other signs of the disease.

Wed 24 May

Campaigning is still underway for the PNG National Elections. The polling period is for 14 days from 24 June - 8 July. Please pray for peace in the country during this time and for safety of the staff as they try to implement project activities in two of the key electoral provinces of PNG – the National Capital District and the surrounding Central Province.

Thu 25 May

Unfortunately TLM's property in Madang has not yet sold. Please continue to pray for

the right buyer to come along and for a speedy sale before the year end. Pray also that the 'transfer of state lease' documents get signed quickly by the Lands Department, so that the final sale processes can be completed when the time comes.

Fri 26 May

TLM PNG's Annual Country Learning (ACL) meetings will be held later this year in October or November. Pray that the meeting preparations go well and that the team will be able to strengthen ties with key partners through this process, especially to support the implementation of the Sustainable Livelihoods Development project.

Sat 27 - Sun 28 May

TLM PNG is continuing to look out for new funding opportunities. Pray for the new DFAT/Australian Aid funding process in PNG, that TLM will be able to join a consortia of NGOs for one of the big grant possibilities for 2018-2020.

Week 22: 29 May - 4 Jun

Ethiopia

Mon 29 May

Thank the Lord for his provision of funds for TLM Ethiopia's new Comprehensive Leprosy and Rehab Services project, which started in April. Jersey Overseas Aid is funding this project for the next four years. Pray for the success of the new project and for the new project officer. Give thanks that the Hungarian Government is interested in supporting the activities of this project as well.

Tue 30 May

Ethiopia is still suffering from a drought. It is even worse than last year. Please pray that the Lord will send rain.

Wed 31 May

Pray for the stove project in Ethiopia. It has been delayed greatly due to the in-country situation. Pray that the production of stoves will go well and that people are interested to buy the stoves.

Thu 1 Jun

The emergency situation in Ethiopia has been extended for another four months at time of writing. Please pray for wisdom for the government in dealing with the in-country situation.

Fri 2 Jun

TLM Ethiopia does not have its own governing board. They are looking for people to form an Advisory Committee. Pray that the right people can be found and appointed.

Sat 3 - Sun 4 Jun

Pray for the staff at TLM Ethiopia. Pray particularly for the renewal of Tanny's work permit and residence permit there, and for Berihun as he writes his thesis for his MBA.

Week 23: 5 - 11 Jun

Northern Ireland

Mon 5 Jun

In December 2016, TLM Northern Ireland was registered a charitable company. Over the past six months a number of governance items have been put in place to enable the transfer of all assets, liabilities and activities from the old unincorporated organisation to their new charitable company. Pray for a smooth transition as they close out this transfer. Pray also for good communication and understanding amongst supporters and that no donors would be lost through this process,

particularly as they change banks.

Tue 6 Jun

TLM Northern Ireland's Board of Trustees meet on Monday 19th June. Pray for this meeting and the important matters that will be discussed as they determine priorities moving forward.

Wed 7 Jun

In recent months, TLM Northern Ireland has recruited new staff to administrate their new organisational database and support donor development and fundraising activities. Pray that these individuals will quickly learn and be able to apply their skills and experience to the tasks before them. Pray for creativity and innovation and a sense of team amongst all the staff.

Thu 8 Jun

TLM Northern Ireland's country office audit will occur during the week of 26 June. Give thanks for all that has been achieved over the past three years and the changes that have been made. Pray for Brent Morgan, International Director, as he conducts the audit review, and Joanne Briggs, Country Leader, as they discuss and prioritise any further changes.

Fri 9 Jun

This is the first year of TLM Northern Ireland's new strategic plan, 2017-2020. Pray for staff as they meet later this month to review progress against annual goals, to celebrate all that has been achieved to date and prioritise actions for the remaining six months of the year.

Sat 10 - Sun 11 Jun

'Now to Him who is able to

do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen' Eph 3:20-21. Join with us as we give thanks and praise to our Father in heaven who has blessed us abundantly and enabled much to be achieved through our limited capacity and resources. We pray for more blessing, more opportunities, more resources and more funds so that we can give more away and see greater impact and influence for leprosy-affected people and communities.

Week 24: 12 - 18 Jun

Mozambique

Mon 12 Jun

Pray for unity, understanding and mutual strengthening between TLM Mozambique and partners.

Tue 13 Jun

During this time, some new projects in Mozambique need to run baseline studies and initiate some new activities. Pray for understanding among the participants and partners involved.

Wed 14 Jun

TLM Mozambique are currently selecting villages and pastors for their new church community mobilisation project and running baseline studies against which to measure the success of the project. Pray for staff wisdom as well as insight into indicators and the baseline processes.

Thu 15 Jun

TLM Mozambique team's calendars are filling up fast, leaving little to no space for internal capacity building. Pray that the needed processes for this will find space and

commitment.

Fri 16 Jun

The team in Mozambique have many activities in the field the coming months. Rains make the roads dangerous and difficult. Pray for protection and blessing on their interactions with communities.

Sat 17 - Sun 18 Jun

TLM Mozambique is developing a new mapping and health information system project. Give thanks for an open door from the AIM (Accelerating Integrated Management) Initiative, as well as many open doors in the Health Ministry. Pray for wisdom and good conversations in drawing this together.

Week 25: 19 - 25 Jun

Timor Leste

Mon 19 Jun

Pray for TLM Timor Leste's Community-Based Rehabilitation Social, Economic, Health, Development project staff as they prepare for August's training for self-help groups to be able to develop good business proposals.

Tue 20 Jun

Pray for the Better Health for Communities Affected by Leprosy project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, that through a Mass Drugs Administration campaign they will reach all the communities and people affected by leprosy for early diagnosis and treatment.

Wed 21 Jun

Thank God that TLM Timor Leste's project "Rights for Persons with Disabilities" has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with

four Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) partners. Pray that they will continue the activities and support the DPOs to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

Thu 22 Jun

Pray for the management planning for staff restructures in July, and that staff will collaborate and understand TLM Timor Leste's strategy and financial situation.

Fri 23 Jun

Thank God that TLM Timor Leste has established an advisory group to support the Country Leader role. The advisory group comprises Bruther Nico Lay (from Chatolich Diocese), Veronica das Dores (Director General for National Centre of Rehabilitation), Dulce da Cunha (Disability advisor for Human Development Program – Australian Embassy), Gaspar Afonso (Blind Disability Association) and Pete Garratt (TLM International Office).

Sat 24 - Sun 25 Jun

Pray for peaceful parliamentary elections in Timor Leste in July 2017.

Week 26: 26 Jun - 2 Jul

New Countries, New Opportunities

Mon 26 Jun

Pray for God to open doors for TLM in Norway, a rich country with a lot of mission-minded Christians and a huge potential for successful fundraising. TLM Sweden are able to prepare fundraising materials - pray for openings, volunteers and collaborators who can use these effectively.

Tue 27 Jun

In 2015 a pastor's wife from the south of Norway

was part of TLM Sweden's visiting group to India. After returning back she started to run fundraising activities in close collaboration with TLM Sweden. Unfortunately she became ill and has been ill for the last year. Pray for her quick recovery and continued enthusiasm for fundraising in churches and to individuals for the needs of people affected by leprosy.

Wed 28 Jun

Give thanks for the service of Klaus Leonhardt, former Country Leader of TLM Denmark, who has now resigned. There is no current replacement and no other staff. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the board of TLM Denmark as well as staff at the International Office and at TLM Sweden as they work together to figure out the best way forward.

Thu 29 Jun

A team recently visited Indonesia to explore how TLM might engage there in future. Pray for God's guidance as this team consider the learnings and opportunities from this visit. Indonesia has the third highest annual number of leprosy cases in the world.

Fri 30 Jun

We are still without a representative to raise awareness and funds in Portugal. Pray for God's leading in this matter.

Sat 1 - Sun 2 Jul

A recent research training led by Dr Paul Saunderson (TLM's Director for Research) and funded by the Leprosy Research Initiative has stimulated considerable interest in leprosy research across Africa. Pray that this interest will bear fruit and that this initiative will serve as a good basis for further capacity building in research in Africa.