

# Quarterly Prayer Guide



July, August, September 2017

## Welcome

This is the Quarterly Prayer Guide for Jul-Sep 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 India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Australia, China, Sri Lanka, USA, Canada, Ireland, Sweden, Scotland and Hungary, as well as TLM Trading and the TLM Global Fellowship meetings in September.

Thank you for supporting the work of TLM in prayer.

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**Cover photo:** Prabhakant Maurya  
studying his new trade.

**Right:** Prabhakant (right) working  
with some of his classmates.

# A second lease of life



Prabhakant Maurya's is a case of fate staining his life's fabric and then weaving colourful patterns into it.

A carpet weaver from Handiya district in Allahabad, India, Prabhakant Maurya felt weakness in his hand in 2003, and it started affecting his weaving work. He visited a local doctor who diagnosed it as a case of polio. The doctor gave him an injection and medicines for a month. Prabhakant found some improvement in his condition. He resumed his carpet weaving work, but one day found his hands becoming so weak that he couldn't work anymore. He stopped working altogether, jeopardising his family's livelihood. In 2006, his hands started clawing.

"One day my friend noticed my fingers and told me it might be a case of leprosy and asked me to visit the nearby government health centre. The doctor there asked me

about my condition. I told him how my small finger started getting clawed in 2003, followed by all fingers in 2006. I also told him how a doctor in the village misdiagnosed me with polio. The doctor there asked if I had ever had MDT (multidrug therapy), and I told him that I hadn't. He gave me MDT for six months. He told me my fingers could be corrected with reconstructive surgery. I was referred to TLM Naini Hospital. On August 5, 2016, my hands were operated upon, and ever since, my hands are normal. TLM Naini Hospital referred me to TLM Vocational Training Centre in Faizabad (Uttar Pradesh) for a course in two wheeler automobile mechanics. For me, this is a second lease of life. After my fingers clawed due to leprosy, there was no means of livelihood for me and my family. Now I look forward to opening my own two wheeler automobile garage in my village."



**Week 27: 3 - 9 Jul***TLM Trading***Mon 3 Jul**

Thank God that Aaron joins the TLM Trading team today as Digital Marketing and Customer Relationship Manager, and pray that he enjoys the challenge of this new role.

**Tue 4 Jul**

Pray for God's blessing as TLM Trading signs off their Autumn/Winter catalogue, and that it will encourage supporters to give generously to people affected by leprosy.

**Wed 5 Jul**

Pray that God blesses TLM Trading's leprosy-affected artisans, that their products arrive in the warehouse on time and of the right quality and quantity; and that these items sell well so that we can place more orders.

**Thu 6 Jul**

Pray for God's provision, guidance and inspiration as TLM Trading begins the project management of the warehouse and customer services transition.

**Fri 7 Jul**

Pray for TLM Trading's partnerships with their major suppliers and service providers so they can work well together to make their supporters feel appreciated and well-served.

**Sat 8 - Sun 9 Jul**

Thank God for blessing TLM with good sales in the first half of the year, and pray that God will abundantly bless the all-important Autumn/Winter season.

**Week 28: 10 - 16 Jul***India***Mon 10 Jul**

TLM India's mid-year programme review is scheduled for 17 July to 2 August. Please pray for the arrangements being made and the successful completion of the reviews. Please also pray that God will give new direction for TLM India in future.

**Tue 11 Jul**

TLM India has launched community-level campaigns in the states of Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, for raising public awareness about leprosy and empowering people affected by leprosy. Please pray for the success of the campaigns.

**Wed 12 Jul**

TLM India is lobbying for passing of the EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination Against People Affected by Leprosy) Bill in the Parliament. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and support from the legislators.

**Thu 13 Jul**

Please pray for the success of TLM India's fundraising initiatives. Needs are many, and effective resource mobilisation is the need of the hour.

**Fri 14 Jul**

Please pray for committed and qualified staff to join the Mission so that we can bring healing, inclusion and dignity in the lives of people affected by leprosy.

**Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jul**

Dr Mary Verghese took charge as Executive Director of TLM India in March this year. Pray for God's guidance and strength for her.

**Week 29: 17 - 23 Jul***Bangladesh***Mon 17 Jul**

TLM Bangladesh is submitting a research project under their Chittagong Programme to the Leprosy Research Initiative. Please pray that the project will be approved for funding and can start working in 2018. Pray too for understanding and commitment from staff and community participants working with a new dimension of sustainability in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Project.

**Tue 18 Jul**

Area Management Committees of Lalbagh, Kamrangirchor, Nandipara and Genderia are trying to get membership of the Central Cooperative Union of Bangladesh. Please pray that they would be able to meet all requirements and that their applications would be approved.

**Wed 19 Jul**

DBLM (Danish-Bangladeshi Leprosy Mission) Hospital is Bangladesh's only tertiary leprosy hospital where complete leprosy services are provided. Patients from all over the country are referred there for management of leprosy complications. The hospital has continued these services for the last 40 years but currently faces a serious budget crisis. Please pray that God may grant strength and wisdom to face the crisis and to continue providing the proper services to patients who come from near and very far away, who do not have any options other than DBLM Hospital.

**Thu 20 Jul**

A team from effect:hope are visiting TLM Bangladesh's work in Nilphamari at the end of July, and have further visits in August to two other TLM Bangladesh projects. Please

pray for their safe travel and fruitful visits to the projects funded by them.

#### **Fri 21 Jul**

Pray for Mr Amos Halder, who joined The Leprosy Mission International-Bangladesh team as a Project Officer under the Advocacy for Empowerment Project on 16 May.

#### **Sat 22 - Sun 23 Jul**

All leprosy MDT (multi-drug therapy) centres in Dhaka city have been handed over to government Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Assistants to improve the sustainability of the leprosy programme. Please pray for those who took charge from TLM Bangladesh, that they can ensure leprosy services and run the new MDT centres smoothly.

### **Week 30: 24 - 30 Jul**

#### *Thailand*

#### **Mon 24 Jul**

Pray for effective treatment and rehabilitation, counselling, and social work as marginalised and displaced disabled children come to McKean Rehabilitation Center, our partner in Thailand, with all their varied needs.

#### **Tue 25 Jul**

In June we celebrate 50 years of service of ChiangMai Christian Clinic. Since its humble beginning it has provided an integrated clinic in the town where people with leprosy might find treatment, and we praise God for the doctors who put aside chances to run personally lucrative clinics in order to maintain this

ministry.

#### **Wed 26 Jul**

In north Thailand McKean Hospital is in the process of seeking and appointing a new Director — please pray for God's leading.

#### **Thu 27 Jul**

In McKean Hospital and aged care work we see an amazing coming together of diverse patients and clients representing different backgrounds, countries, status, problems and needs. Pray that the team at McKean may be "all things to all men" helping them find healing and wholeness.

#### **Fri 28 Jul**

Pray that the Thai medical students receiving training in leprosy will remember what they have learned and put it to good use.

#### **Sat 29 - Sun 30 Jul**

Pray for the needy people coming to McKean for palliative and hospice care and post-surgical recovery. They need increased quality of life, encouragement, and eternal hope.

### **Week 31: 31 Jul - 6 Aug**

#### *Australia*

#### **Mon 31 Jul**

The Australian government has made a reduction to foreign aid this year— its fourth consecutive cut. Pray that the Australian government might turn around its current trajectory, and that generosity and compassion towards people in need will distinguish future budgets.

#### **Tue 1 Aug**

With further funding cuts by

the Australian government, pray that Australian supporters will continue to give generously for people requiring humanitarian aid.

#### **Wed 2 Aug**

TLM Australia's bi-annual publication ACTION magazine will be arriving in Australian mailboxes this week. ACTION magazine will be marking its fiftieth year of production this year, as an Australian continuation of the international periodical Without The Camp. Give thanks for fifty years of this publication sharing the needs of people affected by leprosy, neglected tropical diseases and disability, and reporting on the impact that Australian supporters are making around the world.

#### **Thu 3 Aug**

Nelson da Silva, co-ordinator for the Community-Based Rehabilitation project with TLM Timor Leste, will be making preparations to visit Australian supporters in October. Dr Moses Onoh from Nigeria will be making similar preparations. Pray that this would be an easy process and that their visits might be an encouragement to them, the teams in Timor Leste and Nigeria, and supporters around Australia.

#### **Fri 4 Aug**

Pray for TLM Australia's International Programmes team as they prepare their annual report to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the impact of government funds in 2016-2017.

#### **Sat 5 - Sun 6 Aug**

On the last weekend of this month, Australian supporters will be participating in the National Prayer Weekend. It's an opportunity to set aside some time to pray for the projects that you support. Pray

that God's people would be moved to participate, call upon God and experience Him in this way.

## Week 32: 7 - 13 Aug

*China*

### Mon 7 Aug

Please give thanks for the many changed lives in Diqing, China, and for the opportunity for TLM and our partners Bless China International (BCI) to be channels of healing and hope.

### Tue 8 Aug

Please pray for HANDA, the association of persons affected by leprosy in China. Their work includes helping enable fullness of life for people in isolated former 'leprosy villages', including providing physical aid like prostheses, social support, and advocacy for human rights.

### Wed 9 Aug

Pray especially for the children and young generation receiving schooling within BCI's project, that their education will mean better quality of life for their futures. Pray that the benefits of their schooling will also extend to their families and communities.

### Thu 10 Aug

Pray please for all those involved in BCI's Diqing project — disabled, rejected and stigmatised — that the love of Jesus Christ will be near to them, giving consolation, strength and hope.

### Fri 11 Aug

Give thanks for the close working relationship and friendship between the Diqing project and TLM staff, volunteers and supporters in Hungary.

### Sat 12 - Sun 13 Aug

Please give thanks for the excellent work our partner, Bless China International, has been doing through its leadership and staff; for their dedication, deep commitment and love.

## Week 33: 14 - 20 Aug

*Sri Lanka*

### Mon 14 Aug

While we thank God for opening doors for inter-faith groups in Sri Lanka to raise their voice on behalf of leprosy, please pray for unity in the groups and that they will be a blessing to the nation.

### Tue 15 Aug

Please pray that the church teams trained on integral mission by our partners Alliance Development Trust (ADT) will work on self-care and advocacy for people affected by leprosy.

### Wed 16 Aug

Please pray for wisdom and favour as ADT continues to assist the Sri Lankan Government in its social marketing campaign and to repeal the outdated laws impacting people affected by leprosy.

### Thu 17 Aug

Our partners Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) are running a wider district school awareness group and trying to build up young leprosy

champions, children who will host special awareness days and activities to inform others on leprosy and how to seek help. Pray that students will be inspired and this will help people affected by leprosy to an early diagnosis and treatment.

### Fri 18 Aug

KKM's Hope Farm has expanded to include new livestock and selling the cows' milk is proving to be an unexpected success - praise God! The money from selling the milk has paid off the vet bills at the farm. The plants from older seedlings have started to grow and their fruit is also being sold in markets. Some people who planted seeds last year however are at risk due to unexpected floods in certain areas - pray their plants will not be too severely impacted but will prosper.

### Sat 19 - Sun 20 Aug

On the outskirts of Vavuniya district, KKM came across the conflict displaced refugee camps which have a high number of young people who have not been able to attend school, let alone get any advice on health/nutrition. During a KKM visit they found new cases of leprosy. Pray they will be able to go deeper into the camps to raise leprosy awareness and locate any new cases of leprosy so they can support the people and their families.

## Week 34: 21 - 27 Aug

*USA, Canada and Ireland*

### Mon 21 Aug

An American Leprosy Missions trip to Africa to record stories of transformed lives will be



wrapping up this week. Pray for safe travels for staff and film crew, and for meeting the right people whose stories will touch the hearts of donors and potential donors in the U.S.

### **Tue 22 Aug**

The first week of September, American Leprosy Missions are having programme department planning meetings. Please pray for safe travels to and fro, good discussions, clear direction, and wisdom for all participants.

### **Wed 23 Aug**

A new study funded by R2STOP (research to stop neglected tropical disease transmission), an initiative by effect:hope and TLM Ireland, began last month at Nilphamari, Bangladesh. Give thanks for this initiative and pray for the TLM teams implementing this study and that it would be completed according to plan and provide useful information to aid in the fight against leprosy.

### **Thu 24 Aug**

Please pray for effect:hope's advocacy efforts in Canada, that awareness would grow about neglected tropical diseases and that there would be increased investment in NTDs globally.

### **Fri 25 Aug**

As effect:hope prepares for the October/November Every Child Thrives campaign to distribute de-worming medications and Vitamin A to children under five in Kenya and Cote D'Ivoire, they ask for your prayer support in the training of health personnel and community health workers. Please pray too for logistical preparations, which involve many groups and individuals,

including all levels of government.

### **Sat 26 - Sun 27 Aug**

effect:hope is developing a new strategic plan. Pray for this plan and for wisdom in determining strategic priorities for the organisation.

## **Week 35: 28 Aug - 3 Sep**

*Sweden*

### **Mon 28 Aug**

Pray for the travel plans of TLM Sweden staff embarking on field visits. Allan, Leif and Eva visited DR Congo earlier this month for the Annual Country Learning meetings in Bukavu, Eastern Congo, and have upcoming field visits in India and Nigeria. Pray for their safety and a positive impact from these visits.

### **Tue 29 Aug**

Pray for new ideas in fundraising, for good contacts within the young new generation in Sweden and with new groups of potential donors.

### **Wed 30 Aug**

Pray for new proposals for projects in India, Nigeria and DR Congo, presented to the Swedish Mission Council for approval for funding.

### **Thu 31 Aug**

Pray for TLM Sweden's monthly Magazine/Newsletter, that the message will touch people's hearts.

### **Fri 1 Sep**

Pray for positive results from upcoming fundraising activities in Sweden, like four inserts in different magazines.

### **Sat 2 - Sun 3 Aug**

Pray for TLM Sweden's

staff recruiting process. They are looking for a project coordinator and an information/fundraising officer (maternity cover). Pray that the right candidates will apply, and that the new staff members will settle in well with the team.

## **Week 36: 4 - 10 Sep**

*India*

### **Mon 4 Sep**

The team at TLM India have experienced God's incredible provision throughout this year. Please join them in thanking and praising His wonderful name.

### **Tue 5 Sep**

TLM India is lobbying for passing of the EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination Against People Affected by Leprosy) Bill in the Parliament. This Bill has the ability to bring great change in the lives of people affected by leprosy. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and support from the legislators.

### **Wed 6 Sep**

Please pray for the success of TLM India's fundraising initiatives. Needs are many, and effective resource mobilisation is the need of the hour.

### **Thu 7 Sep**

Pray for the success of TLM India's partnership with the Government. Of late, the partnership has strengthened. Pray for God's continued guidance, and positive attitudes of the government functionaries.

### **Fri 8 Sep**

Pray for God's guidance for all

the staff who are heading TLM India's hospitals, vocational training centres and projects. Pray that they are able to be a witness in the places they work and bring glory to His name.

### **Sat 9 - Sun 10 Sep**

TLM India is in the process of implementing its country strategy (2016-18). Pray for God's guidance in implementing the strategy which calls for changing societal mindsets on the issue of leprosy.

## **Week 37: 11 - 17 Sep**

### *Scotland*

#### **Mon 11 Sep**

October and November are some of the busiest months for TLM Scotland to be invited to speak to church groups across the country. Pray that this year there will be even more opportunities to tell the story of TLM, and of people affected by leprosy, to interested churches and groups. Pray too for staff and volunteers travelling to visit churches that they will have safe travels and that their words will have a powerful impact on everyone they speak to.

#### **Tue 12 Sep**

Give thanks for the development of TLM Scotland's fundraising abilities this year. Pray that there will be fruit for their efforts as God provides for the needs of their partner projects and countries in Africa and Asia. Pray especially for a significant increase in giving from charitable trusts this year,

to meet, or even exceed, the ambitious targets.

#### **Wed 13 Sep**

Give thanks for TLM Scotland's successful Annual Country Learning back in May. Pray that the team would continue to build on the lessons learned to improve their impact. Pray too that the board, staff and others will continue to listen more closely to what God is saying about His plans and direction for the work of TLM Scotland.

#### **Thu 14 Sep**

TLM Scotland will be holding a training and envisioning day for staff and key volunteers at the end of this month. Pray that they will all be inspired by what they hear on the day and leave challenged and motivated to do all they can to generate support for people affected by leprosy from across Scotland.

#### **Fri 15 Sep**

Give thanks for everyone who has chosen to leave a gift to TLM Scotland in their will. Pray that more people will choose to do so in future so that their lasting memorial will be that leprosy is defeated.

#### **Sat 16 - Sun 17 Sep**

Pray for the preparation of plans, strategies and targets for 2018. Pray that the right lessons would be learned from this year's activities and results so that TLM Scotland can look to increase its impact and the support it can provide to projects in each of its seven partner countries.

## **Week 38: 18 - 24 Sep**

### *TLM Global Fellowship*

#### **Mon 18 Sep**

This week and next, staff and board members from around The Leprosy Mission are coming together for a series of important meetings, to discuss critical matters that affect TLM globally. These will be Ken Martin's last meetings as Chairman of the TLM Global Fellowship Board. Prior to his four years as Chair, Ken has served The Leprosy Mission since 1978, both in the Australian and International offices, and was instrumental in the realisation of TLM as a Global Fellowship. Give thanks for Ken and his wife Shirley, for their faithful service and their passion for Christian mission, and pray that God will bless them in all that they do.

#### **Tue 19 Sep**

Colin Osborne will be taking over from Ken Martin as Chairman. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Colin during this handover period and as he takes up his new role. Pray too for people standing for the Global Fellowship Board. Give thanks for their servant hearts and willingness to put their names forward. The Board is vital to the running of the Global Fellowship and there are many gaps to fill - pray for a diverse team with complementary skills and outlooks.

#### **Wed 20 Sep**

Today, the Member Review Working Group meets for training. This will be crucial in facilitating Member Reviews for all Members of TLM Global Fellowship, which enable us to grow and support each other as a global organisation. Pray that the training will be clear and give the working group positive and effective tools for

this process.

#### **Thu 21 Sep**

Pray for the logistics around these meetings. Around 65 people will be attending from around 25 countries. Pray particularly for Jade and Shân from the International Office as they make sure everyone arrives and that the meetings run smoothly.

#### **Fri 22 Sep**

Today there are three meetings taking place, between TLM's Country Leaders, National Chairs, and Research Committee. Pray for understanding, that all those participating will be engaged and open to discussion, that positive decisions may be made for the future of TLM's work. Pray especially for National Chairs and Country Leaders who are attending these meetings for the first time.

#### **Sat 23 - Sun 24 Sep**

Today (Saturday) and Monday are the TLM Members' Meetings. Pray for discussions relating to new initiatives, namely the Advocacy and Fundraising strategies and the Leadership Development Programme. Pray too for discussions around the planning and timeline for the new global Strategic Plan 2019-23, for a strong consensus as we seek God's will for the Mission in the next five years.

On Sunday there will be a fellowship day including a time of worship and communion. Pray for a spirit of oneness as together we worship the King of Kings.

### **Week 39: 25 Sep - 1 Oct**

#### *Hungary*

#### **Mon 25 Sep**

Please give thanks for the many anonymous people in Hungary who are faithfully praying in the background, holding TLM in their praying hands.

#### **Tue 26 Sep**

Give thanks for the recent TLM Hungary staff retreat. We are thankful for our volunteers in Hungary and their willingness to serve, learn and contribute. Pray too for TLM Global Fellowship's Representative Management Group, who are meeting today.

#### **Wed 27 Sep**

Give thanks for TLM Hungary's strengthening relationship with the Centre of Protestant Schools in Hungary, whose leadership gives support by diffusing through their own channels TLM communications and special material for schools. Pray too for TLM Global Fellowship's Audit and Governance Committee, who are meeting today.

#### **Thu 28 Sep**

Pray for TLM Hungary's recently diffused request to churches. Churches often give a donation following World Leprosy Day; this request is about a possible second donation. Pray too for TLM Global Fellowship's board who are meeting today and tomorrow.

#### **Fri 29 Sep**

Some of TLM Hungary's major donors passed away in recent months. Their love and support is painfully missing. Give thanks for their lives and their compassion for people affected by leprosy, and pray for the Spirit's inspiration on

raising others to replace them in their generosity.

#### **Sat 30 Sep - Sun 1 Oct**

Pray for TLM Hungary's challenges in reaching out to the secular population of Hungary, that charity would not remain the activity of Christian people only, but anyone of goodwill.