

Quarterly Prayer Guide



October, November, December 2016

Welcome

This is the Quarterly Prayer Guide for Oct-Dec 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 Sudan, South Sudan, Scotland, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, England and Wales, Switzerland, Thailand, Indonesia, Chad, Nepal, Northern Ireland and our Global Voice.

Thank you for supporting the work of TLM in prayer.

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Cover photo: Lau Indah has crutches to help him get around.

Right: Lau at home.

Lau Indah is missing a leg



“I’ve ignored the wound on my foot for too long.”

“In 1988 I got leprosy,” says 48 year old Lau Indah from Koskatie in Chad. “When my foot grew thick, I tried to cure the wound. Villagers told me I wasn’t suffering from leprosy, so I ignored it. Years I walked around with a wound on my leg, until a nurse, specialised in leprosy, inspected my leg and sent me immediately to the hospital in Mongo. An employee from The Leprosy Mission diagnosed me with leprosy.”

Lau Indah had to undergo a surgery a month and two days ago in the hospital in Mongo. His leg had to be amputated

as it was badly infected with leprosy. Now he hobbles around his sister’s cabin which he maintains temporarily and it offers him refuge. He lives on his own: “I was married and had two children: a daughter and a son, but both are passed away. My wife left me when I got leprosy.”

“The swelling on my foot grew bigger and even caused a tumour,” tells Lau Indah. “Now I only suffer from the stump at night. I have no idea if it has spread. I’ve ignored the wound on my foot for too long. Hopefully I can do farm work again when I receive my prosthesis. I can’t do anything at the moment, but I’m willing to do anything to stay alive.”

Week 40: 3 - 9 Oct

Sudan and South Sudan

Mon 3 Oct

Pray for John and Seela, TLM's staff in Sudan, as they adjust to economic hardship in the country. Pray for Seela as she manages Aburof clinics, for wisdom and grace as she interacts with governments and people affected by leprosy.

Tue 4 Oct

Pray for a good relationship with HAC, the government body that gives permits for international NGOs to operate within Sudan. Praise God that we have been able to continue our work there.

Wed 5 Oct

Please pray for God's help and provision as TLM Sudan seeks the right person to fill the post of programs coordinator. Finding a Christian in Sudan can be a challenge.

Thu 6 Oct

As more UN troops move in South Sudan, please pray for peace and harmony. There is much public opposition to this move, and this may threaten peace in Juba.

Fri 7 Oct

Pray for people affected by leprosy in Luri Rokwe as they plan to form their own association before the end of this year. Please pray that they will have the right leader to pioneer this historic event in South Sudan.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 Oct

Pray for calm in the country as TLM South Sudan is planning to hold their Annual Country Learning meetings in the first week of December. Please pray for a breakthrough in getting staff salaries as banks have

problems availing hard currency.

Week 41: 10 - 16 Oct

Scotland

Mon 10 Oct

Give thanks for the recent launch of TLM Scotland's new website. Pray that it will be used to its full potential and lead to far greater interaction with existing and potential supporters leading more people to give, act and pray online.

Tue 11 Oct

Pray for TLM Scotland's Christmas fundraising appeal. Pray that it stands out from the crowd at what is a busy time of year for lots of charities. Pray that people are inspired and moved to give and pray for people affected by leprosy in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Wed 12 Oct

Pray for the recruitment of a new Fundraising Manager for TLM Scotland. Pray for God to raise up an exceptional person to lead their fundraising activities forward to even greater results. Pray too for wisdom for Country Leader Linda Todd and others during the recruitment process.

Thu 13 Oct

TLM Scotland have changed how they distribute prayer material, using a prayer app instead of Twitter or SMS. Pray for more people to sign up to follow their feed on the app and that they will be able to send out more regular, detailed prayer requests in this way.

Fri 14 Oct

October is the start of the busiest period for invitations

to visit churches to talk about the impact of the work of The Leprosy Mission in the lives of people affected by leprosy. Pray for all staff and volunteers travelling to churches across the country, that they will be safe travelling and that many in their audiences will be challenged to get involved and support TLM's work.

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Oct

This month TLM Scotland will be preparing materials and ideas for churches to be able to hold a World Leprosy Sunday next year. Pray that the materials will be engaging and inspiring for congregations and lead to greater support next year. Pray too for more churches to choose to hold a World Leprosy Sunday event or service.

Week 42: 17 - 23 Oct

Sri Lanka

Mon 17 Oct

Thank God for the success and favour on TLM partners Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) and Alliance Development Trust (ADT) in their engagements with Government agencies. Pray the relationships would continue to develop.

Tue 18 Oct

ADT are planning to meet with the Ministry of Health this month. Please pray that the relationship is developed deeper and the Ministry of Health will be in favour of supporting the work they do in promoting leprosy awareness.

Wed 19 Oct

Pray for the success of Hope Farm Coconut Plantation, which will generate funds to support KKM's leprosy work.

Thu 20 Oct

Pray for continued relationships that have been

developed with the multi-faith communities through the Mobilising Communities for the Reduction of Leprosy Prevalence and Stigma project to remain united in their goal in raising the profile/awareness of the disease in their communities.

Fri 21 Oct

Pray for the new recruitment of the Director for the Sri Lanka Government's Anti-Leprosy Campaign. May it happen swiftly, appointing someone who understands the effects of this disease and the importance of preventing stigma in communities.

Sat 22 - Sun 23 Oct

KKM are working hard in raising the profile and membership for the first Northern Sri Lanka Leprosy People's Forum in five districts. They hope to launch the forum in early January. Staff and volunteers are being given extra training on advocacy work to encourage community involvement. Pray for wisdom, understanding and guidance for all involved as they develop the forum and interests of the communities.

Week 43: 24 - 30 Oct

India

Mon 24 Oct

TLM India's Annual Country Learning workshop took place last week in Delhi. This year's theme was Innovation for Sustainability. Please pray that the learning from this meeting would be used positively to the benefit of people affected by leprosy.

Tue 25 Oct

Please continue to pray for the EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination against Persons Affected by

Leprosy) Bill 2015. While discriminatory laws are only part of the problem, they legitimise some of the stigma and discrimination experienced by people affected by leprosy, even those who are cured.

Pray that the Government members viewing the draft Bill will see its value and justice.

Wed 26 Oct

TLM India is conducting an Advanced Profession of Management workshop from October 27 to 29, in Delhi, with the aim of making its work relevant in the changing environment and making the organisation financially sustainable. Please pray that the leaders in TLM India will be benefited by the workshop and further develop their leadership qualities to make our service to people affected by leprosy more effective.

Thu 27 Oct

Usually people can advocate most strongly from their own experiences. TLM India is in the process of building and strengthening collectives of people affected by leprosy and leprosy champions, so that they can work to raise awareness of leprosy. Pray for the success of this.

Fri 28 Oct

Pray that TLM India can inspire journalists and other media to raise awareness of leprosy through their work and advocate for the rights of people affected by leprosy.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 Oct

Many members of TLM India attended and presented at the International Leprosy Congress in Beijing last month. Pray that the research they shared will help inform leprosy work around the world, that positive

relationships from the congress will be maintained and that learning from the congress can be integrated in our work.

Week 44: 31 Oct - 6 Nov

Australia

Mon 31 Oct

The Leprosy Mission Australia had their Annual Country Learning workshop earlier this month (21-22 Oct). Pray for the safety of international delegates as they return to their countries, and that staff will benefit from a refreshed purpose, new ideas and further developed skills.

Tue 1 Nov

Alongside their Annual Country Learning, TLM Australia also held their National Conference. Pray for the State delegates, directors, and general and life members who deliberated and who will govern the organisation into its future.

Wed 2 Nov

Pray for board members and International Programmes staff who attended the recent ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) conference in Melbourne. Pray that learnings at the conference will translate to improved services for people affected by leprosy and a closer relationship with partnering agencies.

Thu 3 Nov

Give thanks for the success of Cuppa for a Cure, a World Leprosy Day initiative of The Leprosy Mission Australia. Cuppa for a Cure invites supporters to host a morning or afternoon tea, talk about leprosy and raise funds for people affected by leprosy, at some point during the year. In its first six months, 60 events were hosted around Australia.

Fri 4 Nov

Give thanks for the supporters who participated in the National Prayer Weekend held on 27-28 August. The weekend was an opportunity for Christians and church groups to set aside some time to pray for projects they support and to stay “waiting upon God”, to quote Wellesley Bailey, recognising His healing will for the world, and to be led and guided by it.

Sat 5 - Sun 6 Nov

Pray for Natalie Smith (TLM Papua New Guinea) and Dr Mary Verghese (TLM India) who will be giving talks throughout October and early November. Pray for safety on the roads, stronger awareness of the needs of people affected by leprosy amongst the Australian public, and an enriched connection with Australian supporters.

Week 45: 7 - 13 Nov*England and Wales***Mon 7 Nov**

Please pray for the recruitment process for a new National Director for TLM England and Wales, which is now well underway. Pray for the recruitment team, for wisdom and insight and that the person God wants in the position has applied. Give thanks for all that Peter Walker has achieved in the five years he has led the organisation and pray that he will be blessed as he moves on to a new role at the International office.

Tue 8 Nov

Give thanks for the Programmes team and for their knowledge and dedication to their roles. Pray for Programmes Officer

Steve as he attends the Annual Country Learning in Niger. Pray for safety and protection in travel and that he will be able to contribute to and learn from the sessions. Pray for a time of good fellowship with colleagues from TLM Niger.

Wed 9 Nov

Pray for the Mission Development team as it works on materials about Purulia Hospital in West Bengal, India for World Leprosy Sunday. Pray for inspiration to produce heart-warming literature to touch hearts and motivate support for people affected by leprosy.

Thu 10 Nov

Pray for the Supporter Care team who will be dealing with requests for World Leprosy Sunday materials and give thanks for the very generous support of donors who will give. Pray that the campaign will raise enough to rebuild the out-patients' department at the hospital.

Fri 11 Nov

Please pray that TLM England and Wales's Advent appeal, mailed today, will inspire the support of new donors and enthuse current donors to continue to give.

Sat 12 - Sun 13 Nov

Give thanks for the TLM England and Wales team and pray that it will continue to operate with integrity and according to God's will for people affected by leprosy. Pray that it will continue to listen for and hear God's heart for the Mission.

Week 46: 14 - 20 Nov*Switzerland***Mon 14 Nov**

On 5 November TLM

Switzerland participated in “One” – a meeting of around 1,500 people from different churches in the French part of Switzerland. Pray that the contacts made at their stand will lead to a commitment of many to support people affected by leprosy.

Tue 15 Nov

On Saturday the board of TLM Switzerland had its board meeting. Pray that the implementation of discussed matters and decisions goes well, especially the new strategy for 2017-2020.

Wed 16 Nov

This week a cold mailing to doctors and medical staff in Switzerland is sent “on behalf of” Anandaban Hospital medical staff as the doctor Indra Napit. Pray for a good response so TLM Switzerland can gain some new donors.

Thu 17 Nov

Today Luca Schindler is returning from Nepal. He has been working as a volunteer at Anandaban Hospital for more than two months. Pray that he will readjust well, share about his experiences and that the Lord may bless him for his future.

Fri 18 Nov

Tomorrow TLM Switzerland attends a Micah conference in Berne. Pray that their stand attracts lots of attention and that they win many new people's interest in the work of the mission.

Sat 19 - Sun 20 Nov

Today is World Toilet Day! While many of us are used to toilets being readily available, in some of the places where we work it is not always the case, and the alternatives (going outside) can lead to risks of sanitation, hygiene and personal safety. Pray for community education helping

to address these issues.

Week 47: 21 - 27 Nov

Thailand and Indonesia

Mon 21 Nov

Staff in NGOs in Thailand working with migrants, displaced people and ethnic minorities recently received training to recognise leprosy. Pray this will benefit marginalised patients with little access to Thai medical services.

Tue 22 Nov

McKean Rehabilitation Center's work includes palliative care and comprehensive end of life care for elderly patients and relatives, from many nationalities, including many who have no idea about the Christian hope. Pray for this key ministry and all involved.

Wed 23 Nov

McKean provides treatment and rehabilitation for many non-Thai citizens with leprosy and disabilities. Pray for comprehensive healing and effective counselling and vocational activity training as these folk spend time in a Christian centre.

Thu 24 Nov

Pray for planning of effective sharing of the real Christmas story in Thailand where the majority have never heard it, but enjoy the commercial tinsel and santas.

Fri 25 Nov

Today is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Pray for women at the Hagar Center, Bangladesh, a short term shelter for women who are excluded from family or community for a variety of reasons including leprosy and domestic violence. Pray

for justice for women around the world, and a change in the mindsets that perpetuate violence.

Sat 26 - Sun 27 Nov

Indonesia has the third-highest case numbers of leprosy in the world, with 17,202 new cases detected in 2015, a slight increase from the previous year (WHO statistics). There are needs in the country that TLM is well-equipped to meet. Pray for God's favour, and also the cooperation of authorities, as TLM looks for the right way to engage there and the right partners to link up with.

Week 48: 28 Nov - 4 Dec

Chad

Mon 28 Nov

Pray for an ongoing smooth relationship with the national and regional Ministry of Health that it will continue to yield positive fruit so that there will be increased awareness and treatment of people affected by leprosy.

Tue 29 Nov

In September TLM Chad conducted a community-based rehabilitation workshop facilitated by Yohanna Abdou, TLM Niger Program Manager. Please pray that the participants of the workshop will be able to make use of what they've learnt to help people affected by leprosy and general disability.

Wed 30 Nov

Pray for the new leprosy supervisor in Mongo, Chad, that he will be able to learn the skills required to manage the needs of leprosy patients and that he will be committed to the work.

Thu 1 Dec

Ahmat the physiotherapist

working in Mongo hospital (whose story you can read on page 80 of ASK 2016) has not been fully integrated to the government health system. This poses a lot of challenges to him despite his commitment to the work. Please pray that God will intervene in his situation and he will be fully employed by the government to earn a stable income and feel part of the hospital workforce.

Fri 2 Dec

Please pray for good health and grace to cope with the demand of work for Geeske Zijp and the rest of the TLM team in Chad. Marc is constantly having health challenges (Malaria) these days and other staff too are struggling with different health problems; pray that they will all be kept in good health so that they can continue to serve persons affected by leprosy.

Sat 3 - Sun 4 Dec

TLM Chad will contribute to the first celebration of national disability day on 7 February, to be held in Mongo! Please pray for good relationships and understanding between members of the different disabled people's organisations in the Guéra region and that the day may become a step forwards in the direction of dignity of disabled people living in Chad. Pray too for preparations for World Leprosy Day, still an important awareness-raising day for TLM Chad, as they struggle with challenges of engaging enthusiastic participants and contributors.

Week 49: 5 - 11 Dec

Nepal

Mon 5 Dec

Praise Almighty God! In partnership with Emmanuel Hospital Association India,

TLM Nepal is involved in developing disaster resilient communities through its Himalayan Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction programme. Last year, over 3,000 health workers and volunteers from all over Nepal were trained and equipped in disaster response. 162 church leaders, representing 42 churches and organisations, were trained in First Aid and disaster relief management. TLM Nepal is committed to working with and involving local churches as part of Integral Mission.

Tue 6 Dec

Leprosy can still hide, and some patients have the disease for many years before diagnosis. This significantly increases their risk for nerve damage and disability. Please pray for the patients and researchers involved in the trial and development of innovative new diagnostics. Pray that we can find patients early, rescuing them from worse disease effects and limiting further transmission.

Wed 7 Dec

As part of the Earthquake Response Community-Based Rehabilitation Project, TLM Nepal will start providing income generating trainings to self-help group members. May these trainings be conducted successfully and may they support beneficiaries in building their lives back after the devastating earthquakes. May we be their ray of hope, like the Lord, in the darkest of times. May they be empowered and live a life of dignity.

Thu 8 Dec

The Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis project,

conducted in partnership with the Government of Nepal, aims to reduce leprosy incidence in three districts of Nepal to below 1 per 10,000 by providing a single dose of Rifampicin, one of the common curative drugs for leprosy, to close contacts of the people diagnosed with leprosy in the last two years. Please pray for continued collaboration of implementing partners and project staff to reach the goal as the project comes to an end in 2017. Please may the 650 health workers and volunteers who will be trained in leprosy by this project continue to identify new cases and refer them to Anandaban Hospital.

Fri 9 Dec

In clinical trials, Anandaban research is targeting improved treatments for leprosy reactions, as well as reconstructive surgical and physiotherapy techniques to improve patient recovery times. Please pray for good communication, partnerships and progress so that we can provide evidence-based tools that will benefit global patient populations.

Sat 10 - Sun 11 Dec

The monsoon in Nepal has been very harsh this year, affecting construction work at Anandaban and also other projects. Staff have to withstand torrential rainfall, floods and landslides causing road blockages. In spite of these problems, TLM Nepal staff have been working relentlessly to continue project activities. Praise the Lord for their enthusiasm and perseverance. Please pray for their continued commitment and safety.

Week 50: 12 - 18 Dec

Northern Ireland

Mon 12 Dec

November and December are normally the two months in which TLM Northern Ireland receives their highest levels of income. Pray that their expectations would be exceeded this year! Pray also for staff who administer and process their income in this busy season.

Tue 13 Dec

1 January 2017 is the start of TLM Northern Ireland's new strategic plan. Pray for staff and board trustees as they implement plans and align resources enabling them to meet the goals which they have set themselves.

Wed 14 Dec

During the latter part of the year, TLM Northern Ireland successfully formed into a legal corporation. This involved setting up new bank accounts and changing their financial arrangements. Please pray for a smooth process as they communicate these changes to supporters in the New Year.

Thu 15 Dec

Give thanks for the supporters in Northern Ireland who have given so faithfully and generously over many years. Many of them are now elderly and often find the winter season difficult. Today, staff are hosting an 'open house' at the office for supporters to call in for some Christmas refreshments, company and chat. Pray that this would be a time of great blessing and encouragement.

Fri 16 Dec

As part of TLM Northern Ireland's World Leprosy Sunday 2017 campaign they are inviting churches across Northern Ireland to hold a

Leprosy Sunday between January and April. Please pray for the mailing to churches and key supporters and that many would respond prayerfully and financially.

Sat 17 - Sun 18 Dec

This has been a busy year for TLM Northern Ireland! Pray for the staff team Aude, Joy, Peter and Joanne as they take time off over Christmas to spend quality time with family and friends. Pray that this would bring refreshment and renewal.

Week 51: 19 - 25 Dec

India

Mon 19 Dec

Pray that the residents of TLM India's Snehalayas (rest homes) develop an intimate relationship with God. Pray that they experience God's everlasting love, even when their families have abandoned them.

Tue 20 Dec

Pray for a change in the minds and attitudes of the family members of the Snehalaya residents, so that they will welcome them back to their families and care for them with love.

Wed 21 Dec

Pray for celebrations on World Leprosy Day. All TLM India projects and centres across the country will be celebrating the day. Pray for increased awareness about leprosy. Also, pray for the government and all like-minded individuals and organisations that would come together for the celebrations.

Thu 22 Dec

Praise God for the dedicated staff that take care of the residents of the Snehalayas. Pray that through their life

and service, they would be able to demonstrate Christian love and compassion.

Fri 23 Dec

All TLM India projects will be celebrating Christmas with patients in the hospitals and members of the community they work with. Pray for many people to imbibe the message of Christmas and draw nearer to God.

Sat 24 - Sun 25 Dec

Christmas Day

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11

Freely you have received; freely give. Matt 10:8

On this blessed day of Christmas let us remember to whom we owe all our blessings and salvation. As we recognise the blessings we have received, may we seek to bless others in His precious name.

Week 52: 26 - 31 Dec

Global Voice

Mon 26 Dec

Boxing Day

In some countries Boxing Day is a day of big shopping sales! Pray that we will keep the focus on Christ throughout this often commercially-driven season.

Tue 27 Dec

Pray for global preparations for World Leprosy Day (29 January 2017). Many TLM Members are taking a more flexible approach and asking supporters to celebrate a Leprosy Sunday, rather than restricting celebrations to the day itself, so that for the period of January to April leprosy is promoted in churches, schools and other communities.

Wed 28 Dec

As ILEP celebrates its 50th anniversary, give thanks for the opportunity for ILEP members to work together and increase our collective voice for the rights and needs of people affected by leprosy around the world. Several ILEP members collaborated on a stall at the International Leprosy Congress in September - pray for positive results from this initiative.

Thu 29 Dec

This year we are celebrating ten years since the United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted. Pray for TLM's part in the global voice for removing barriers for people with disabilities and promoting inclusive development.

Fri 30 Dec

Peter Walker starts work with the TLM International Office next week as Head of Fundraising Development, offering fundraising support to TLM Members and exploring opportunities where we are not currently fundraising. Pray for this exciting opportunity to help connect more people around the world to the lives and needs of people affected by leprosy. Pray too that Peter will transition well into his new role.

Sat 31 Dec

New Year's Eve

I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. Jeremiah 10:23
As we enter a new year, pray that we will be reminded each morning of God's great faithfulness and refreshed as we follow the steps that the Lord has laid out for us.