

# Quarterly Prayer Guide



January, February, March 2016

## Welcome

This is the quarterly prayer guide for Jan-Mar 2016.

It is designed to be used as an accompaniment to the ASK 2016 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 India, New Zealand, Niger, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Hungary, Timor Leste, USA, Canada, Nigeria, and for important events and meetings.

Thank you for supporting the work of TLM in prayer.

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**Cover photo:** Tosir Uddin in his field.

**Right:** Tosir helping his granddaughter with her sewing.

# New Hope



When Tosir Uddin, from Vimpur village in Rangpur, Bangladesh, was 18 years old, he developed leprosy. Because of leprosy he was stigmatised by his neighbours, other villagers and even his nearest and dearest.

Due to his clawed fingers (a consequence of untreated leprosy) other villagers wouldn't allow him to work with them. So he started a wood cutting business for his livelihood. As a result of the hard manual work his right hand developed blisters and then a deep ulcer. He received many local treatments but didn't see any improvement.

A treated leprosy patient recognised that Tosir had the symptoms of leprosy and took him to TLM Bangladesh's DBLM Hospital in Nilphamari, where he received three years of treatment and was finally cured. By this time however he had lost all of the fingers on his right hand.

However, in the beginning of 2006 Tosir joined a TLM Bangladesh self-help group in his village and started saving. After one year the group members lent Tosir a piece of land which he used to cultivate

vegetables. His granddaughter received sewing training through the group and after graduation went on to earn a good income.

Now Tosir is the cashier of both his village self-help group and the Upazilla (District) association of groups. As an active member he communicates with local Government social service offices for group members' entitlements. Finally he was selected for disability allowances of quarterly 1050 taka. Now he is able to manage three meals a day.

"After joining the group I have come to know significant changes in my life, with new hope", said Tosir. "As a group member I had someone to talk with about my problems. The group helped me, encouraging and facilitating work, helped my family to secure the necessities of life and improve our economic and social situations".

Tosir said that the group not only enabled development in health, education, livelihood and social sectors but also empowered him to help others to access their rights.

## Week 1: 1 - 10 Jan

### India

#### Fri 1 Jan

##### *New Year's Day*

Pray for TLM's work around the world in 2016, that as we strive towards our vision of 'leprosy defeated, lives transformed' we will witness with love in our words and deeds to the truth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### Sat 2 - Sun 3 Jan

As we enter the new year, many TLM staff members around the world will be returning to work after spending Christmas with their families. Pray that all will feel refreshed and inspired by the season of Christ's birth.

#### Mon 4 Jan

TLM India's Annual Leadership Consultations are scheduled in February. Pray that the Senior Management Team will be able to take appropriate decisions for the Mission to be more effective in 2016.

#### Tue 5 Jan

TLM India recently developed their new three-year Country Strategy (2016-18). Pray that everyone in the Mission will understand it and implement it with God's wisdom.

#### Wed 6 Jan

This month, TLM India will be starting a new research project comparing three types of community-based health education, which will be implemented in five sites in three states of India (Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal). Pray that the project will be successful and provide useful learning that will improve TLM's services for people affected by leprosy.

#### Thu 7 Jan

Pray that the EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy) Bill, 2015, for repealing all laws that discriminate against people affected by leprosy, will be passed by the Parliament of India.

#### Fri 8 Jan

Pray for success for the new community development project, CREATE (Community-Based Organisations for Research, Education, Advocacy, Training and Employment) which will be implemented in four states of India (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh) starting this month.

#### Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jan

Pray that God will open new doors for local donors so that TLM India can grow towards financial self-sufficiency.

## Week 2: 11 - 17 Jan

### New Zealand

#### Mon 11 Jan

Today the TLM NZ office opens again for the new year after the summer Christmas/New Year break. Pray for the TLM NZ team as they come back to the office and for a successful start to 2016.

#### Tue 12 Jan

Pray for Martin Malkaney, TLM NZ Finance Manager, as he finalises the annual financial accounts for 2015 and liaises with the external auditors. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Martin as he goes about these tasks. Give thanks for Martin's faithful service to TLM NZ.

#### Wed 13 Jan

Each year TLM NZ takes a group of Youth Advocates to

Nepal to see the work of the Mission. This year eight young people will visit Nepal for 12 days from 20 Jan with Brent Morgan (Executive Director) and Gillian Whitley (Donor Development Manager). Pray that God will prepare the hearts of these young people ahead of this trip and that it will be a life-changing experience for them.

#### Thu 14 Jan

The World Leprosy Day Appeal is mailed out to 11,500 TLM NZ supporters. Pray that the final preparations of the appeal go smoothly ahead of the mail out. Pray for Jane Walker (Direct Marketing Manager) and Bruce Waldin (Marketing Manager) as they oversee the World Leprosy Day campaign.

#### Fri 15 Jan

On 21 Jan, a group of NZ Bangladeshi volunteers will travel to Chittagong, Bangladesh to visit the Chittagong People-Led Development Project. These volunteers will conduct training sessions for project beneficiaries alongside the project staff. Please pray for this group ahead of their visit. Pray for Bernard Gomes (Programmes Committee member) who will lead the group and Mike Sheppard (Ethnic Communities Ambassador) who will travel with them. Pray for a successful visit and that the Chittagong staff and project beneficiaries will be positively impacted.

#### Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jan

On 20 Jan, Grant Pollock (Treasurer) will travel to the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project (Bougainville, Papua New Guinea) to conduct a project financial audit. Please pray for Grant as he prepares for his visit, and give thanks for his faithful service to TLM NZ and



for his servant heart. Pray that the audit will go well and that project staff will be encouraged by Grant's visit.

### Week 3: 18 - 24 Jan

#### *Niger*

##### **Mon 18 Jan**

The intended disability network of international non-governmental organisations in Niger has suffered a lot of setbacks due to a lack of commitment from identified members. TLM Niger and CBM are working on reviving it; please pray that their efforts will yield success.

##### **Tue 19 Jan**

Pray for the leprosy service activities starting in Tahoua region of Niger, that God will go before and prepare the ground. Pray that the mass campaign and training held this month will give health workers the tools to diagnose and properly treat new cases of leprosy.

##### **Wed 20 Jan**

Pray for preparations for the Integral Mission Workshop for church leaders in the Maradi region of Niger, planned for the first week of February.

##### **Thu 21 Jan**

Pray for CSL Danja, the only active leprosy referral hospital in Niger, to finish its new strategic plan by the end of March and to recruit a new programme director.

##### **Fri 22 Jan**

TLM Niger is planning to develop with key partners a positioning paper on micro-credit and micro-finance guidelines through a workshop in the beginning of March. Please pray for the success of this workshop.

##### **Sat 23 - Sun 24 Jan**

Please pray for the TLM Niger team as they plan programmes with other implementing partners, that they will be able to make positive impact in meeting the strategic objectives set for the country.

### Week 4: 25 - 31 Jan

#### *World Leprosy Day*

##### **Mon 25 Jan**

TLM England and Wales are encouraging churches to hold a World Leprosy Sunday between 1 Jan - 25 Apr. The theme is 'Rebuild Nepal' and the target funding of £125k could rebuild homes for 50 families. Pray for the churches celebrating World Leprosy Day this week, and that other churches will continue to find possibilities to do so and contribute towards the appeal. Pray that the communications materials will help people conduct these services and inspire congregations.

##### **Tue 26 Jan**

Many people and organisations will be using World Leprosy Day as an opportunity to spread the message about leprosy on social media. Pray that it would be seen, shared, and reach new eyes and ears.

##### **Wed 27 Jan**

Last year, TLM Mozambique's World Leprosy Day plans were interrupted due to flooding and unstable electricity. Pray that this year's celebrations go ahead as planned and are well attended.

##### **Thu 28 Jan**

In Papua New Guinea, now is not a good time to celebrate World Leprosy Day, so they hope to choose a date more

suitable for those working with leprosy in the country, so that they can celebrate it with time to prepare properly. Pray for the Papua New Guinea team and others that delay their World Leprosy Day celebrations either through necessity or to maximise publicity, that their celebrations will have a great impact.

##### **Fri 29 Jan**

Pray for smooth preparations for World Leprosy Day in Chad, for the team to overcome any challenges and that the celebrations will contribute to awareness in the chosen area.

##### **Sat 30 - Sun 31 Jan**

Sunday is World Leprosy Day! Pray that people all around the world who are hearing about leprosy today will listen to the message and be convinced and impacted by its truth.

### Week 5: 1 - 7 Feb

#### *Myanmar*

##### **Mon 1 Feb**

The election on 8 Nov was a success story for Myanmar. As Myanmar prepares to transfer power from the military backed ruling party to National League for Democracy, who won by a landslide in the election, pray for a smooth transition and the formation of a genuine government to open a new chapter for the country.

##### **Tue 2 Feb**

Pray for the way TLM Myanmar's new strategy is shared among the staff team so that everyone is aware of it and can understand how their project contributes towards it.

##### **Wed 3 Feb**

New phases of two TLM Myanmar projects started last month. Pray for successful implementation of the REVEAL 4 livelihood project and the

7 UP Disability Advocacy Project, and that they will effectively build upon the foundations already laid. Pray also for the staff carrying out activities.

#### **Thu 4 Feb**

A surgical workshop facilitated by Wim Theuvenet and his team finishes today at Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital, Myanmar. At a simultaneous workshop by Hands Across Borders, physiotherapists and nurses learned hand therapy. Pray these and future workshops will build stronger relationships between leprosy players and general medical services and will help retain leprosy expertise in Myanmar.

#### **Fri 5 Feb**

Voluntary field officers Henk and Sia from World Servants, Netherlands, are preparing for 30 young volunteers to undertake a hostel construction project at Chaung Sone Baptist Church compound, TLM Myanmar's partner in the island town in Mon State. The hostel would house children with disabilities from remote places so they could receive education opportunities in town. Pray for Henk and Sia's initial visit and preparations and for the final volunteers visit to be a success.

#### **Sat 6 - Sun 7 Feb**

Ni Ni Tun and Aye Thet Suu Mon, two physiotherapists from TLM Myanmar, recently returned from Hanoi after 18 months training on Orthopaedic Shoes Technology and are now starting a workshop at Taungoo Disability Resource Centre. Pray for successful implementation of this service which was not available before in Myanmar.

### **Week 6: 8 - 14 Feb**

#### *Nepal*

#### **Mon 8 Feb**

TLM Nepal are finalising proposals and setting up for construction of Anandaban Hospital and buildings that have been damaged/destroyed in the earthquake. Please pray that they will be able to form a strong construction management team to oversee the activities taking place over the next two years. Pray too for enough funds to build a safe, earthquake resilient and disability friendly hospital.

#### **Tue 9 Feb**

Give thanks for the positive recognition TLM Nepal has received from the Government of Nepal (GoN) for its work and expertise in injury and disability management post-earthquake. They have supported the GoN in not just treating injured people but also in providing expertise for injury and trauma management training. Pray for TLM Nepal, Handicap International and CBM as they support the GoN in further rolling out this training to health officials for disaster preparedness.

#### **Wed 10 Feb**

TLM Nepal will conduct its Annual Country Learning on 11-12 Feb. Give thanks that they are able to come together despite all the challenges of 2015 which have crippled the country's socio-economic status. Please pray for a successful workshop with learning, cooperation and prayers that inspire the team to continue working hard in serving the needy. Pray too for safe travels of partners in country as well as international staff travelling from afar.

#### **Thu 11 Feb**

Anandaban Hospital will continue providing follow up services to people injured during the earthquake. They will focus on physical rehabilitation by providing services such as implant removals, physiotherapy and assistive devices like crutches, wheelchairs, canes, etc to aid recovery. Please pray that staff are able to provide appropriate treatment so as to curb any disability resulting from injury.

#### **Fri 12 Feb**

TLM Nepal aims to start a reconstruction project which will support people affected by leprosy and disability to build new, earthquake resilient homes. With 784,000 homes damaged due to the earthquakes in 2015, the need is great. Please pray that they will receive substantial funding to help more people and will be able to use local knowledge and local products in this participatory safer shelter approach. Pray for partnerships with other organisations to increase their reach.

#### **Sat 13 - Sun 14 Feb**

TLM Nepal conducts yearly reconstructive surgery camps in government hospitals. This month, Anandaban surgeons will be conducting outreach camps for people who are unable to travel to Anandaban. They will also train government doctors on reconstructive surgeries. Pray for the safety of TLM Nepal staff whilst travelling and that they are able to transfer knowledge to strengthen government health services in Nepal.

### **Week 7: 15 - 21 Feb**

#### *Bangladesh*

#### **Mon 15 Feb**

There are 28 sub-districts in

northern Bangladesh where TLM facilitates self-help groups and associations. During February and March each year, sub-district associations meet with self-help group members, with around 200 participants per gathering. Pray for productive progress and experience sharing in these meetings and good governance of sub-district associations.

#### **Tue 16 Feb**

TLM Bangladesh needs funding commitments to continue its projects in different working areas. Pray that funding partners will be motivated to continue funding projects and that new potential funders will be inspired to fill any gaps.

#### **Wed 17 Feb**

TLM Bangladesh's projects in Dhaka and Chittagong will be preparing their annual reports this month. Pray the reports will effectively explain the transformation in human lives due to project activities so the TLM Global Fellowship and donors are aware and encouraged.

#### **Thu 18 Feb**

Thank God for the successful construction of a new part of the building at DBLM Hospital, with Jersey Overseas Aid Commission funding. Further construction will be undertaken this quarter. Pray for the upcoming inauguration of the new hospital building, which TLM Bangladesh is looking forward to.

#### **Fri 19 Feb**

Activities in TLM Bangladesh's Leprosy Field Research in Bangladesh Project and also their Gaibandha-Jaipurhat Leprosy Care Project were successfully completed

in 2015. Planning and development for new phases and new projects is now underway and needs to be completed in this quarter. Ask for God's guidance in the input of related staff and stakeholders.

#### **Sat 20 - Sun 21 Feb**

TLM Bangladesh's projects in Dhaka and Chittagong will hold a meeting with stakeholders at the end of this month to inform them on the progress over the last year and receive their suggestions for better performance. Pray that the meetings will be fruitful.

### **Week 8: 22 - 28 Feb**

#### *Netherlands*

#### **Mon 22 Feb**

The past few years several staff members of TLM Netherlands have suffered from illness and/or physical problems. Please pray for good health for all staff members in this year.

#### **Tue 23 Feb**

Geeske Zijp is a Dutch field worker who's been living in Chad for decades now. She is very much dedicated to the work of TLM. She's not only professionally helping disabled people, but she involves her heart and soul in everything she does. Please pray for God's protection and guidance for Geeske and pray that He may bless her for her dedication.

#### **Wed 24 Feb**

TLM Netherlands publishes a prayer calendar in Dutch every two months and sends it to donors who want to support the work of TLM with prayers. TLM Netherlands strives to involve more donors in praying. Please pray that more donors will want

to receive the Dutch prayer calendar, so that our work will be upheld by abiding prayer.

#### **Thu 25 Feb**

In order to bring attention to leprosy and justice, last year TLM Netherlands organised two events with singing, prayer and a 'sand artist' who produces live sand drawings, which are projected on a large screen, to illustrate the words of the songs. The tour was successful and the next tour will start on 13 Mar. Please pray for God's guidance for the preparations and that the visitors will be touched by the message of the tour.

#### **Fri 26 Feb**

TLM Netherlands sent churches in The Netherlands mail encouraging them to commemorate World Leprosy Day (31 Jan). Some churches did, other churches followed their own ecclesiastical programme. Please pray that these churches will sympathise with people affected by leprosy and will find another moment these months to give attention to the problem of leprosy.

#### **Sat 27 - Sun 28 Feb**

TLM Netherlands is busy with their Annual Report of 2015, which will be sent to most of their donors. Please pray for the process of composing the Annual Report, that TLM Netherlands will be able to compile something inspiring. Please pray that the donors will be encouraged by the way their support has impacted the lives of people who are affected by leprosy.

### **Week 9: 29 Feb - 6 Mar**

#### *Hungary*

#### **Mon 29 Feb**

In the period of Lent, TLM Hungary is often invited to hold presentations in Christian



schools during their retreat days. Pray for the pupils and teachers, many of them hearing about the cause of leprosy for the first time, that the message will resound in their hearts.

### **Tue 1 Mar**

#### *Zero Discrimination Day*

Discrimination due to leprosy can cause emotional pain and also financial hardship, and fear of discrimination keeps people from coming forward for timely treatment. Pray for love and acceptance and for eyes to be opened in communities and families where leprosy is present so that people will know that it is only a curable disease and nothing to fear or avoid.

### **Wed 2 Mar**

Prior to Easter, TLM Hungary places appeals in various Roman Catholic magazines. Give thanks for those priests and believers who generously respond by generating either prayer or financial support for the Mission.

### **Thu 3 Mar**

Secondary school students help faithfully in the mailing of newsletters for TLM Hungary five times per year, including before Easter. Pray for these good opportunities to talk with the students about TLM while filling the envelopes, responding to their questions and helping them think more deeply what it is to love others as Jesus does.

### **Fri 4 Mar**

Give thanks for the advisors' group who help TLM Hungary by contributing their professional skills, either occasionally, or in an ongoing way.

### **Sat 5 - Sun 6 Mar**

Give thanks for those aged

former volunteers who have given much of their lives to TLM's cause. Pray that our care and appreciation for them will continue to be expressed and felt.

## **Week 10: 7 - 13 Mar**

### *Timor Leste*

### **Mon 7 Mar**

TLM Timor Leste's Disability Awareness Project in partnership with Ra'es Hadomi Timor Oan (national disabled persons' organisation) will come to an end by June this year. Please pray for planning for their new proposed project.

### **Tue 8 Mar**

Today is International Women's Day! Pray that women with disabilities and affected by leprosy in Timor Leste are able to exercise their rights and free from stigma and discrimination by their families and communities.

### **Wed 9 Mar**

Pray for TLM Timor Leste staff in their activities of screening in schools and communities and contact tracing for diagnosis. They aim to implement these activities in low endemic area as well; please pray for good collaboration with Ministry of Health staff in national and district level.

### **Thu 10 Mar**

Pray for TLM Timor Leste's Project Leaders, Nelson and Francisco, as they travel to Nairobi, Kenya for a program meeting, for safety and security during their first time travelling to an African country.

### **Fri 11 Mar**

Pray for TLM Timor Leste's Community-

Based Rehabilitation SEHD (Social, Economic, Health, Development) project as they seek a business consultant to assist self-help groups in developing proper business plans. Pray the right person will be found for the job.

### **Sat 12 - Sun 13 Mar**

Please pray for safe travel for TLM Timor Leste staff travelling within the country. The terrain and the remoteness of some of their destinations means that sometimes they have to stay overnight in project communities because the roads are blocked or the river full due to heavy rain.

## **Week 11: 14 - 20 Mar**

### *USA and Canada*

### **Mon 14 Mar**

This month, American Leprosy Missions (ALM) are working on their 2017 budget. This process always has challenges - please pray for wisdom as they plan and strategise.

### **Tue 15 Mar**

ALM will also be preparing for a special donor event on 22-24 April. Pray that God will touch people's hearts and give them a desire to partner with ALM in their work.

### **Wed 16 Mar**

ALM will have a board meeting directly after the donor event (24-26 April) where they plan to discuss plans for 2017. Pray for good fellowship and wisdom in these discussions.

### **Thu 17 Mar**

Pray for effect:hope's relationships with hundreds of churches across Canada, building on their growing World Leprosy Day presence in many Canadian denominations. Pray especially for enthusiastic young people to step up and take an active role in their

churches promoting the cause of people affected by leprosy.

#### **Fri 18 Mar**

Please pray for growing awareness of the work of effect:hope and the needs of people with leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases through new online initiatives. Pray that they will successfully attract and inspire new donors.

#### **Sat 19 - Sun 20 Mar**

Please pray that effect:hope and other partners will continue to be successful in their efforts to increase knowledge and resources for neglected tropical diseases. Pray particularly that their R2STOP research initiative will attract good research proposals that make a positive impact.

### **Week 12: 21 - 27 Mar**

#### *Nigeria*

#### **Mon 21 Mar**

TLM Nigeria recently started implementing their new country strategy and fundraising plan. Pray that God will grant them grace, wisdom and strength and that all fundraising initiatives and activities will receive God's blessings. Also pray that as staff engage churches to raise individual donors and volunteers, they will receive favourable responses.

#### **Tue 22 Mar**

*"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."* Matt 10:42.

Today is World Water Day. Pray for people around the world who struggle to get clean water, and for all TLM's

projects that help access clean water for families and communities in need.

#### **Wed 23 Mar**

Join TLM Nigeria in thanking God for their long-time supporters that have remained consistent and faithful. Pray that they will be inspired to continue supporting people affected by leprosy.

#### **Thu 24 Mar**

Give thanks for the TLM Nigeria orthopaedic Workshop in Chanchaga, Niger State, as it continues to provide important high quality artificial limbs, special shoes and other mobility aids to leprosy-affected persons and people with disability in Nigeria. Services including mobility aids are provided to persons affected by leprosy free of charge.

#### **Fri 25 Mar**

#### **Good Friday**

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* Isaiah 53:5-6.

Give thanks for the unending grace of our loving God.

#### **Sat 26 - Sun 27 Mar**

#### **Easter Saturday and Sunday**

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"* 1 Peter 1:3.

Give thanks that, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to our Heavenly Father.

### **Week 13: 28 Mar - 3 Apr**

#### *India*

#### **Mon 28 Mar**

Pray for committed Christian medical doctors, paramedics and other staff to join TLM India so that God's name is glorified. Pray that Christian love and compassion will be exhibited in all the work we do.

#### **Tue 29 Mar**

The number of new child cases of leprosy is alarming. Pray for God's wisdom for the governments and non-governmental organisations working in the field of leprosy to handle this problem.

#### **Wed 30 Mar**

Pray that all TLM India staff will be motivated to undertake research and try to find ways to improve services for people affected by leprosy, through research.

#### **Thu 31 Mar**

Pray for staff and their family members who are working with the Mission. Many of them are working in difficult conditions and under heavy stress. Pray for God's presence to be with them to guide and strengthen them.

#### **Fri 1 Apr**

Pray for TLM India's partnership with the governments at national and state-levels. Pray that the partnership helps integration of people affected by leprosy into their communities.

#### **Sat 2 - Sun 3 Apr**

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for TLM India board members, senior management team and operations team so that they are able to lead the Mission to bring change in the lives of people affected by leprosy.