

Quarterly Prayer Guide



October, November, December 2018

Welcome

This is the Quarterly Prayer Guide for Oct-Dec 2018.

It is designed to be used as an accompaniment to the ASK 2018 Prayer Diary, providing updates and new prayer topics that have arisen since the ASK Diary's publication.

Over the next three months please join us in prayer for The Leprosy Mission and partners in Angola, Tanzania, Nepal, Sweden, Scotland, Nigeria, Belgium, Niger, Bangladesh, Hungary, England and Wales and India, as well as two focus topics, global voice and integral mission.

Thank you for supporting the work of The Leprosy Mission in prayer.

Quarterly Prayer Guide Oct, Nov, Dec 2018

Produced by The Leprosy Mission
International Office
80 Windmill Road
Brentford
Middlesex TW8 0QH
UK

+ 44 (0)20 8326 6767
friends@leprosymission.org

www.leprosymission.org

Editor: Heather Warne
heather.warne@leprosymission.org

Cover photo: Petronela.

Right top: Petronela's hands are examined by TLM Timor Leste staff member Francisco.

Right: Petronela with some of her children.

Petronela's Story



"I had patches on my skin that I knew were from leprosy because of TLM's community awareness raising meeting. I went to the local health post and I was diagnosed and started on MDT. After two months I got reaction so then I was started on reaction medication. Now I am almost finished my one year course of MDT. My father also had leprosy in the past – he died in 2010 from asthma (he had leprosy from before 1999).

I have seven children. All of my children have been screened (by TLM staff) and none have leprosy. I do have a nephew who

has skin patches but he hasn't been checked yet (he lives in a remote area).

I still have some symptoms of reaction – headaches and pain, so I am still taking prednisone. People in my community know that I have leprosy but they don't treat me any differently because of this.

I know that God is in control so I just surrendered and went for treatment. I wasn't afraid."



1 - 7 October

World Teachers' Day

Friday 5 October

Today is World Teachers' Day! Give thanks and pray for God's blessing upon all the teachers around the world that are helping to enrich and inspire young lives.

Angola

Raising Awareness

SOLE Angola have recently been on television raising awareness about leprosy. Pray that people would seek early diagnosis and that stigma would be reduced as a result of this initiative.

New Working Areas

SOLE Angola has been asked to go into new areas to follow up on new cases of leprosy. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray that the SOLE team can provide effective support to people undergoing leprosy treatment.

Minister of Health

The new Minister of Health is taking leprosy very seriously and is asking for SOLE Angola's help. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray for a positive partnership that will make a big difference to the leprosy situation in Angola.

Tanzania

Ms Niwagila Tigwella

Pray for God's blessing on Ms Niwagila Tigwella, who got married last month and has since resigned as Director of the Community Health Education Project. Give thanks and pray too for Rev Mganulwa Masima, who has been appointed as temporary Director.

Funding Support

Give thanks for TLM

Northern Ireland's financial support for the work in Tanzania. Pray that more resources can be found for the project.

Transport

Pray that the project car can continue to provide valuable services as it drives further distances on bad roads. The car needs maintenance and repairs - pray that funding will be found for this.

Partnerships

Both the German Leprosy and TB Relief Association and The Salvation Army are in a good position to work and link up with the Community Health Education Project. Pray for these possible partnerships.

Health Insurance

Give thanks for a new health insurance scheme to provide free medical services at government clinics for people affected by leprosy for one year – pray that it bears fruit.

8 - 14 October

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10 October

A diagnosis of leprosy often has a negative impact on a person's mental health and wellbeing. Pray on this World Mental Health Day for all those struggling with mental health issues as a result of leprosy. Give thanks for the counsellors and others that help people through this often difficult time in their lives.

Nepal

ILEP Meetings

Country Director Shovakhar is representing Nepal in the ILEP (International Federation of Anti-Leprosy

Associations) meetings this month in Brussels. Please play that as country representative, Shovakhar is able to share national leprosy updates and efforts to other attendees and to also absorb and disseminate learning from the conference to leprosy stakeholders in Nepal. May there be increased networking and collaboration to tackle the global and national leprosy challenge.

Outreach Clinic

Anandaban Hospital has been providing technical expertise since August for a monthly leprosy outreach clinic at the Koshi Zonal Government Hospital in a highly endemic area in Biratnagar, serving 240,000 people. TLM Nepal will support this strategically located hospital in increasing the capacity of government staff to diagnose and treat leprosy. Anandaban staff are already involved in conducting monthly satellite clinics in two other endemic regions of Nepal where government infrastructure and human resources are limited. Please pray that staff are able to share leprosy knowledge and that the government staff are open and keen to learn.

Quarterly Reporting

Quarterly reporting as part of project cycle management is due this month. May all project managers be able to accumulate the necessary data and information in time to produce quality and reflective reports. Please pray for improved monitoring so as to not just meet targets but to also make impactful change in the lives and communities of people affected by leprosy.

Dashain

Dashain, a two week long Hindu festival celebrating the defeat of evils, starts in October but the preparations

begin months before. This is also a necessary respite for all to have some time off work, visit family members and relatives, rest and recuperate. Please pray that all TLM Nepal staff are able to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones.

Anandaban Building

Refurbishment and construction are ongoing at Anandaban Hospital. Since the 2015 earthquakes, TLM Nepal has been restoring the damaged infrastructure of Anandaban Hospital with the support of TLM Fellowship Members and other partners. Pray that the Lord will remove all barriers and difficulties for swift refurbishment of the Training Unit building and also construction of a new water tank.

Trainings

Please pray for trainings in peer counselling and gender-based violence in three provinces where TLM Nepal is working. Despite the festival season which causes large migration and movement of beneficiaries, TLM Nepal staff plan these trainings with careful coordination with their community-based self-help groups, cooperatives and other stakeholders. Please pray for smooth and engaging trainings that will inspire and influence participants to share their learning with and benefit the wider community.

15 - 21 October

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Wednesday 17 October

Leprosy is most prevalent in places of poverty, and its effects on a person's health

and livelihood frequently push a person into worse poverty than they may have been in to begin with. Many of our projects around the world seek to enable sustainable livelihoods, often through vocational education or through self-help groups that enable marginalised people in communities to take control of their own savings and loan opportunities. Pray for God's inspiration, wisdom and persistence for all those seeking to pull themselves out of poverty, and pray that TLM would always provide the best possible support.

22 - 28 October

Scotland

Fundraising

Pray for staff and board members involved in a major project to revitalise and reimagine the fundraising message in Scotland. Pray for wisdom and clarity to distil the key stories and ideas which will inspire many more people in Scotland to give donations which will bring healing and hope to many more people affected by leprosy in their partner countries.

Bequests

Give thanks for people who choose to leave a gift in their will to help people affected by leprosy. Pray that God will bless them during their lifetime for their generosity and that their families will be comforted to know that their values will live on after them. Give special thanks for the very large gifts in wills that TLM Scotland have already received this year. Pray for members of their team

learning at the moment how to have appropriate, sensitive but also inspiring conversations with current supporters about how they too can continue to bless people affected by leprosy with a gift in their will.

Annual Country Learning

TLM Scotland will be holding its Annual Country Learning and Mid-term Strategy Review next week (29-30 October). Pray for wisdom and positivity in all discussions. Pray that everyone involved will learn key lessons to become more effective in their role within The Leprosy Mission.

Institutional Funding

In the coming weeks, TLM Scotland are due to hear if applications for substantial institutional funding for 2019 and beyond have been successful or not. Give thanks for institutional funders who use the large resources at their disposal to improve the quality of life of so many people around the world. Pray that TLM's applications will be positively received and that funding will be given that will have a huge impact on leprosy in different parts of the world.

29 October - 4 November

Nigeria

Board Meeting

Pray for TLM Nigeria's Board meeting (8 November), that God will grant the Board Members wisdom to strategically position TLM Nigeria as they commence the second half of the implementation of their Country Strategy.

Elections

From the month of October, political campaigns will pick up momentum as Nigeria will be

conducting its presidential and governorship elections in February 2019. There is high tension and concern of uncertainty. Pray that the elections and transition of power to the new government(s) will be free and fair; and that the new government policies will be favourable to TLM's work in Nigeria.

Annual Country Learning

Pray for the success of TLM Nigeria's Annual Country Learning review workshop scheduled for 6-9 November. This exercise provides learning opportunities for staff, beneficiaries and partners as the progress of the country strategy against planned objectives is reviewed.

5 - 11 November

Belgium

Legacy

TLM Belgium is expecting an important donation from a legacy in the next few months. Pray that the administrative process will proceed smoothly.

New Working Space

Last year TLM Belgium moved out of an office building in Vilvoorde, Belgium and moved to a rented space in the offices of Solidarité Protestante in Brussels. This involved much more effort than initially anticipated, both in manpower and in administrative workload. Pray that with the Lord's inspiration and guidance, the team of TLM Belgium may find a new drive and enthusiasm to make TLM Belgium grow both spiritually and organisationally, and so be able to implement the

ambitious growth plan for the next three years.

12 - 18 November

Niger

Leadership Development

Bunmi will be attending a Leadership Development workshop in Bangkok. Pray that the workshop will enhance his leadership performance and bring progress to the work of TLM Niger.

IDEA Niger

IDEA Niger has stepped up in taking responsibility for implementing some project activities on behalf of TLM Niger. Pray for Joshua Aboubacar, the IDEA Coordinator, and all the IDEA executives who are working to ensure the voices of people affected by leprosy are heard.

National Leprosy Control

Pray that the Lord will grant TLM Niger wisdom as they make efforts to improve their relationship and work with the national leprosy control programme team. Pray that TLM's support will help the national programme achieve its objectives.

CSL Danja Staff

CSL Danja Hospital is in need of a long term Hospital Administrator and Medical Officer. This is critical to the survival of the hospital. Pray for God's guidance and provision.

Funding for CSL Danja

CSL Danja continues to go through financial challenges. Please pray that the Lord will raise donors to support the hospital so that they can offset the hospital debt. Pray too for the local staff

working in the hospital that they will be encouraged and be a good witness of Christ to the patients.

Danja Community Borehole

Pray that the TLM Niger team will be able to successfully complete their remaining activities for the last quarter of the year. One of the major activities is supervising the drilling of a borehole for the Danja community. Pray that they will be able to strike water that will be sufficient for the growing population of people affected by leprosy and their families living in this community.

Economy and Security

Pray for improved economy and security in Niger. The country has been badly affected by insecurity from the borders of their neighbouring countries, which is having an adverse effect on the economy and free movement of goods and services as well as the activities of NGOs in some of the communities at the border.

Donors and Prayer

Give thanks to God for donors and people praying for the work of TLM Niger.

19 - 25 November

Hungary

Supporters

Give thanks for the faithfulness of existing donors and the dedication of many new supporters who started to donate this year. Pray that they will share the vision and remain engaged in it.

ASK Prayer Diary

Pray for the good receipt of ASK in Hungarian (Imafonál) sent to each individual prayer partner and some of the ministers/priests of the

supporting churches, that their faithful commitment to pray for TLM's cause will be stimulated and deepened.

Christmas

Christmas with all its secular trappings is a great challenge all over the world. May TLM Hungary's supporters be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their commitment and able to share with their family members, too, the message of the "Put one more plate on your Christmas table!" appeal and lift up the thoughts of the next generations to more than material.

World Leprosy Day

Pray for TLM Hungary as they prepare activities for World Leprosy Day 2019. These will include a school programme: asking teachers in all Christian schools countrywide to hold a lesson on leprosy and the Mission, using a lesson plan sent to them for three different age groups. Pray that they will be motivated to include this lesson in their programme.

26 November - 2 December

Bangladesh

North West Bangladesh Ultra Poverty Initiative Project

An end of project evaluation was completed in July for the NUPIP project. TLM Bangladesh have been working on a proposal for the next phase of the project based on learning and recommendations from the evaluation. Please pray for funding for the next phase.

Mrs Sabitri Rani Roy

Give thanks that Mrs Sabitri Rani Roy had a new baby

son in March. Praise God that every member of their self-help group received 20kg of rice in August from the local Government as a result of self-advocacy by their group.

Association Leaders

Give thanks that some good leaders are developing in the associations of self-help groups facilitated by TLM Bangladesh. Please continue to pray for the sustainability of these groups and their activities.

Partnership

Give thanks to God for all cooperation with the Government health sector and partners working towards the integration of leprosy within mainstream healthcare programmes.

3 - 9 December

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Monday 3 December

Disability is a frequent consequence of untreated leprosy, and many of our projects also work together with or provide services for people with other disabilities. Give thanks for the reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation, prosthetic and assistive devices, and disability rights advocacy helping people with disability live life to the full.

England and Wales

Church Representatives

Give thanks for the thousands of church representatives who make sure that their church families are kept informed and engaged in the work of The Leprosy Mission. Many have been serving for decades and are 'unsung heroes'. Pray that they feel

valued and know that they are making an impact. Pray that as some of these amazing church representatives come towards retirement, there will be many others willing to take on this important responsibility.

Prayer Supporters

The work of The Leprosy Mission was birthed and cradled in prayer and we so value all the supporters who already pray for our work and give God thanks for them. The TLM England and Wales team know and believe that prayer is powerful and effective and will be using every opportunity over the forthcoming year to engage more partners. Please pray that more people will sign up to receive their various prayer resources as they look to encourage a new generation of prayer warriors; *Prayer Partners* to pray regularly for the work of the Mission.

Peter Waddup

Peter Waddup became National Director in 2017 after being a trustee and Chair of the Board. His goal is for the TLM England and Wales team to consult with and hear from God in all areas of work and to enable staff members to realise their giftings. Please pray for protection and favour for Peter as he leads the team and for every team member to understand and enjoy their vital part in this unique family.

Disability Summit

Praise God that representatives of The Leprosy Mission India were able to take part in the Disability Summit in the UK hosted by the Department for International Development and the International Disability Alliance in July. Pray for the success and fruition of the many goals and accountability tactics which were discussed to support people with disabilities from around the world.

Farming and Livelihoods

Give thanks for the generous funding from TLM England and Wales supporters and the UK Government in 2015 which funded a successful 'Farming and Livelihoods' project, training 4,000 people living in Cabo Delgado how to yield a more plentiful harvest. Pray for the success of the new funding initiative launched in July, 'Lunch for Leprosy' which will continue the funding of the farming projects in Mozambique.

10 - 16 December

India

Personal Laws Amendment

A bill that seeks to strike down leprosy as legal grounds for seeking divorce under personal laws in India – the Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018 – has been introduced in Indian Parliament. Pray for God's guidance to the lawmakers to pass the bill so that leprosy is no longer legal grounds for divorce.

EDPAL Bill

The passage of the Eliminating Discrimination Against People Affected by Leprosy (EDPAL) Bill 2015 in Parliament is crucial in ending discrimination against people affected by leprosy. Please pray for God's guidance to the lawmakers to pass the bill.

Rights and Inclusion

Pray for the Government of India and the state governments to bring positive laws (affirmative action laws) that recognise the rights of people affected by leprosy and promote their

social inclusion.

Country Strategy

TLM India's Country Strategy 2019-25 is being rolled out in January. Praise God for guiding TLM India in developing this strategy. Pray for God's grace that its actions and priorities will enable focused and effective work with people affected by leprosy.

17 - 23 December

Global Voice

Monday 17 October

Today is International Migration Day. The Bible tells us that 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself.' (Leviticus 19:34). Pray for the EU CORD network, who are actively advocating for effective management of migration internationally to ensure benefits reach all migrants equally and their human rights are protected.

Global Partnership

Pray for our involvement in the Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy and that we would find the best ways to play our roles in research and in the operational excellence working group.

Joint Advocacy

Praise God for the networks that we are part of. This year has seen many successes in joint advocacy for people with disabilities in general and for people affected by leprosy in particular. Praise God for the opportunity to demonstrate the difference the Gospel makes when we interact in these networks.

New Global Strategy

As we start our new global strategy for 2019-2023, pray that we will discover new opportunities to network, partner and collaborate with other organisations – at global, national and local level.

24 - 31 December

Integral Mission

Christmas Eve

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. (Luke 2:15-16 NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:1-2 NIV)

Do we hurry to meet Jesus? How far are we willing to go to stand in his presence? Pray that despite all the busy distractions of the world we will continue to seek God fervently.

Christmas Day

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of

eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

Merry Christmas! Give thanks and rejoice because of God's abundant grace to us, that we may call Him Father through the gift of His Son.

Christ-centred

The Leprosy Mission is about to embark on a new five-year global strategy. A key part of the strategy focuses on being Christ-centred. Pray that the actions in this strategy will help us to grow spiritually and ensure that Christ is kept at the centre of our work and organisational culture.

New Year's Eve

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27 NIV)

As we start a new year seeking to be salt and light in an often troubled and suffering world, pray that we will maintain and bless others with the peace that comes from God that passes understanding.