

ASK 2020

**PRAYER
DIARY**



**The Leprosy
Mission**
International



Welcome from the International Director



Dear praying friends and colleagues,

At the time of writing, I have just returned from a trip to Niger in West Africa. Niger sits right at the bottom of the United Nations Human Development Index, and is therefore one of the poorest countries in the world. It is also a place where The Leprosy Mission works to see leprosy defeated and lives transformed. I am pictured here with a group of children from a leprosy affected community in Niger.

Every twenty minutes a child somewhere in the world is diagnosed with leprosy. It is heart breaking to see children affected by this ancient disease, and a tragedy that this is still happening today. It is also why The Leprosy Mission is prioritising stopping leprosy transmission by 2035 so that we don't see child cases of leprosy in the future.

Last year, The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship adopted a new Global Strategy for 2019-23. Part of this new strategy talks about us being a Christ-centred organisation, following Jesus Christ to bring about transformation, by breaking the chains of this ancient disease, and empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

The ASK Prayer Diary highlights the work and ministry of The Leprosy Mission and the journey we are on to bring about transformation. It is my pleasure to present this to you and ask that you join us on this journey by praying for our work across the globe. Thank you for support, it is really appreciated!

In Christ,

Brent Morgan
International Director
The Leprosy Mission International

OUR VISION

Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed

OUR MISSION

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission seeks to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

OUR VALUES

Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value

- Compassion
- Justice
- Integrity
- Inclusion
- Humility

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

Trusting in the knowledge that God hears and answers prayer, holding to the belief that our work is the Lord's, and realising that all our human efforts are in vain without God's blessing and power, we share this ASK Prayer Diary to encourage believers everywhere to pray for the extension of God's Kingdom through this work.

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WHERE LEPROSY IS FOUND TODAY

TLM is committed to providing long-term quality care and support in the name of Jesus Christ as long as there are people affected by leprosy who need it.



ANNUAL NEW CASES OF LEPROSY





 **No new cases detected**

 No data available

SOURCE: WHO 2017

LAURINDA'S STORY

Laurinda is from Cabo Delgado province in northern Mozambique. She was diagnosed with leprosy at the age of 11, but thankfully was able to receive treatment before leprosy caused any disabilities.

Laurinda has received support from a project called Iphiho Yohoolo which means 'Road to the Future' in Laurinda's dialect, Macua. It's a project that was set up by The Leprosy Mission Mozambique to give a better future to children and young people affected by leprosy and physical disability.

School uniforms and equipment are provided for 200 children just like Laurinda and parents' groups have been created to encourage them to value their children's education.

The Iphiho Yohoolo project focuses particularly on the education of girls, who are particularly at risk of being denied an education. Girls' clubs have been set up in schools to give girls additional life skills, training, and extra-curricular education.

After girls like Laurinda complete secondary school, the project helps them to access vocational training.

With projects that support the education and vocational training of young people, we have the power to change the narrative of a whole generation; the impact can be enormous.

The Iphiho Yohoolo project focuses particularly on the education of girls



THE LEPROSY MISSION GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP 1–5 JAN

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another

John 13: 34-35



The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship consists of TLM organisations or offices across 30 different countries worldwide. Each of the Members of the Global Fellowship have made mutual commitments to work together as one.

The Fellowship was formed in 2011 when the countries signed the TLM Charter, which commits us to:

- Uphold our common purpose and identity
- Contribute to the shared life of the Mission
- Strengthen our global unity
- Be mutually accountable
- Observe financial stewardship

The joy of being a part of a Global Fellowship is that each person can know that they are not just working alongside the people in their office, but people across the world who are committed to The Leprosy Mission's goal of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

This kind of fellowship has its roots in the Bible and in how Christians have acted throughout history. Because of this, Christ will always be at the heart of our Fellowship.

PRAYER POINTS

WED: In 2019 the Global Fellowship grew as it included Finland as a Member. Please pray for the team in Finland, thank God for their desire to see leprosy defeated and pray that they will be successful in their work to raise money for and awareness of The Leprosy Mission.

THU: There are a couple of times each year when members of the Global Fellowship are able to come together to meet so that we can learn from one another and celebrate together. Please pray that these occasions will be joyful and that there will be safe travel for all those who attend.

FRI: Across the Global Fellowship there are more than 2,000 people working for The Leprosy Mission. Please pray for every single one of these people, thank God for their commitment to defeating leprosy and transforming lives and pray for God's blessing on them.

SAT/SUN: Please pray that the Fellowship will grow in strength throughout 2020, that it will be a year full of rich blessings as we work together as one to defeat leprosy and transform lives.

Top: Members from the Global Fellowship joined together in traditional dress for a barbecue at the International Office in Brentford after a series of workshops in June 2019.

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:11-13



TLM Nigeria (TLMN) works in collaboration with the Government of Nigeria, to support the control of leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and their consequences on affected populations in Nigeria. TLMN ministers to over 33,850 persons affected by leprosy in communities spread across 11 states in Nigeria.

Every year, approximately 2,500 new leprosy cases are diagnosed; 55% of whom are men, 39% women and 6% of whom are children less than 15 years of age, indicating the ongoing transmission of the disease in the communities. The World Health Organization ranks Nigeria as third among African countries in terms of leprosy burden.

TLM Nigeria works closely with leprosy-affected communities and other rural communities in ensuring early case finding in order to reduce the consequences of the disease. TLM Nigeria's determination to continually make a difference is targeted at transforming lives, reducing stigma, establishing sustainable livelihoods, and eradicating leprosy, all of which was streamlined into the development of the renewed 5-year Country Strategy (2016 – 2020).

SENIOR STAFF

Dr Sunday Udo – TLM Country Leader

Mr Pius Ogbu Sunday – Head of Programmes & Operations

Mr Obinna Anagboso – Ag. Head of Finance & Administration

Mr Terver Anyor – Head of Funds Development

PRAYER POINTS

MON: The 2020 World Leprosy Day celebrations will include a series of events such as lectures, advocacy visits, and visits to communities of persons affected by leprosy. Please pray that God will continue to bring forward people and organisations who will be willing to join the fight against leprosy.

TUE: The TLM Nigeria staff conference takes place in May. Please pray that this year's conference will be inspired by God's love and we will be filled with renewed strength and commitment towards our work.

WED: Pray for TLM Nigeria's Board Meeting in the month of May. Pray for wisdom and foresight for all members as decisions are made concerning the Mission's responsibility to persons affected by leprosy and disabilities in Nigeria.

THU: In recent times, the activities of herdsmen, bandits and kidnappers have led to increased security concerns. Thank God for the progress made to curb the menace, and pray that God will give the Government the wisdom and ability to restore and sustain safety, peace, and normalcy.

FRI: Pray for the current 3-year TLM Nigeria strategic fundraising plan, that the team will continue to access existing and prospective individual donors, corporate sponsors and institutional funders.

SAT: Thank God for TLM Nigeria's supporters and volunteers. Ask that God will bless their work and families, and strengthen them as they have committed to serving in this capacity.

SUN: TLM Nigeria, amongst four other charities, received a donation of 800,000 naira from GREEN WORSHIP to support an educational project for children from leprosy-affected homes. This support is changing lives, reducing stigma and providing an opportunity for a better future. Please pray that God will bless these children as they learn and grow.

Top: Persons affected by leprosy from Amanawa leprosy community in Sokoto State express excitement as they access safe water from the new borehole provided by TLM Nigeria with funding support from TLM Sweden / SIDA

But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!

John 14: 26-27



The Leprosy Mission Netherlands (Leprazending Nederland) was founded in the 1980s to support The Leprosy Mission International with funds, prayer and human resources. The office is in Apeldoorn and there are ten members of staff, seven board members and ten volunteers.

TLM Netherlands supports two Dutch cross-cultural workers:

Geeske Zijp in Chad and Tanny Hagens who has, in recent years, worked in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Ethiopia.

TLM Netherlands' vision is to see leprosy and rehabilitation services strengthened and to enable transformational change in the lives of people affected by leprosy in India, Bangladesh, DR Congo, Myanmar, Nepal and Chad. In order to make that possible, TLM Netherlands seeks support from individual donors, churches and trust funds and organises events to get people involved with the vision and mission of TLM.

SENIOR STAFF

Mr. Henno Couprie- TLM Country Leader

Mr. Cor van Leeuwen- Team Leader, Administration & Back Office

Mrs. Heidi Hoogvliet-Team Leader, Partners, Programs & Project Funding

Mr. Mark van den Berg-Team Leader, Fundraising & Communication

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for the wellbeing of Geeske Zijp in Chad and her team. We are thankful to God that Tanny Hagens completed her mission as Country Leader in Ethiopia and that a replacement has been found: Mrs Beletshachew Tadesse.

TUE: Thank God that the number of praying supporters in The Netherlands keeps growing, with more than 700 people now.

WED: Thank God for the new Chair and a new treasurer of the board. Pray that the board functions as an effective team and that God will lead them in overseeing the functioning of TLM Netherlands.

THU: Thank God that the number of volunteers has increased. Pray for health and energy and inspiration for the whole TLM Netherlands team (board, staff and volunteers).

FRI: Praise God for loyal support from many Dutch people. Please pray that God opens new opportunities to work with churches.

SAT/SUN: Pray for fruitful cooperation with the project countries and for successful funding. Pray that God will open doors and that we can tap into new "sources".

Top: Staff and volunteers from TLM Netherlands.



The goal of World Leprosy Day is to raise awareness of a disease that many people believe has been eliminated. It is observed every year on the last Sunday in January and this year it will take place on 26 January.

In 2020 the theme will centre around stigma and discrimination, as it did in 2019. This year, however, it will centre on the idea that 'leprosy is not what you think'. The Leprosy Mission will be working with our partners to ask people, do you know what you think you know about leprosy?

The campaign will be across all of our campaigning channels, reaching people on social media, through the press, and through videos. Please keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages so you can show your support!

PRAYER POINTS

MON: There is always something to distract us online and it's not always easy to get people to focus on an issue like leprosy. Pray that God will draw eyes to leprosy throughout this week, ahead of World Leprosy Day.

TUE: When we work with journalists, we can broadcast our stories and mission far further than we can on our own. Please pray for all those across the world who are engaging with journalists on behalf of TLM this week.

WED: An awareness day is an invaluable tool, but a lot of its value rests in getting people interested in leprosy for more than one day. Please pray that people across the world will continue to engage with leprosy work, even after World Leprosy Day.

THU: The Leprosy Mission is just one part of the World Leprosy Day campaign. Please pray for our partners, who are coordinating work alongside us, particularly IDEA (an association of persons affected by leprosy) and ILEP.

FRI: Please join us in praying for the policymakers who see our campaign. Pray that God will touch them and encourage them to fight for a world where leprosy has been defeated.

SAT/SUN: On the weekend of World Leprosy Day, pray for the success of our awareness campaign, not just in reaching people, but in engaging and inspiring them, too. With God on our side, we know we can do great things this weekend.



The Leprosy Mission was founded in 1874 as 'The Mission to Lepers' by an Irishman named Wellesley Cosby Bailey, in Ambala, India. Subsequently, in 1973, The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) was registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. TLM Trust India is the largest leprosy-focused non-governmental organisation in India and is headquartered in New Delhi.

The organisation works with people affected by leprosy, people with disabilities, and marginalised communities, especially women. TLMTI has a diverse set of programmes – Healthcare, Sustainable Livelihood, Community Empowerment, Advocacy, and Research and Training. TLMTI implements these programmes through 14 hospitals and two clinics, six vocational training centres, five residential care homes for elderly persons affected by leprosy, community empowerment projects, and a research laboratory, spread across 10 states of India.

TLMTI conducts its programmes in collaboration with people affected by leprosy and their communities, central and state governments, The World Health Organization (WHO), the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP) and civil society organisations.

TLMTI's vision is to see 'People affected by leprosy living with dignity in a transformed, inclusive society that has overcome leprosy'. The operations team (executive director, two directors and eight domain heads) leads the organisation in realising this vision.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLMTI is in the second year of implementing its seven-year country strategy (2019-25). We thank God for guiding us and helping the team develop this strategy. Pray for God's continued guidance to implement the strategy and realise its objectives.

TUE: Pray for God's guidance for the operations team, unit heads, and programme managers as they work to realise TLMTI's vision, 'People affected by leprosy living with dignity in a transformed, inclusive society that has overcome leprosy.'

WED: Pray for God's guidance and wisdom to overcome ongoing financial challenges and help TLMTI achieve financial sustainability through fundraising, project development and internal revenue generation.

THU: TLMTI's interventions in the lives of people affected by leprosy are in the areas of health, skill building, sustainable livelihoods, community empowerment, advocacy and research for their social inclusion. Pray for God's guidance in this work. Pray also that through TLMTI's work, people affected by leprosy will realise God's love and care.

FRI: Give thanks for our partners, such as national and local governments, non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, national and international development and research bodies, and grassroots organisations. Pray for God's blessings on these partnerships so that together we can continue working to eradicate leprosy.

SAT/SUN: Pray for TLMTI's fundraising initiatives. Pray that TLMTI will continue to connect with more individual donors, corporate sponsors and institutional funders. Pray that God will grant them wisdom to take advantage of opportunities to develop new channels of partnership and income.

*May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us— yes,
establish the work of our hands.*

Psalms 90:17



Inspired by the love of Jesus, TLM Trading strives to show love and compassion towards people affected by leprosy, and to empower them to attain life in all its fullness by providing resources of money, awareness, new supporters and prayer for The Leprosy Mission charities.

TLM Trading, the trading arm of The Leprosy Mission, is a mail order company selling a wide range of gifts, greeting cards and books, primarily to the Christian community. They produce three main catalogues per year, as well as operating a successful online shop (tlmtrading.com) which attracts thousands of customers each year.

They also sell a range of Gifts for Life – ‘virtual’ gift cards, which customers can buy to give to friends or to mark some special occasion and which directly benefit someone with leprosy. They include items such as school equipment, eye surgery or even the ever-popular goat!

PRAYER POINTS

MON: This year TLM Trading are celebrating their 25th birthday! Pray that they will continue to help provide livelihoods for leprosy-affected artisans and that they will be given inspiration for new product ranges that raise money for the work of TLM.

TUE: On Tuesdays, The Leprosy Mission Trading team holds a weekly meeting to review sales, look at new product initiatives and discuss strategy. Pray that God will bless these meetings with wisdom and discernment and that they will continue to work well together as a team.

WED: TLM Trading produces three main catalogues a year. This week their Easter gift catalogue will have been delivered by post to around 73,000 supporters. Please pray that our supporters will like our new range of spring products and that TLM Trading will see excellent sales for this catalogue.

THU: Please pray for TLM Trading’s small staff team. Pray that they will be able to find time to explore new, fruitful avenues for sales. Please pray for the success of the sales agents who sell TLM’s products directly into Christian bookshops across the UK.

FRI: Praise God for the best-selling range of virtual gifts called Gifts for life. In 2018, TLM Trading raised £287,000 through the sales of Gifts for Life. TLM Trading has recently launched 10 new gifts and we thank God that it is now possible for supporters to personalise the cards with their own greetings and that cards can be sent directly to the recipient.

SAT/SUN: Please pray for Chris Wickenden, TLM Trading’s new chairman. Thank God for Chris and for the rest of the board, who generously give their time, advice and expertise to help us in our work. Thank God for all the wonderful volunteers who come in to help TLM Trading with different projects.

LEADERSHIP

Jo-Anne Thomson – CEO
Chris Wickenden – Chair

Top: The TLM Trading team



TLM Germany started as a local circle of friends around Mr. and Mrs. Riedel. They were pioneers in the fight against leprosy, and worked from 1951 to 1997 for The Leprosy Mission. Their request was to bring God's love to all people and to make God's Kingdom visible.

All members of TLM Germany's executive committee are volunteers and are part of different churches. They organise special fundraising events and will be invited to various groups and communities in order to report on their projects.

TLM Germany supports projects in Niger, India and Chad.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the faithful service of the volunteers supporting the German office.

TUE: Give thanks for the many faithful people and churches who pray for our work and support us with their donations, their engagement, their creativity and their joy.

WED: Give thanks for our board at TLM Germany. Pray that they stay motivated. Pray for additional volunteers to think about new paths and new ideas.

THU: Pray that God will strengthen the network of volunteers and supporters in Germany. Pray for enthusiasm for the work of The Leprosy Mission.

FRI: Pray that God opens the ears and hearts of people in Germany, allowing us to gain new donors not only in the south of Germany, but across the nation. Pray particularly for younger supporters.

SAT/SUN: Pray that God may open the doors to new professional donors. May He give us success success in our new paths and our new ideas.

KEY STAFF

Dr. Johannes Schäfer – Chair of the Board
Bettina Merz – Country Leader



TLM Chad is an integrated leprosy control and disability programme in the Republic of Chad. Since 1992 it has been based in the Guéra province at the heart of the country. From there it supports the national NLCP team with supervision, training and active case detection activities.

Within Guéra province, TLM Chad has extended its activities to all persons with disability. They provide walking aids like crutches, tricycles, and donkeys, so as to help persons with disability of the lower legs to leave the house so that they can go to school, work, or socialise.

To further integrate leprosy affected persons, TLM Chad supports the development of Disabled Peoples' Organisations that welcome people affected by leprosy.

TLM Chad also supports the celebration of World Leprosy Day and the National Disability Day where issues around leprosy and disability are exposed and discussed.

For the coming 5 years TLM Chad hopes to extend its activities to the Salamat, a neighbouring province of the Guéra, where leprosy and disability work has not been developed.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Please pray for peace, safety, and stability within Chad.

TUE: Join us in praying for good and fruitful working relationships with our partners, both civil society organisations and churches.

WED: Pray for enthusiasm and zeal for the leprosy work amongst the regional and district supervisors.

THU: Please pray for protection for our staff as we travel across the country to conduct our work. Please pray that our staff and partners remain healthy and happy.

FRI: We have started a new project in the Salamat, where we have not worked before. Please pray for this work as we find our feet in the province. Pray that we will be able to transform the lives of people in the Salamat.

SAT/SUN: There is a physiotherapy service that is being installed in Am Timan hospital in the Salamat. Please pray for this work and pray that it will be able to make a big difference in the lives of people in the region.

TLM STAFF

Bunmi Oluloto – TLM Country Leader
 Geeske Zijp – TLM Chad Programme Manager
 Marc Djibrine Victor – TLM Administrator
 Zakaria Mahamat – TLM DPO Trainer
 Abdel Dejil Hassane – TLM Office Assistant/Driver

Top: Geeske, Marc, and Abdel, from the TLM team in Chad.

A photograph of a woman, Mu Mu Soe, sitting on a bamboo platform. She is wearing a yellow and black patterned shirt and dark shorts. She is adjusting her prosthetic right leg, which is a light tan color. The background shows a rustic wooden structure with bamboo poles.

MU MU'S STORY

Mu Mu Soe is 33 years old and lives in Myanmar with her 11 year old son and her father. She was diagnosed with leprosy in 2002 and in mid-2013 her right leg was amputated as a result of a severe infection that spread up her leg. Now she wears a prosthetic limb.

"When I had leprosy I didn't really go anywhere, I just stayed at home for about 8 years. Surviving from day to day was really difficult, and my son was so young."

Mu Mu spent two years in a city called Mawlamyine, receiving treatment at a TLM supported hospital, where she eventually underwent the amputation. She didn't see her son in the entire two years she was there.

"I was really happy to see him again. Everything is better now than before. Before the amputation I couldn't go anywhere with the ulcer and now I can go anywhere and do anything with this prosthesis!"

"The hospital and the TLM staff gave me lots of counselling and physiotherapy, I'm very thankful to them. I was happy living there – the doctors were very friendly."

She's hoping to receive a microloan from TLM that will help her pay for her son to be educated.

"I'd like to breed pigs. I will do everything – whatever I want – until the day I die!" Mu Mu is full of confidence and has much more hope in life now she is pain free.

The one who calls you is faithful.

1 Thessalonians 5:24



For 46 years, TLM Hungary has given prayer support and raised funds for the work of The Leprosy Mission around the world. Locally, the team in Hungary share knowledge and information on the needs of people affected by leprosy to inspire Hungarian people to active help.

The main bases of continual support are individuals and Christian churches. Reaching out to the wider population, TLM Hungary has regular campaigns in different areas of the country, inserting leaflets into local and regional magazines and newspapers, or in door-to-door visits. Different media appearances in Christian TV, radio and press are extremely good opportunities for raising and deepening interest.

TLM Hungary is also invited to hold performances in Christian schools, which they regard as sowing seeds for the future, as through reaching out to children and, indirectly, some of their parents, the next generation can be inspired in charitable thinking and actions.

Top: Marta Risko meeting with Congolese pastors and church members who are working with many others to stop the stigmatisation of people affected by leprosy.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We give thanks for God's faithfulness to TLM Hungary since its birth in 1974 and for the great number of former and existing volunteers. We give thanks for the privilege of being able to represent TLM's values as a 'cuckoo-egg' in this part of Europe.

TUE: Give thanks with us for the dedication of many church groups and pastors/priests, and for TLM ambassadors from each denomination all over the country who are praying and donating.

WED: Give thanks with us for our project partners in Congo, India and Ethiopia, for good relationships and the chance to nurture each other spiritually and by the sharing of information. Pray with us for blessing and perseverance for them amidst their hard work.

THU: We give thanks for the openness and understanding of many new donors who join this cause as result of publicity and campaigns. Pray with us that God will open doors through which we can share TLM's message as we discover new areas for expanding our support.

FRI: Pray with us for blessing on our key volunteers, who are offering remarkable services with their different and needed skills, time, input, and enthusiasm.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks with us for the constructive and responsible attitude of committee members, the chair, and members of the board, who want to give their best in their tasks to the glory of God. Pray for the continuation of the loving and peaceful atmosphere. Pray for Marta to have wisdom and prayerful courage in planning and acting in the best interests of people affected by leprosy.

SENIOR STAFF

Marta Risko – Country Leader

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3: 23



TLM Timor Leste's vision is to see an improvement in the quality of life of people affected by leprosy or disabilities and their families.

Timor Leste achieved 'leprosy elimination' (less than 1 case per 10,000 in the population) in 2011. However, in recent years the number of new cases has been increasing, so TLM Timor Leste continue to advocate to the Ministry of Health, telling them that leprosy still is a problem in Timor Leste. TLM continues to work hard to find new cases, put them on treatment early, and so prevent disability. Every person affected by leprosy is of value; each one of us is God's special work of art.

TLM Timor Leste currently works on projects to improve leprosy services, they run community based rehabilitation programmes to integrate people affected by leprosy into the community, they advocate for Human Rights at the national level, and they have produced a Gender Based Violence toolkit.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God that TLM-TL has formed a local board and are ready to be registered as a local organisation in the near future.

TUE: Pray for the commitment made by Dulce Da Cunha, Bruder Nico Lay, Veronica das Dores, Gaspar Afonso, Jose Verdial and Colin Martin to support TLM Timor Leste as a local advisory board.

WED: Pray for the new Directorate of Communicable Diseases - Ministry of Health, which recently separated from National Public Health Department. Pray for the new director to have wisdom and for a relationship to be built with TLM-TL and the new leprosy project.

THU: Thank God that TLM staff have fully participated in the development of Timor Leste's National Disability Strategy 2020-2024.

FRI: Pray for the end term review and development of the new country strategy that comes to an end in December 2020.

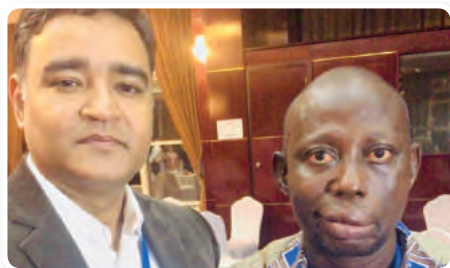
SAT/SUN: Pray for our plan to implement the National Leprosy Review for the country, pray for expertise, coordination, commitment and enough financial support. Pray for Francisco da Costa, the Project Manager for the Improved Leprosy Service project, as he leads the new project and new staff, pray for health, wisdom and commitment.

SENIOR STAFF

Afiana Lisnahan (Nona) – Country Leader
Francisco da Costa – Project Manager (ILS)
Nelson da Silva – Project Coordinator (CBR)
Joel Costa – Project Supervisor (RPD)
Joaozina da Conceicao – Finance Manager
Thalia Araujo – HR Manager

Trust in the LORD with all you heart, do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6



The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh implements 22 projects through 6 programmes across 30 districts and employs around 432 staff. The country office is in Dhaka, the capital. The office is responsible for ensuring adequate support for and oversight of projects, networking with partners, and building relationships with relevant government departments.

TLM Bangladesh's projects include leprosy control, community based rehabilitation, advocacy, and a leprosy referral hospital (DBLM) located at Nilphamari.

In alignment with the global focus on ending leprosy transmission, TLM Bangladesh sees research into leprosy as a major pathway to achieving that goal and is looking to establish a core research programme with the necessary resources (facilities, knowledge and personnel) for sustainable support. There is also a dedicated training centre at Nilphamari, providing leprosy and other training to government and NGO staff.

TLM Bangladesh also provides services to reduce the prevalence of tuberculosis in cooperation with the National Tuberculosis Programme.

SENIOR STAFF

Mr. Salomon Sumon Halder, TLMIB Country Director
 Mr. Jiptha Boiragee, Program Support Coordinator
 Mr. James Taposh Adhikary, Administration and Finance Coordinator
 Mr. Surendra Nath Singh, Program Leader, Community Program & Rural Health Program
 Mr. John Arpon Samaddar, Program Leader, Chottogram & Dhaka
 Mr. Augustine Amal D' Rozario, Program Leader, DBLM Hospital Program
 Mrs Suma Reverio – Human Resource Manager
 Dr Benedict Alo D' Rozario, Chairman of the Board

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks to the Lord for the faithful supporting partners, their teams, volunteers, and supporters who have ensured financial, prayer and motivational support that has enabled TLMIB to continue activities to change the lives of persons affected by leprosy.

TUE: We experienced a rather peaceful political atmosphere in 2019, in spite of a post-election period. Political stability helps to ensure targeted activities are achieved and we pray that a similar situation prevails in 2020.

WED: The TLMIB team will go through various processes to develop their next strategic plan for 2021-2025. We seek God's guidance and wisdom, enabling the team to design a proper strategic plan.

THU: Currently registered as an international NGO in Bangladesh, pray that TLMIB will continue to enjoy making good progress towards being registered as a local NGO, governed by a Bangladeshi Board. May God shower his blessing upon the Chair and advisory board members as they guide us successfully through this process.

FRI: Pray for TLMIB's need to maintain the Core Research Program in order to maintain and invite quality research. Faithful commitments are anticipated from the supporting partners to continue this endeavour.

SAT/SUN: Pray for TLMIB as we work on a succession and a capacity development plan to replace experienced staff who are leaving the organisation due to retirement. Pray that TLMIB is able to continue as an effective and leading leprosy organisation, partnering with the National Leprosy Program to strengthen the health system.

Top: Mr Salomon Suman Halder, TLMIB Country Leader, with Kofi Nyarko, Wellesley Bailey award winner

HOW DO WE PROSPER?

Missions and ministries that love Jesus are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither and whatever they do prospers. Jesus is the real source of our all needs. If our missions and ministries are with him, we lack nothing. He is naturally supernatural and, supernaturally, He is natural.

A short story from my life - God called me to work for people affected by leprosy in 1996 while I was working in an organisation full time. God's calling was so divine so I left my job and followed His voice. Many said that was my foolish decision.

From a worldly point of view, I had lost many things that day, but spiritually I had received everything. That day God had called me to be by streams of water. Amazing miracles kept happening in our life and He fulfilled all our needs. He became our real provider. We have never been distracted from His divine calling but keep moving forward, serving people affected by leprosy, for their spiritual and physical healing, dignity, and the transformation of their lives. In this journey, He never left us, nor did He forsake us. Praise God!

I have been well known about Khokana leprosy colony at Kathmandu since my school days. I would love to go there and share the love of God with the people there. As a reward, God even has given me a precious gift: a wife from the same community. Since then we have continued serving God together there as Pastors. The great blessing of our life is that we still work as volunteer Pastors and God is our provider for everything we need. In our

life He has given us the real sense of what the psalmist means in Psalm 1:3.

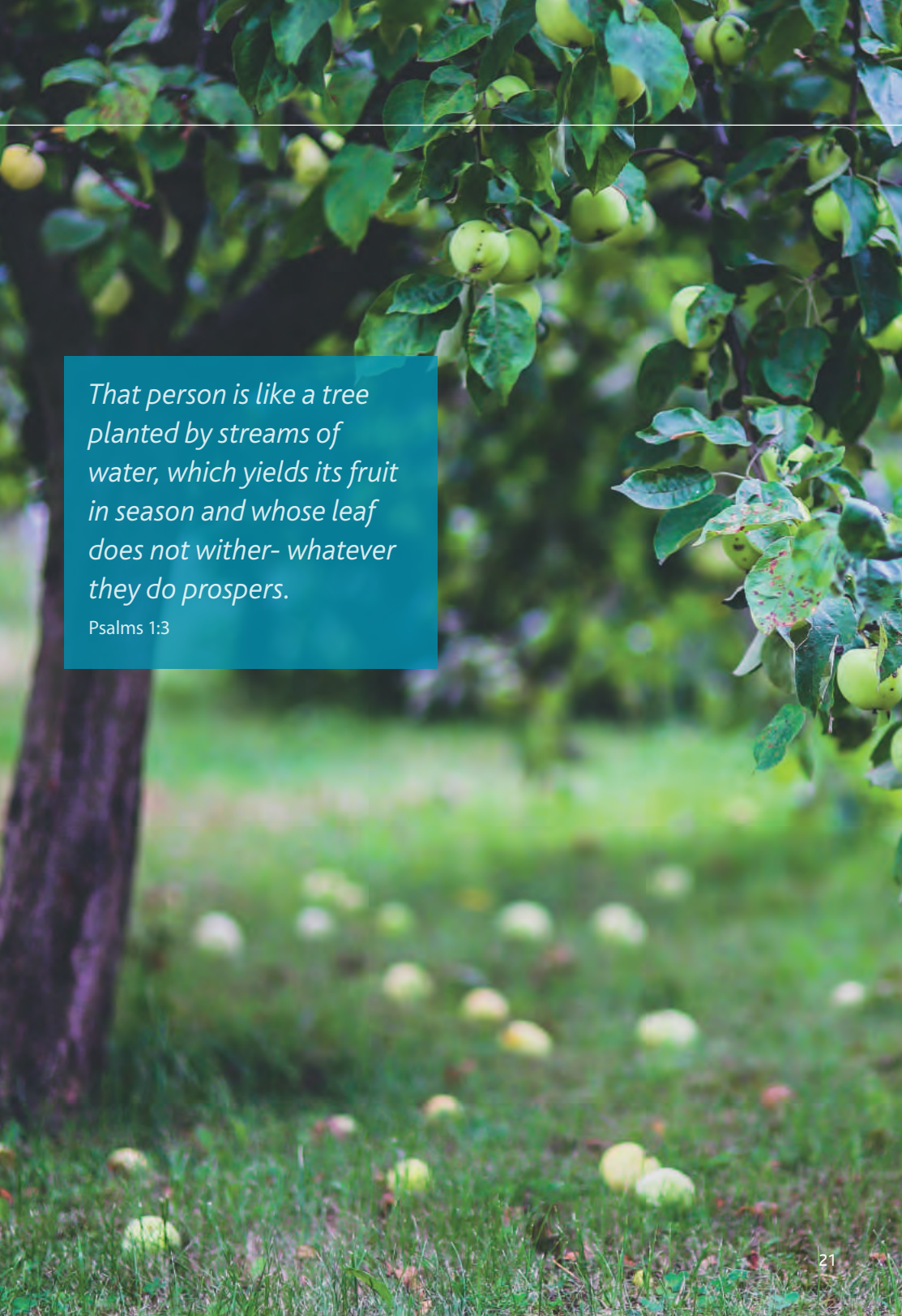
The Leprosy Mission is like that person that is like a tree planted by the streams. In our mission we constantly pray and read the Word of God. Since 2005 I have been a part of TLM Nepal and now I am Board Chair. I've also had the privilege to serve on the TLM International board for 8 years. During these days I have found that in this family we are always seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness.

As the Bible says, "But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). It is true that the day when we stop being near the streams of God, we start getting dry, stop yielding fruits and the leaf starts to wither. It would mean that the TLM mission would become purposeless, meaningless, useless and valueless.

As TLM's Global Fellowship we don't live for ourselves but for God's glory, by serving people affected by leprosy. God has called us to work for them, for their holistic change. They are among the neediest people of this world. I encourage you all to continue with God in fulfilling TLM's mission – Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed. In this way we can yield fruits in season and our leaf will not wither, and whatever we do will prosper.

Thank you and may the blessings of the Lord be upon you forever!

Pastor Ashok Adhikari
Chairman of The Leprosy Mission Nepal



*That person is like a tree
planted by streams of
water, which yields its fruit
in season and whose leaf
does not wither- whatever
they do prospers.*

Psalms 1:3

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfil my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2: 1-2



TLM Niger's vision is to see the lives of people affected by leprosy transformed through access to sustainable leprosy and community services that enhance their potential to participate actively in society.

TLM Niger works across six regions in Niger (Maradi, Zinder, Touha, Dosso, Tilaberi and Niamey) where they provide leprosy services such as leprosy awareness training and supervision of health workers. They also work with IDEA, an association of people affected by leprosy, helping them with training in advocacy, empowerment, and developing community awareness.

TLM Niger also run community development programmes such as providing micro credit or grants so that people affected by leprosy can create a livelihood. Their community development work also sees them build ventilated latrines and promote hygiene in communities to prevent water borne diseases. They run a housing project for homeless people affected by leprosy.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLM Niger is taking on a new initiative to build a network with other NGOs to advocate for people affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities. Please pray that the effort will yield positive results.

TUE: Pray for TLM Niger's team (Yohanna, Saratou, Sani, Ichaya and Daouda) as they coordinate all administrative and project activities and work with government and local partners in implementing projects for people affected by leprosy and other disabilities.

WED: The security situation in Niger is still a big concern due to crises and terrorist attacks in neighbouring countries. Please pray that the Lord will bring about peace and keep the TLM team safe as they travel to visit projects.

THU: TLM Niger has recently elected new board members. Please pray for wisdom and unity among the board as they take full responsibility for all TLM operations in the country.

FRI: Pray for CSL Danja hospital, which has been facing serious financial challenges and challenges in appointing a hospital director. Please pray that the Lord will turn around the fortunes of the centre.

SAT/SUN: Pray for Bunmi and his family; for Bunmi as he leads the team in Niger and Chad as Country Leader; for his wife, Loveth, and their children, as they cope with the harsh weather of Niger.

SENIOR STAFF

Bunmi Oluloto – TLM Country Leader
 Ichaya Garba – TLM Niger Office Administrator
 Abdul Yohanna – TLM Niger Programme Manager
 Saratou Barage – TLM Niger Technical Advisor
 Sani Hassan – TLM Project Officer

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12



The Leprosy Mission England and Wales values being part of a world-wide family, working to bring healing and wholeness to people affected by leprosy.

As we raise funds and prayer support along with managing many overseas programmes in South Asia and Africa, we pray that we will take time, individually and as a team, to stay focussed on the will and leading of Jesus and hear from Him in all areas of our work.

As a team we give God thankful praise for the success of the Heal Nepal campaign in 2019. Through the prayers and generous gifts of our supporters, including match funding from the UK government, this was our most successful fundraising initiative ever. We pray with trust in our loving Father in heaven, that the work to find, cure, and heal people with leprosy in Nepal will have a long-lasting impact.

SENIOR STAFF

Peter Waddup – TLM Country Leader
Sian Arulanantham – Head of Programmes and Policy
Arminda O'Reilly – HR Manager
Louise Timmins – Head of Fundraising

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We give thanks for our faithful supporters, for all those who pray and all who give gifts. We are blessed by the generosity of supporters who leave legacies, funding around 25% of our work. Pray that every supporter knows that they are part of an amazing Mission, motivated by the love and compassion of Jesus.

TUE: Many of our team travel overseas to help design projects and work with staff in Asia and Africa. Give thanks for the relationships of trust and co-operation that have been built between countries, and pray for these to strengthen through 2020. Pray too for protection as staff travel, particularly in volatile countries, and for their families here in the UK.

WED: Research is essential as we work towards our goal to see the end of leprosy. Pray for significant new financial investment in research and for breakthroughs that provide new tools, including an early diagnostic test, so we are better equipped to end this debilitating disease.

THU: We pray that new doors will open and for opportunities to put leprosy on the Commonwealth agenda. We also pray that decision-makers in the UK and in countries where leprosy exists recognise the need to increase efforts to fight both the disease and discrimination, and target government investment appropriately.

FRI: We are blessed with the prayer and financial support of many individual churches and church groups throughout the UK. Pray that we can engage new churches from all denominations who share our desire to see the end of leprosy in this lifetime.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for the opportunity of match-funding and the benefit this has added to the impact of The Heal Nepal campaign. Pray for the UK Government, that MPs will protect our national foreign aid budget and that it will be spent wisely.

Top: Left to right - Vice Presidents, Pam Rhodes and Bishop Donald of Peterborough, Lizzie Standbrook and Peter Waddup, National Director, at the launch of Heal Nepal



The Leprosy Mission in Mozambique works in close cooperation with the Health Department in support of the Leprosy Control project in the province of Cabo Delgado. There are also strong links with community partners, including community volunteers and self-care groups.

We also support ALEMO, a Leprosy Patient Association that works to improve the livelihoods of its members through improved agriculture methods, training, and advocacy. A network of local churches undergoing the UMOJA integral mission training is slowly growing and is increasingly contributing to advocacy initiatives and greater awareness of leprosy.

In 2020 we hope to implement an integrated leprosy control, church mobilisation, and value chain project. This project will work to create greater village ownership of leprosy services and other community initiatives, contributing to breaking the transmission of leprosy and the growing of stronger communities.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We will be extending a system of health committees in leprosy-affected villages throughout the year. In this way we can involve more community leaders in active case finding and follow up. We pray that more people will take ownership of the fight against leprosy.

TUE: People affected by leprosy and their communities are best placed to resolve many of their own problems. The Community Value Chain project works to give communities the tools and skills to do this. We pray that this will contribute to transformation in those communities.

WED: We travel many thousands of kilometres each year to reach villages, conduct case finding, and supervise activities in Cabo Delgado. Please pray for God's continued protection and the good health of staff out in the field.

THU: The UMOJA project works to mobilise the local churches to be involved in local advocacy initiatives alongside leprosy self-care groups. We pray that the voice of the church will get stronger in defence of people affected by leprosy.

FRI: As part of the UMOJA project, the local church is taught to reach out to their communities with the love of Jesus. We pray that the Good News of God's grace will be amplified in communities affected by leprosy.

SAT/SUN: There is a continued armed insurgency in the northern districts of Cabo Delgado. This influences our programmes directly and is dislocating many communities. Pray with us for the situation to be resolved and for affected populations to find sufficient food.

SENIOR STAFF

Dr Arie de Kruijff – TLM Country Leader
 Sr Belarmino Reich – ALEMO and Iphiro Yohoolo Project Manager
 Sr Hipolito Cocorea – Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Officer
 Sr Jorge Armando – Prevention of Disabilities/Leprosy Control Project Manager
 Sra Nelta Jumamossi – Accountant
 Sr Culaire Luis – Human Resources Manager



The Leprosy Mission Southern Africa raises funds for leprosy work and general disability work in South Africa. The Leprosy Mission runs leprosy programmes in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal and cooperates with the National Department of Health in the provision of leprosy services in other areas. The RampUp general disability campaign promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society, but especially within the church.

SENIOR STAFF

Peter Laubscher – TLM Country Leader
Theo de Villiers – Deputy Director

Top: Emily was diagnosed with leprosy in the 1970s. Despite life's huge setbacks, like losing her health, her husband and four of her children who all passed away, she believes today that the Lord has granted her a long life to be a blessing to others. She teaches young women to cut patterns from rolls of material and to do basic sewing.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for new members of The Leprosy Mission Southern Africa's team, who are strengthening awareness of leprosy and promoting the early treatment of leprosy. Pray for their safety as they travel far and wide to raise awareness, especially in remote, rural areas.

TUE: Many training events are planned for the year, at which health workers will have the opportunity to learn the truth about leprosy. Pray that these training events will be effective in combatting the fear of leprosy and that health workers will be deeply motivated to care professionally for leprosy patients.

WED: Pray for many of our leprosy patients who live in remote rural areas. It is often difficult for them to get to clinics. Pray that health workers will be able to visit them regularly and help them avoid injuries and further disability.

THU: Give thanks for our many generous friends throughout South Africa who support the work of The Leprosy Mission so faithfully. Pray that we will be blessed with new supporters during the year who will also be inspired to continue their friendship for many long years.

FRI: Give thanks for the impact of RampUp during 2019 – RampUp is our general disability programme that promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in the Church. Pray for the RampUp training events planned for 2020.

SAT/SUN: Pray too that the RampUp book launched in 2019, entitled "The Church and Disability", authored by Professor Louise Kretzschmar, will find a wide readership, especially at Bible colleges and other institutions when church leaders receive training. Pray that we will be able to find a champion for RampUp, who will enjoy widespread acceptance across the denominational spectrum and who will be able to encourage more churches to adopt the RampUp model.



Research is key to achieving our vision of Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed. There are many unanswered questions in the field of leprosy, from the mechanism of transmission, to the reasons why some people develop severe nerve damage despite good treatment, to the best ways to reduce the stigma of leprosy in a community. Without research we are not going to make progress towards zero transmission, zero disability and zero discrimination.

TLM's research covers a wide range of areas. Our world-class laboratories collaborate with other laboratories across the world to develop new tests to diagnose leprosy, to test new anti-leprosy drugs and to monitor for resistance to anti-leprosy drugs.

Our hospitals are testing new ways to manage leprosy complications such as lepra reaction and ulcers. Our community programmes are studying more effective ways to mobilise communities in the fight against leprosy, measuring the impact of our community-based programmes.

SENIOR STAFF

TLM International Research Committee

Prof Warwick Britton (Chair) - University of Sydney, Australia
 Dr Paul Sanderson - American Leprosy Missions
 Prof. Diana Lockwood - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
 Prof. Jan Hendrik Richardus - Erasmus University, The Netherlands
 Prof Pushendra Singh - University of Boroda, India

Senior Research Staff

Dr Deanna Hagge – Head of the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory, Anandaban Hospital, Kathmandu
 Dr Joydeepa Darling – Head of Research, TLM Trust India

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLM maintains two globally-recognised research laboratories – the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal and the Stanley Browne Laboratory in Delhi, India. Pray for the staff working in our laboratories, as they prioritise the issues they work on and write proposals for grant funding.

TUE: Praise God for our research work in north-west Bangladesh - one of the very few locations in the world where large field studies for leprosy can be conducted. Pray for the plans to increase the capacity in our Bangladesh research work over the next 3-5 years so that we can maintain and increase our national and international research partnerships.

WED: Praise God for recent successes in applications to research funding bodies – for chemoprophylaxis studies, piloting early diagnostic tests and studying new ways of managing chronic wounds. Pray for the teams that are developing new research proposals.

THU: Praise God for the universities worldwide that partner with TLM in order to conduct research studies. Pray for the strengthening of these partnerships and for new partnerships. Pray for our research to be translated into practice.

FRI: TLM is a member of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI), a partnership for research, through which funds for research are pooled, allowing TLM's researchers to access greater funding. Pray for LRI to grow so that more funds are available. Pray for success as our own research proposals are submitted to LRI for funding.

SAT/SUN: Platforms like the International Leprosy Congress (September 2019) provide TLM with opportunities to showcase our research work and share findings. Pray that we can continue to share our research in peer-reviewed journals and congresses and to translate research into practice.

Top: A researcher at the Stanley Browne Laboratory of The Leprosy Mission Trust India

*If we live in the light – just as He is in the light -
then we have fellowship with one another.*

1 John 1:7



TLM Finland works based entirely on volunteers and through donor contributions. The board works to

- raise funds
- raise awareness of leprosy and the needs of leprosy affected people
- encourage prayer support
- publish magazines in Finnish and Swedish (Finland has a Swedish speaking minority population)
- visit churches of different denominations, groups and schools, to try to motivate them to become actively involved

TLM Finland is planning new fundraising efforts, focusing on the difference that donations make in the lives of people affected by leprosy.

We are working on getting our magazine into Christian newspapers and magazines and on increasing our presence in the Christian media in Finland. This is all a part of our drive to increase the involvement of the Christian community in our work.

Top: Our Finnish team hard at work

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the churches and individual donors who are faithfully praying for and supporting leprosy affected people in DR Congo and Nepal.

TUE: Give thanks for our board members and other volunteers who freely give their time and expertise.

WED: Pray for wisdom and God's blessing in all of our plans.

THU: Pray for greater involvement of Christians in Finland. Pray that they will pray, volunteer, give regularly and take on greater responsibilities.

FRI: Give thanks for the TLM staff in DR Congo and pray for them in their work and travel.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for opportunities to talk about leprosy and pray that this work will grow fruit.

SENIOR STAFF

Rev Eija Kilpi – Chair of the Board

Ms Marja Aho – Vice chair

Ms Ritva Pohti – National Director/Secretary

BORA'S STORY

Bora Alphonsine is 31 years old. Not everything has been uncomplicated in her life, especially how leprosy threatened her entire future

When Bora was 16 she discovered spots on her arms and her lip. Since her father had already suffered from leprosy, her family understood that the spots were signs of the same disease and so they took her to a hospital where she was able to receive the correct medication in time.

Bora lives alone with her three children in a little house. She's received support from The Leprosy Mission in DR Congo. She grows beans and manioc around the house to get some income, but she also received some small credit from TLM to buy cans of petrol.

Now she sells the petrol in smaller cans and makes a small profit from the many mopeds and motorbikes on the island where she lives. She's now able to put this extra income towards schooling for her children.

"Today I am proud to be healthy, without any grave consequences of leprosy. I am so grateful to The Leprosy Mission and to God for the help I have been given."

"I have been given the chance to be a part of The Leprosy Mission's committee in DR Congo and I feel accepted by the others. I am integrated into the group and the community and I no longer feel like an outcast."



Be careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Eph 5:15-17



The Leprosy Mission Sudan is working in close collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and Khartoum State Ministry of Health to defeat leprosy and other NTDs and bring greater awareness of leprosy and its consequences.

TLM Sudan also works with the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Aburoff Clinic to provide leprosy control, wound care, protective footwear and eye care.

Through Aburoff, TLM is providing slit skin smear services for the whole country. TLM Sudan aspires towards zero transmission, zero disability, and zero discrimination and hopes to develop more collaboration with persons affected by leprosy and other NTDs in 2020.

TLM Sudan is currently in a period of transition and we hope to have new leadership that will realise the Global Fellowship's vision of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Top: Mrs Seela Kajo, clinic manager at the Aburoff Clinic in Omdurman

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for TLM Sudan Staff, John Kuku and Seela Kajo, for safety and God's protection during the transition at TLM Sudan.

TUE: Pray for stability and peace in Sudan during this hard time, that God will build a government that will bring justice and peace for its citizens.

WED: Pray for God's protection for church leaders and wisdom to lead their congregations during this hard time in Sudan.

THU: Ask God to provide the right persons to lead the work of TLM Sudan.

FRI: We ask God to give favour to TLM Sudan so that we can have a good working relationship with government partners such as the Ministry of Health, both at federal level and state level, and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs. Pray for healthy and productive partnerships with the Church and other ILEP members in Khartoum.

SAT/SUN: Pray for Government ownership of leprosy and others NTD programmes. Also pray for greater availability of leprosy services in Kordufan and Darfur.

SENIOR STAFF

Dr Yousif Deng Riak Deng – TLM Country Leader (stepping down)
Ms Seela Kajo Shalluka – Aburoff Clinic Manager
Mr John Kuku – Khartoum State Leprosy Supervisor

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Philippians 2:1-3



Since July 2013, The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia (TLMI-E) has been working as an international non-government organisation in Ethiopia. TLMI-E works closely with different leprosy affected peoples' organisations like the Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL) and the Addis Ababa Leprosy and Disability Relief Association (ALDRA).

To work towards zero transmission, a new project will be rolled out in 2020, through new as well as established self-help groups, with the involvement of local churches. The project aims to raise awareness about leprosy and its consequences. Besides that, training of health professionals will continue. The purpose is to find new cases as early as possible and have them diagnosed and treated well.

A holistic approach is being implemented to support people affected by leprosy to improve self-management of their disabilities and improve rehabilitation services at Boru Meda Hospital.

Top: Bel and Berihun, our staff members in Ethiopia

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God for the individuals and institutions that continue to support TLMI Ethiopia in different capacities.

TUE: Pray for God's guidance for TLMI-E staff in using new and existing Self Help Groups in Ethiopia so that leprosy knowledge and care can be mainstreamed into the community with the involvement of local churches.

WED: Pray for the general health workers and health extension workers who have had training in leprosy. Pray that they will serve with care and a compassionate heart.

THU: Pray for the children and young people of leprosy affected homes that get education support. This support is changing their lives, reducing stigma and giving them better opportunities for the future. Pray God's blessing on their lives.

FRI: Pray for God's mercy and peace upon the amazingly beautiful, but poor country of Ethiopia, as ethnic conflict is becoming more and more visible, which is a real obstacle for development work.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the election that is being planned during 2020, that it will be a fair and peaceful process and that God-fearing leaders will be appointed. Pray that leprosy will be on the agenda among key actors in Ethiopia. Pray for God's guidance and mercy on the staff of TLMI-E and our partners while they keep lobbying for leprosy issues to be addressed at national, regional, and district level.

SENIOR STAFF

Mrs Beletshachew Tadesse – Country Representative
Mr Berihun Legesse – Finance and Admin Officer

Head of partners:

Mr Tesfaye Tadesse – Managing Director ENAPAL
Mr Tadesse Ashenafi – General Manager ALDRA
Mr Ephraim Tsegay – TEAR Fund Country Representative
Mr Dagnew Hagezom – CEO ALERT
Mr SisaY – CEO Boru Meda Hospital

OUR NAME AND OUR IDENTITY

It's always a pleasure to meet new people, whether we have the opportunity to get to know them well, or if our paths only cross for a few moments.

A lady recently made quite an impact on me, even though we only chatted for some minutes. It was unlike most introductions where we give our names, where we're from, what we do for a job and so on. Instead, this lady asked what was the meaning of my name and if I felt it was fitting for me. It was a great question, and we went on to share a meaningful conversation about our names and our identity.

Our names are a key part of our identity – we introduce ourselves to others by saying our name, we sign contracts, take oaths, confirm financial transactions - all with our name. Our name is one of the first words we learn, it tells something about our family history, it may be a name we are proud of, or something we would like to change!


Our name is important, but as followers of Jesus, there is so much more to our identity. A contemporary Christian song asks 'Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?' It's a humbling thought, but of course the highest King doesn't welcome me because of my name or who I am or what I've done, the highest King welcomes me because of who Christ is and what He has done.

The Bible tells me that I am more than just a name. It tells me that as a believer I am chosen, I am a child of God, I am a friend of Jesus, I am redeemed, I am chosen, I am a fellow heir with Christ, I am a citizen of Heaven, I am God's workmanship, I am created in God's image, I am fearfully and wonderfully made, I am justified and redeemed, I am loved by God, I am saved by grace, I am no longer a slave to sin, I am adopted into God's family, I am empowered to do God's work, I am an ambassador for Christ, I am a witness, I am a saint, I am a servant, I am a new creation, I am being transformed into the image of Jesus and I am complete in Christ.

Wow! Next time someone asks your name, remember where your true identity lies.

Jane Willcocks

Jane Willcocks is a Global HR Advisor working with The Leprosy Mission International. Jane is based in Belfast and has been working with TLM since 2017.

A large, diverse crowd of people is shown at night, likely at a festival or concert. The background is filled with many people, some of whom are wearing hats and sunglasses. The lighting is dim, with some red and green lights visible in the upper left. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*But you are a chosen
people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession,
that you may declare the
praises of him who called
you out of darkness into
his wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2 v 9



The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) delivers its healthcare programme through 14 hospitals and two clinics spread across 10 states of India - Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The hospitals and clinics address all aspects of leprosy as a medico-social disease, provide specialised leprosy referral services, and primary-level preventive healthcare through community outreach. Leprosy is a major cause of disability and the hospitals address the issue of disability through institution-based and community-based disability management. Also, the hospitals provide secondary-level healthcare in other medical specialities, such as dermatology, ophthalmology, general medicine, general surgery, and obstetrics and gynaecology.

Also, TLMTI provides holistic care for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of elderly persons disabled by leprosy in its five Snehalayas (Snehalaya is a Hindi term which means, 'a house of love') spread across three states of India - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. These people were rejected and abandoned by their families due to disabilities and the stigma associated with leprosy.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: God has helped TLMTI hospitals to be a blessing to leprosy patients and patients from marginalised communities. Let's thank God for using our hospitals in such a wonderful way. Please pray for God's wisdom and blessings on the hospital staff so that they can continue to be a blessing.

TUE: There is a need for more skilled and committed medical professionals and others to work in TLMTI hospitals. Pray for God to provide committed doctors and other staff.

WED: Because of the stigma associated with leprosy and lack of knowledge about the disease, many patients do not come early for treatment. This results in many patients developing disabilities. TLMTI hospitals conduct community outreach programmes to detect such hidden cases. They also provide specialised leprosy care. Pray for the success of the work of these hospitals.

THU: Thousands of people affected by leprosy continue to go undiagnosed every year. TLMTI strives to use its existing strengths to raise awareness about leprosy and its treatment, promote early reporting and create training programmes to enhance capabilities in providing holistic and effective leprosy care. Pray for God's guidance in implementing these initiatives.

FRI: Praise God for all of the staff working in our hospitals. Their committed and self-effacing service brings healing for patients who visit the hospitals. Pray for God's continued blessings on them so that they can continue to witness God's love through their work.

SAT/SUN: Praise God for taking care of the needs of the hospitals. Still, there are many needs left in the hospitals for which we have no funding. Pray for more individuals, corporate companies, and institutional donors to come forward to support TLMTI's work among people affected by leprosy.



Globally, TLM is part of a range of networks and partnerships relating to leprosy, disability, neglected tropical diseases and our Christian identity. Some of these partnerships are opportunities for us to strengthen the collective fight against leprosy and its consequences, whereas some are an opportunity for us to make sure the voice of people affected by leprosy is heard and included in global issues.

Some of the networks TLM is involved with are:

- ILEP – The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations.
- Global Platform of Sustainable Development Goals Major Groups and other Stakeholders
- Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Disabled People's International (DPI)
- Micah – A global Christian community of organisations and individuals committed to integral mission.
- IDDC – The International Disability and Development Consortium.
- Leprosy Research Initiative – TLM is one of the five organisations who are making major contributions each year to this joint fund to support leprosy research.
- NNN – Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network
- EU-Cord – This is a network of 24 Europe-based Christian organisations working towards the eradication of poverty.

Top: Brent Morgan and Amar Timalina at the UN in New York, attending the side event organised by TLM during the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2019

PRAYER POINTS

MON: The World Health Organization's Global Leprosy Strategy 2016-20 is in its fourth year of implementation. This strategy has been endorsed by ILEP members. Pray for all TLM countries in Asia and Africa to continue to use the Global Strategy as a guiding document in influencing the governments to achieve change – and praise God for the successes to date.

TUE: In 2019, for the second consecutive year, delegates from The Leprosy Mission spoke at the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Give thanks for this and other opportunities to advocate at an international level. Pray for further opportunities to influence the opinion of the global community regarding leprosy.

WED: Many of the networks we are part of are not Christian. Pray for TLM to maintain and uphold our values, modelled on the example of Jesus Christ, as we meet and collaborate with other workers in this area.

THU: Pray for the successful implementation of the TLM Global Advocacy Strategy and for the members of the advocacy network as they work to defeat leprosy and transform the lives of those affected.

FRI: Pray for Geoff Warne, CEO of ILEP, as he leads the network and for his role as the representative of ILEP before the United Nations Treaty Bodies, where he will ensure accountability on the part of the national governments towards the realisation of a 'leprosy free world'.

SAT/SUN: Pray for TLM to be heard on the Sustainable Development Goals Platform, where we are advocating for the realisation of Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 in ending the epidemic of Neglected Tropical Diseases with a special focus on leprosy.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



The Leprosy Mission Nepal (TLMN) started in 1957 with the establishment of Anandaban Hospital, on the outskirts of Kathmandu. Since then, TLMN, now a local NGO with its own board, has been working in partnership with the Government of Nepal to provide specialist tertiary care and technical support for leprosy control programmes.

It also undertakes internationally recognised research into leprosy and implements Community Based Inclusive Development programmes through its own activities and strategic partnerships. Its development interventions focus in the areas of health, capacity building, education, sustainable livelihoods, community development, advocacy and research, working towards equity and inclusion of people affected by leprosy and disability in the development process.

TLMN is truly determined, through words and actions, to continually make the kind of difference that will transform the lives of people affected by leprosy, people with disability, and those who are marginalised.

SENIOR STAFF

Mr Shovakhar Kandel – TLMN Country Leader
 Dr Mahesh Shah – Acting Medical Director, Anandaban Hospital
 Dr Pradip Sapkota – Medical Superintendent, Anandaban Hospital
 Dr Deanna Hagge – Director of Mycobacterial Research Lab
 Mr Chiranjivi Sharma- FOUND Project Director
 Mr Gopal Hari Pokhrel – Training and Technical Support Coordinator
 Ms Geeta Gyawali – HR Officer
 Mr Bharat Pande – Financial Controller and Analyst

Top: Shovakhar Kandel - TLMN Country Leader

PRAYER POINTS

MON: The current Project Agreement between TLM Nepal and the Government of Nepal is expiring in April 2020. We have been working under a series of 5-year agreements from 1957 in Nepal. Every time we go through the renewal process, we face challenges and difficulties. Please pray that TLM Nepal will be able to do great things following the outcome of this renewed agreement with the government.

TUE: TLM Nepal is launching new projects in highly and moderately endemic districts of Nepal. The Country Office has to take additional responsibilities to execute these programmes and coordinate with different partners and stakeholders. Please pray for the Country Director and programmes team so that these projects will be implemented successfully.

WED: Pray for the ongoing construction of the 40 bed Trauma Centre at Anandaban, and for the safety and security of the workers. Pray that this project will be constructed in time as there have been hindrances like flash floods and a shortage of materials and manpower.

THU: Safeguarding is the responsibility of every organisation to make sure their staff, operations, and programmes do no harm to children and adults at-risk, nor expose them to abuse or exploitation. May TLMN's safeguarding initiatives be fruitful.

FRI: TLMN conducts three leprosy satellite clinics, strategically located in three districts, supporting the National Leprosy Elimination Programme. These clinics fill the basic leprosy services gap that the government has been unable to provide. Please pray for the dedicated team of experts that conduct these clinics.

SAT/SUN: Anandaban Hospital is also the location of our Mycobacterial Research Laboratories. World class and game changing research into early diagnostic tests, leprosy drug resistance surveillance and new leprosy drugs are carried out at the labs in collaboration with other laboratories across the world. Pray for Dr Deanna Hagge and her team of researchers.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Fundraising is about letting the need be known and encouraging supporters to engage with TLM's vision and mission. Through their generous giving, TLM supporters are transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Without their prayers and vital gifts the mission could not survive.

Funds are raised from individuals, churches, civic groups, trusts, foundations and institutions (government bodies). This mix of funding streams is important because it means that TLM does not become dependent on any single source.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We give enormous thanks to God for the many individuals, churches, groups and organisations who give so generously to see the lives of people affected by leprosy transformed. Pray that as they give they will be blessed.

TUE: In recent years we have deepened the foundations of fundraising in TLM. Pray that as we build on these foundations we will remain focused and dependent upon the Lord for the supply of funds.

WED: There is much sharing of fundraising materials and ideas across TLM countries. Give thanks for this openness and generosity of spirit, which saves money and resources.

THU: As plans continue to evolve for a global fundraising campaign, please pray that we know the Holy Spirit's leading, that the Lord will use this campaign to 'open the floodgates of heaven' and see great success.

FRI: In an era of increased regulation and scrutiny around fundraising, pray that, as in the past, TLM will maintain its integrity and hold itself to the highest standards, indeed will be known as a shining example in the field of fundraising, honouring God.

SAT/SUN: We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and blessing on fundraising campaigns in the past. Please pray for His continuing favour, that He will 'establish the work of our hands' (Psalm 90:17).

"Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission."

Henri Nouwen, A SPIRITUALITY OF FUNDRAISING

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38



TLM Northern Ireland have a devoted staff team of 4, alongside an army of amazing volunteers. Together, staff and volunteers raise TLM's profile, offer prayer, and provide financial support. Communication with supporters takes various forms: speaking engagements in churches and organisations, the INTouch supporter magazine, Appeals, as well as a growing online presence. The core of TLM Northern Ireland's support is generated from the Christian community, and prayer is vital to all that we do.

In 2020 TLM Northern Ireland will seek to nurture individual supporters through tailoring how each person is communicated with. There will also be initiatives which seek to bring on board new supporters. During the year there will be a focus on church partnerships. Efforts will be made to strengthen existing relationships with churches and also develop new church partnerships.

STAFF TEAM

Joanne Briggs – TLM Country Leader
 Rebecca Parnell – Church Partnerships Officer
 Hazel Coulter – Database Administrator
 Joy Jamieson – Office & Finance Manager
 Fiona Davidson – Board Chair

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the generosity of supporters in Northern Ireland. Pray that God would richly bless each person who supports the work of TLM Northern Ireland.

TUE: Pray for Director, Joanne Briggs, and the staff team as they work to raise vital support for TLM. Ask for God's blessing upon the Spring, Summer and Advent Appeals which seek to raise significant funds for those affected by leprosy.

WED: Give thanks for the successful grant application to Irish Aid, which has given TLM Northern Ireland the opportunity to support a project in Bangladesh which aims to develop key partnerships to help find hidden cases of leprosy. Pray for strong partnerships that will raise awareness about leprosy and provide sustainable funding.

THU: Give thanks for the many churches who faithfully support TLM Northern Ireland. Pray for our Church Partnerships Officer, Rebecca Parnell, the volunteer speaker team, and the church representatives as they seek to nurture existing relationships with churches and develop new church partnerships.

FRI: Give thanks for the faithful service and Godly leadership of the Board of Trustees who govern TLM Northern Ireland. As 5 new members have recently joined the Board, pray that they would quickly find their role within it. Pray for wisdom as the Board begin to develop TLMNI's new strategic plan and for our Chair, Fiona Davidson, as she leads the Board through this process.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for the collaborative partnerships between TLM Scotland, Trading, England & Wales and Northern Ireland. Pray in particular for the 'shared services' arrangement between TLMNI and TLM England and Wales. Pray that this arrangement would continue to flourish and bear much fruit on behalf of those affected by leprosy.

Top: TLM Northern Ireland Staff visit the Bailey and Pim Cafe in Dún Laoghaire, Ireland

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19 – 21



DRC is a beautiful country with many opportunities, and populated by a strong and welcoming people. However, there are also many challenges in everyday life. Leprosy is one of the challenges facing a population living in poverty.

People affected by leprosy do not have easy access to care such as drug treatments and medical professionals. They are also often discriminated against, even if there is no law explicitly discriminating against them. TLM Congo works in this context to defeat leprosy and transform thousands of lives.

TLM Congo would like to see people and communities affected by leprosy enjoying full lives. There are several success stories among young people and adults, following the work and support from TLM Congo and the TLM Global Fellowship.

Today, our challenge is to extend our coverage in the most isolated areas of this vast country, to work towards zero transmission, zero disability and zero discrimination. We need more creativity and innovative ways of thinking and doing to achieve these goals.

Top: Mr and Mrs Madaraza are a couple who are both affected by leprosy on the Island of Idjwi in the province of South Kivu. They have benefited from the work of TLM in DRC

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Working in synergy is essential in the vast country that is the DRC. Praise be to God because this desire to work in synergy manifests itself more and more. Strong actions are now being undertaken jointly.

TUE: Pray for the newly built Kuakua Training Centre that will provide training courses to empower communities affected by leprosy in community facilitation, health, leprosy, and livelihoods in many surrounding villages in Kongo Central province.

WED: Pray for our colleagues in South Kivu, for their security and safety. Particularly Emmanuel, who works in the Isle of Idjwi, where there is no transport means, as he struggles to reach people affected by leprosy in remote villages.

THU: Pray for the newly created association of people affected by leprosy: OPALCO. Let's pray for the leadership and that all members will work in harmony and that they will understand each other in order to be the stronghold for the defeating of leprosy in DRC.

FRI: Praise God as the Church of Christ in DRC is becoming more and more involved in fighting leprosy and disability. Commitment of church leaders gives hope and, in Kinshasa, the church now sees people affected by leprosy through a totally different lens. Many have confessed all the discrimination they had shown because of ignorance.

SAT/SUN: Let us pray for DRC, as the current political situation has profound effects: frequent epidemics, militias and banditry are developing in both cities and rural areas. Pray for God to support the President and his government to fight corruption.

SENIOR STAFF

Louis Paluku Sabuni – TLM Country Leader
Christian Bulambo Bisimwa – Head of Finance and IT Advisor
Raphael Mulamba Mbuyamba – Project Development Officer
Doris Mukelengu Ndombe – Logistics and Administration Officer
Dr Jacob Kadima Kabamba – Medical Advisor
Didier Muhima – Project Manager, South Kivu & Maniema and HR Advisor



TLM Denmark dates back some 70 years, when a small group of people saw the need to support leprosy work. They formed a small committee and shared their focus on leprosy in Christian circles. These efforts resulted in many private donors and an awareness of the need to support leprosy work, an awareness that still is present among some Christians in Denmark, but in ever smaller numbers.

The committee of volunteers has been able to raise funds from the Danish Government, especially for leprosy work in Bangladesh, where Denmark has a long history of supporting leprosy work. There are new applications for public funding under preparation, and we pray and hope that we can continuously gain funding to support projects for leprosy.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLM Dk has been able to support rehabilitation projects in Bangladesh, and we have, in 2019, committed for another four year period of partnership with TLMi Bangladesh. Pray that we will be able to generate funds to support the partnership.

TUE: TLM Dk has very limited funds. Pray that we will be able to use these funds in the best ways for people affected by leprosy.

WED: The TLM Dk board is seeking new ways of reaching out to known and new donors. Pray that our efforts may succeed.

THU: In the past we have had applications for public funds rejected. Pray that we will succeed in having more public funds granted over the coming years, as so many people suffering from leprosy need support to be able to sustain themselves and play their role in society.

FRI: TLM in Denmark and Sweden are looking into the advantages of more cooperation between the two countries to save on costs, and also for opportunities to extend cooperation to joint activities. Pray for inspiration and possibilities.

SAT/SUN: Pray that all these efforts can lead to a rise of interest in supporting work for people affected by leprosy in more of the Scandinavian countries.

SENIOR STAFF

Jørgen Andersen – Chairman

Jens Møller Pedersen – Voluntary Manager and Vice Chairman

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



TLM works through three partners in Sri Lanka: Alliance Development Trust (ADT), Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) and the People’s Forum for Change.
Last year Sri Lanka came to world prominence through the Easter bombings of churches and hotels.

There are other incidents too of inter-religious and inter-ethnic conflict that do not get such widespread attention.
With their strong focuses on Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace as well as the healer of people affected by leprosy, both KKM and ADT are working with churches, mosques and temples as well as interfaith forums in order to raise awareness of leprosy and show people affected by leprosy love and acceptance.
Early detection of new cases of leprosy through increasing awareness is an important focus in Sri Lanka. This includes screening in schools, where many children have been detected with early symptoms and saved from developing loss of sensation or other complications.
Support to people already affected by leprosy includes improving their livelihoods, particularly through agricultural support, the formation of self-care groups, and the training of Government surgeons in reconstructive surgery.
The reduction of stigma is a further priority, with work to repeal discriminatory legislation and to strengthen the leprosy peoples’ organisation: the People’s Forum for Change.

KEY STAFF

ADT
Godfrey Yogarajah – CEO

KKM
Rev Joshua Sivagnanam - Director

PEOPLE’S FORUM FOR CHANGE
Mr Amarasing Manula- President

PRAYER POINTS

- MON:** Thank God for the churches that have been encouraged by ADT to reach out with acts of love to people affected by leprosy. Pray that churches would develop a good understanding of integral mission (p46) and be equipped to sustain leprosy related activities.
- TUE:** Pray that ADT’s work to bring leaders of different religions together across Sri Lanka and the Government’s Anti-Leprosy Campaign would go from strength to strength and that faith groups would be able to increase leprosy awareness and help refer many new patients for treatment.
- WED:** Pray that ADT/Government joint initiatives to raise awareness of leprosy, improve inner wellbeing support, increase leprosy knowledge through research, and provide training on reconstructive surgery would not be delayed and will make a huge difference.
- THU:** Pray that the collaboration between faith groups to fight leprosy fostered by ADT and KKM would not be disrupted due to bad feeling or mistrust as a result of last year’s church bombings, but that by coming together they would build unity, contribute to peacebuilding and lead to increased early leprosy case detection.
- FRI:** Pray for KKM, that it will transform the lives of people affected by leprosy through facilitating access to sustainable leprosy services, and enabling their active participation in society. Pray for the successful extension of work to new districts.
- SAY/SUN:** Thank God that the organisation of persons affected by leprosy, the People’s Forum for Change, is now well established. Pray that it would expand to new districts and become a good vehicle for raising awareness and a path to the attainment of their rights and entitlements.

Top: Jaffna was diagnosed with leprosy aged 16 and now he needs surgery to cure his droop foot so that he can continue his career as a tailor



The age-old stigma associated with leprosy leads to the social exclusion of people affected by the disease. They are ostracised and often excluded from community gatherings and are prevented from accessing community resources. This results in people affected by leprosy not being able to participate in the economic, social and political life of the society in which they live.

To remedy this situation, The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) adopts a broad-spectrum approach, ranging from local interventions to strategies for policy reform. Self-help and other groups are formed for community empowerment. This helps many households to earn additional income through livelihood opportunities and thus have an improved quality of life.

TLMTI also provides educational scholarships for schooling, graduate, postgraduate and professional studies to children who have a background of leprosy. Their adult literacy programme helps people affected by leprosy and those with disabilities to gain functional literacy. This helps in reducing barriers and increasing their participation in community-level decision making.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLMTI is working with 590 champions affected by leprosy and continues to identify and build more champions. They take the lead in driving social change through awareness raising and advocating for the rights of people affected by leprosy. Pray for God's strength for the champions so that they can continue working in the face of the many challenges they face daily.

TUE: TLMTI has developed and trained many groups of people affected by leprosy. They support each other and advocate for the rights of people affected by leprosy. Pray that they stand united in identifying, highlighting, and addressing all types of discrimination in their communities.

WED: Children affected by leprosy experience discrimination because of the stigma associated with leprosy. Because of this, they lose the motivation to study and end up dropping out of school or show less interest in studies. TLMTI provides educational support to these children and mentors them to continue their education. Pray that they develop their potential and become responsible citizens.

THU: TLMTI has formed and strengthened many cooperative societies and self-help groups, primarily of people affected by leprosy. They play a key role in empowering the communities TLMTI works with. Pray for the growth and sustainability of cooperative societies and self-help groups.

FRI: We cannot do this work without our valuable partners. Pray for the strengthening of TLM's partnerships with government and local organisations. Pray that they join hands with TLMTI in fighting stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy.

SAT/SUN: Staff are the strength of TLMTI's community empowerment projects. They work tirelessly to implement various programmes. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom, and protection for all community empowerment project staff.

Top: Members of a self-help group making handicrafts and decorative items with cloth

For a full list of staff in India, turn to p84



TLM France (known in the country as Mission Lèpre) is made up of a small team of staff governed by a local board. The team communicates with donors mainly through their regular magazine 'En Action' and their website. Staff, board members, and volunteers also visit churches to present the work of the Mission.

Every year TLM France participates in meetings with the Fédération de Missions Evangéliques Francophones (FMEF) and the Association au Service de l'Action Humanitaire (ASAH), two associations which bring together Christian Mission organisations. It is an excellent opportunity for spiritual encouragement for all participants and a good way to stay connected with other Christian associations and think about the challenges of fundraising.

KEY STAFF

Pascal Machefer – TLM Country Leader
Carine Fotso – Finance

Top: Our heroes in a fun moment after a fundraising run. Our 7 runners raised €3,000 between them for a vehicle to be used by TLM Chad

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Our treasurer, Pierre Geiser, who has been serving the Mission for more than 40 years, did not wish to renew his mandate. Please pray for us as we urgently need to recruit a new, competent, and available treasurer and pray for our president, Théo Reiss, who wants to be replaced after 40 years of service.

TUE: Many members of our council have served for many years. Pray that new people will wish to support people affected by leprosy by joining our board.

WED: Our Fundraising events are very encouraging. Please pray for positive results from the fundraising races (in Paris in June and in Valencia in October).

THU: Please pray that we can recruit new runners and riders for our upcoming fundraising events.

FRI: Please pray for the next EXPOs that we are preparing for, so that we can find future donors.

SAT/SUN: Join us in praying for the future of TLM France while the director plans to reduce his working time with the Mission to engage in a parallel pastoral ministry. Pray for our team, which is now a little smaller: Carine, Theo and Pascal. May the Lord renew the strength of each.



IAN'S STORY

Ian Jepps has been faithfully and enthusiastically serving The Leprosy Mission for 10 years.

He was first inspired to get involved with TLM at 71 years old when he participated in TLM England and Wales' Trek for Treatment. He hiked for days across Nepal's mountainous landscape until he reached Anandaban Hospital, where he first encountered individuals facing daily challenges because of leprosy.

Ian returned to England determined and passionate to support leprosy-affected people and immediately took on a role as a Volunteer Speaker.

Over the last eight years Ian has spoken in over 50 churches, community groups, and rotary clubs, advocating for TLM anywhere and everywhere. He has written numerous newspaper articles and spoken on the radio

about the work of TLM and what inspired him to be a part of the team.

Because of Ian's energy and commitment, hundreds of people have acted to help those affected by leprosy and several supporters have even been inspired to become Volunteer Speakers themselves.

Ian never fails to surprise us and, for his 80th birthday, he chose to celebrate by completing the longest zip wire challenge on the south coast of England, in aid of TLM.

Ian is also a legacy advocate, encouraging others to leave a gift in their will, as he and his wife have done.

If you would like to join Ian in leaving a legacy to TLM in your will, please contact the TLM office in your country (p82).

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12



The Leprosy Mission Scotland is a fundraising team.

We raise funds from people and churches across Scotland to help people affected by leprosy in our partner countries across Asia and Africa.

In autumn 2019 we launched an ambitious new fundraising campaign to reach a much wider range of people and raise much more support to “make leprosy a thing of the past”.

By “eradicating leprosy, 1 person at a time” we believe that in this specific area we will “finish what Jesus started.”

We raise funds through direct mail appeals, digital campaigns, semi-addressed mail, face to face fundraising in stations and shopping centres, speaking in churches, coffee mornings, concerts and sponsored events.

As well as raising funds, we believe in raising prayer support from across the country. We will distribute more than 3,000 copies of ASK this year and send out regular prayer emails to interested supporters.

Top: Celebrity chef Tony Singh MBE joined Linda Todd to support TLM Scotland’s campaign to Make Leprosy A Thing Of The Past

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for God’s guidance during the development of our new fundraising campaign. Pray that it inspires many new people to give to make leprosy a thing of the past.

TUE: Give thanks for volunteer Board members; speakers; church representatives; community fundraisers and office admin helpers in Scotland. Pray that God will bless them for all that they do. Pray too for new volunteers to step forward in key areas, especially for new Board members with the right skills and experience to fill important gaps.

WED: Give thanks for the many donors who give generously to help people affected by leprosy through the various projects that TLM Scotland support. Pray that God will bless them for their love for people in need because of leprosy.

THU: Give thanks for everyone who has included a gift in their will to help people affected by leprosy. Pray that God will bless them for their generosity and foresight. Pray that more people would choose to give a gift to help make leprosy a thing of the past, after they have gone.

FRI: Give thanks for those churches which support people affected by leprosy, and TLM, with their gifts and prayers. Pray for opportunities to engage with more churches and that they will choose to take part in finishing what Jesus started.

SAT/SUN: Pray that more people from across Scotland will join you in praying regularly for people affected by leprosy, and the work of The Leprosy Mission, using the ASK diary, TLM Scotland’s monthly prayer emails and prayer app.

KEY STAFF

Linda Todd – Chief Executive Officer

Stuart McAra – Head of Engagement

Mhairi Dawson – Head of Supporter Care and Volunteer Development

Tim Reed – Head of Insight

Jesus said “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard. Blind people are now able to see, and the lame can walk. People who have leprosy are being healed, and the poor are hearing the good news. ”

Luke 7:22



TLM’s Global Strategy 2019-2023 puts the commitment to being Christ-centred at the core of our strategic priorities. This is quite deliberate, and reminds us that everything we plan and do, day by day, in our various roles within TLM, should reflect our commitment to following the example of Jesus – this is essentially what “Integral Mission” is all about. We can think of “being Christ-centred” as our aim and of “Integral Mission” as the way we put this aim into practice.

For TLM, Integral Mission is about ‘bringing life in all its fullness’ to people affected by leprosy and transforming their lives in a complete and holistic way which includes: medical healing, community-based rehabilitation, economic sufficiency, inner wellbeing, social inclusion, and an encounter with the love of Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- MON:** Thank God for the privilege of serving people affected by leprosy and seeing their lives transformed in many ways. Pray that, in our work, TLM would be increasingly holistic in enabling them to enjoy life in all its fullness.
- TUE:** Pray for the many expressions of Integral Mission around the TLM Global Fellowship, pray for wisdom and inspiration and opportunities for many more expressions. Pray that our mission will not just defeat leprosy but completely transform the lives of people affected by leprosy, too.
- WED:** Pray that the staff, volunteers and partners of TLM would be sustained by Christ during the pressure of work and grow in spiritual health, in giftings, and in their prayer life.
- THU:** Thank God for local churches around the world and the opportunity to work alongside them to defeat leprosy and transform lives. Pray for opportunities to increase work with churches in our projects.
- FRI:** Pray that TLM will be assisted in providing more holistic support to people affected by leprosy by incorporating evidence of the different marks of Integral Mission in all new projects and country strategies.
- SAT/SUN:** Pray that TLM’s Spiritual Ministry Working Group would be able to facilitate the development of a useful ‘toolkit’ of Integral Mission resources, by gathering together experience and insights from around the TLM Global Fellowship.

Top: A doctor points at a sign that typifies the ethos of Integral Mission in Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital in Myanmar

I know that I will live to see the Lord's goodness in this present life.

Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the Lord.

Psalm 27: 13–14



McKean Hospital

Mckean is a hospital and Christian service centre owned by the national Thai church. TLM has supported this ministry in different ways over McKean's 112 years of continuing service in a predominantly Buddhist country.

Today McKean continues to provide specialised services for leprosy patients, access to treatment and rehabilitation for displaced and marginalised people, and multi-tiered aged care services for a broad range of people in need.

McKean also trains care-givers for the elderly, provides palliative and hospice care, and pastoral care support for all involved. McKean also has many opportunities to provide teaching and leprosy awareness to medical personnel.

Indonesia

Indonesia ranks third in the world in the number of leprosy cases and the incidence has plateaued in the last 16 years. Leprosy continues to be one of the major causes of preventable disability. TLM New Zealand, TLM Netherlands and TLM Australia have partnered with NLR Indonesia to work in one of the poorest districts in West Java, Indramayu, where there is an urgent need to accelerate case finding and strategies to stop the transmission of leprosy.

The project supports the work of the local health facilities by intensifying case finding, improving leprosy control, distributing a preventive antibiotic (to household and social contacts of someone affected by leprosy) and strengthening community involvement and empowerment by raising awareness.

PRAYER POINTS

McKean

MON: Pray that neighbours and church folk will provide the support needed by many increasingly elderly and frail people disabled by leprosy and living alone.

TUE: Praise God for good cooperation between officials and NGOs and McKean, enabling displaced and disadvantaged people to access treatment, rehabilitation, and training to promote sustainable livelihoods.

WED: Pray for staff and others at McKean providing pastoral care, and special awareness of God's love for patients and families facing end of life care or permanent disability.

Indonesia

THU: In Indramayu each year there is one new case of leprosy in every two villages and, of the 168 new cases, 10% are children. Pray that the intensified case finding reaches more people affected by leprosy to ensure diagnosis and treatment.

FRI: Pray for fruitful partnerships between The Leprosy Mission, NLR-I and the Indonesian government to implement this project and to stop transmission through the distribution of the preventative antibiotic, Rifampicin, improved leprosy control, and strong community support.

SAT/SUN: Pray that the project's combined approach will have a positive effect on finding new cases, adherence to MDT (leprosy treatment), tracing the contacts of leprosy patients, and reducing stigma and discrimination.

SENIOR STAFF

McKean

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Heather Smith – Deputy Director
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Parati Chalermliamthong – Head of Nursing
Pongsawat Pootoonjai – Chaplain

Indonesia

Gillian Whitley – TLM NZ Country Leader
Jasper Oei – TLM NZ Programme Manager

Top: Puji is being screened for leprosy

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1 v 3-5



The Gospels show the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ to people affected by leprosy. Christians around the world continue that mission, and the key component is the local church. This is both in the countries where the TLM projects are implemented and in the countries where funds are raised to support those projects. Across the world we have more than 8,500 churches engaged in the TLM mission.

Local churches provide vital prayer for the mission and much of the funds for the projects. TLM is so grateful for this vital on-going partnership.

Top: Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church Centre's kids club participated in a Christmas play to raise funds for TLM New Zealand

Below: Mount Albert Baptist Church organised a fundraising dinner for TLM New Zealand

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We give God thanks for the many and varied churches who faithfully pray for the work of TLM.

TUE: We pray for energy and wisdom for church leaders and church members who continue to inspire their congregations to pray for the work of TLM.

WED: Pray that as churches focus on the mission of Jesus to people affected by leprosy, they will receive a blessing from the Lord.

THU: We give thanks to God for the wonderful partnerships TLM has with churches of all shapes, sizes and persuasions. This demonstrates the unity of the Spirit as we serve people affected by leprosy.

FRI: In many countries, people affected by leprosy who come to faith in Christ are welcomed into a local church. Pray this demonstration of openness and welcome will be true in every situation, with churches leading the way to overcoming the stigma associated with leprosy.

SAT/SUN: Pray that more churches, in every country where TLM exists, will join with the mission as they are able and that prayer support will grow.



Tanzania

In Tanzania, TLM works with Hombolo Hospital, owned by the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, to support its Community Health Education Project (CHEP). This project works to identify and treat community members with symptoms of leprosy and other major diseases, educate people in villages and rural communities about these diseases and how to avoid them, and promote social security and independence, along with other activities, including self-help groups.

Spain

TLM Spain work to help those in need. Their aim is that each of the people they support will be lifted out of exclusion and will know Jesus.

For over 20 years they have witnessed many cures and transformed many lives. This is all thanks to the donations of generous people who have a heart that is full of mercy for those in need.

PRAYER POINTS

Tanzania

MON: Let's pray for TLM to continue to improve and fund more projects in Tanzania. Currently we are sponsoring CHEP and Hombolo Hospital in fighting and eradicating leprosy in Tanzania.

TUE: May God bless and lift up the financial situations of people affected by leprosy in Tanzania, especially those who live in Samaria village, particularly after 2019, when there was little rain across almost the whole country of Tanzania, causing shortages of food. Pray that God will protect them in 2020 and give them visionary hands and production activities so that they can become self-reliant.

WED: Pray for God's blessing on all of the TLM staff that are working in or for Tanzania. Thank God for their commitment and pray for His blessing on all of their work.

Spain

THU: Please pray for the TLM Spain team and their families. Pray that they will be able to find more time to carry out this work that they love.

FRI: Join us in thanking God for the new people who are giving to TLM Spain. Give thanks for all that they have been able to give.

SAT/SUN: Please pray for more volunteers that will be willing to be part of the TLM Spain team and give part of their time to serve others. Please ask for blessing as TLM Spain continue to search for stories of their work in Nigeria that will touch the hearts of people and encourage them to give. Please pray that the next editions of TLM Spain's magazine will be successful and give thanks for all that previous editions have achieved.



The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) has six vocational training centres (VTCs) spread across six states of India - Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

VTCs provide institution-based vocational training to boys and girls affected by leprosy or with disabilities. The training prepares them for gainful employment. The job-oriented trades taught in the VTCs include diesel mechanics, printing, computers, two/three-wheeler mechanics, electrician.

Through its community-based vocational training, TLMTI provides vocational training to married women, men, and young girls and boys who are unable to benefit from institutional training due to family commitments.

TLMTI not only provides job placement support after trainees complete the courses but also advocates for fair labour and safe and suitable working conditions for the students in their employment.

For a full list of staff in India, turn to p84

Top: Students of motor mechanics undergoing training in TLMTI's vocational training centre

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLMTI conducts vocational education programmes to equip young boys and girls, and men and women with work skills. Pray for more industries to come forward to collaborate with TLMTI in in-plant practical training, job placement of graduates, and capacity building of instructors.

TUE: All TLMTI VTCs have strong alumni associations. Through this, the VTCs maintain regular contact with their graduates even after they are employed, and support them to grow professionally. Pray for growth of the alumni associations and that the alumni may support each other.

WED: Along with job-oriented technical skills, TLMTI's VTCs provide holistic development of students through life skills, disability prevention, and management programmes. Pray that, through these initiatives, students will develop dignified lives and make a difference in their own communities.

THU: TLMTI's community-based vocational training programme is a great blessing to people from marginalised communities. After completion of the skills development training most of them opt for self-employment. Pray that they receive the necessary support from the government and community to initiate and establish their businesses.

FRI: Every year, around 1,000 students affected by leprosy/disability and students from marginalised communities graduate from our VTCs. VTCs have links with reputable companies that provide job placements to these students. Pray for more companies to come forward to provide job placements.

SAT/SUN: VTC staff play a crucial role in the transformative change that is happening in the lives of young boys and girls and men and women affected by leprosy. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom, and protection for all community empowerment project staff and for the people affected by leprosy with whom they work.

You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalms 65:11



TLM New Zealand is humbled and thankful for the love and compassion of their supporters, who uphold the Mission's work financially and prayerfully; who give their time so freely to volunteer at the office, and to speak at churches and community groups.

More than 12,000 New Zealanders regularly support the work of the Mission and we aim to engage more New Zealanders to realise our global goal of Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035. Their commitment enables lives to transform, giving hope to countless leprosy-affected families in Bangladesh, Bougainville, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Papua New Guinea.

TLM New Zealand also partner with The New Zealand Aid Programme (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), the Autonomous Bougainville Government, NLR, and other grassroots organisations in the implementing countries. Together, they help to cure, care for and restore people affected by leprosy to fullness of life.

SENIOR STAFF

Gillian Whitley – TLM Country Leader
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 Sarita Divis – Fundraising Manager
 Jasleen Kler – Programmes Manager
 Jasper Oei – Programmes Manager
 Odele Habets – Chair of the Board

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God for the open door enabling TLM NZ to support leprosy work in Indonesia. Pray that through this project, TLM NZ will see a breakthrough in reducing the risk of leprosy transmission.

TUE: Pray that doors will be opened for TLM New Zealand to reach out to new churches and they will be moved to support the Mission's work in defeating leprosy and transforming lives.

WED: TLM NZ launched a new giving platform – Pushpay. It enables supporters to donate securely and conveniently through mobile and online. Pushpay also allows TLM NZ to share information and stories freely and widely. Pray more supporters will be inspired to support the Mission's work digitally.

THU: Collecting, processing, storing and using data efficiently is essential to ensuring supporters receive appropriate communications. In 2020, TLM NZ is introducing a new data system. Pray for a smooth transition and that the management of data with this system will help TLM NZ to communicate with supporters more efficiently and accurately.

FRI: Each year a group of young adults are chosen to become Youth Advocates for the Mission's vital work for people affected by leprosy. They travel to Nepal and witness leprosy related work at Anandaban Hospital and within leprosy-affected communities. Pray this year's Youth Advocates can meet their fundraising commitment for Nepal.

SAT/SUN: Praise God for TLM NZ's positive partnership with the NZ Government, implementing countries and partner organisations. Pray these relationships will strengthen and continue to bring hope and lasting impact to people affected by leprosy around the world.

HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST

A thought and reflection on studying
Philippians 2:1-13

Being a true follower of Jesus Christ we receive blessings such as consolation (encouragement), the comfort of love, fellowship of the Spirit, affection, and mercy.

Since I began truly following Christ I can say without a doubt that I experience these blessings on a daily basis, but this comes with a responsibility. The expectation of God is that I should reflect His glory by being likeminded and by extending the same virtues I found in Christ to others.

My greatest desire and prayer is that my life will constantly produce encouragement, comfort of love, genuine fellowship, deep affection and mercy towards my family, my team at work, my church, my neighbour, the community of TLM at the global level and especially people affected by leprosy, whom God has called me to serve.

To effectively manifest these virtues I need to have no selfish ambition, work in humility like Christ did and regard others as better than myself; I must always look out not for what pleases me or serves my personal interests, but I must be willing to seek to add value to others by seeking their interests as well.

Christ should be my role model and I must always think the way Christ thinks (v5); I must seek to have the nature and character of Christ if I truly want to be known as a follower of Jesus; my actions and thoughts must be in conformity with Christ.

*Let this mind be in you
which was also in Christ
Jesus...*

Philippians 2:5

In following Christ daily I must prayerfully discover the humility of Christ, who, although being God, did not think equality with God was something to claim or retain; but rather humbled Himself and became a man. Even in the form of a man he took the lowliest position as a poor servant who was publicly humiliated and eventually died a painful death that He did not deserve. (vv 6-7). I need to remind myself that Christ went through this road just to pay for my sin.

Because Christ demonstrated humility and complete obedience, He was highly exalted and was given a name that is above every name in heaven and on earth (v9-11). Therefore, in following Him, I can now enjoy those undeserved benefits stated above, so I must conform to His nature and be found in Him.

My obedience must be complete and not conditional, not subject to who is watching nor tied to men's approval or praises (v12). I must, therefore, guard with all my life the salvation I receive in Christ with all sense of care and caution; I must be mindful of the grace of God and what it cost Christ to redeem



me; I must make every effort to take caution against what can offend God and discredit the name of Christ.

This I will do not in my own power but by the power of Christ's Spirit that is in me, teaching and guiding me in all my ways. Since Christ is at the centre of my heart and is working inside of me, I can confidently, without struggle, obey Him. I can know and follow His will and my life will bring honor to His name, and blessing to the people He called me to serve.

Bunmi Oluloto

*Servant of Christ in the Niger Republic
TLM Country Leader Niger and Chad*

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:2



The Leprosy Mission's role in Papua New Guinea is to support the Government's National Leprosy Elimination Program in detecting people affected by leprosy as early as possible and treating them correctly with multi-drug therapy and other leprosy drugs. There continues to be approximately 500 new cases of leprosy found each year in PNG, and many others are disabled by the disease.

TLM-PNG moved into its new office in Port Moresby in 2019 to be more strategically placed for the implementation of leprosy work. The team is made up of 14 staff who work hard to raise awareness about leprosy in the country.

In addition to the work on the 'mainland', TLM New Zealand works in partnership with the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the NZ Aid Programme to implement the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP).

Covering 95% of Bougainville's population, this exemplar preventative health model improves health, hygiene and governance practices in a community-based and owned programme. The Leprosy Coordinator ensures a continued focus on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy, despite challenging terrain and limited health infrastructure, through the project's Community Facilitators and Village Health Volunteers.

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 Mathias Manoa – TLM-PNG Finance Manager
 Ruby Mirinka – BHCP Programme Director
 Jasleen Kler – TLM NZ Programme Manager

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Now in its fourth year, the Sustainable Livelihood Development (SLD) project covers three provinces on the 'mainland' – National Capital District, Central, and Western. Pray for the people affected by leprosy and disability who live in the 50 targeted leprosy affected communities, as they participate in project activities of livelihood training and basic financial management.

TUE: Pray for the four Community Mobiliser Mentors working across the three provinces. Pray also for the Micro-Credit Loans Officer, who liaises with Women's Micro Bank to help people open bank accounts and apply for loans. Pray for the project participants who are involved in developing their livelihood businesses; as they take and repay loans, they will be able to grow their businesses and find enough funds to support their families.

WED: Bougainville – Please pray for Ruby Mirinka, the BHCP Programme Director and for the 20 District Facilitators and 8 BHCP Trainers who provide ongoing training and support in more than 850 communities across Bougainville.

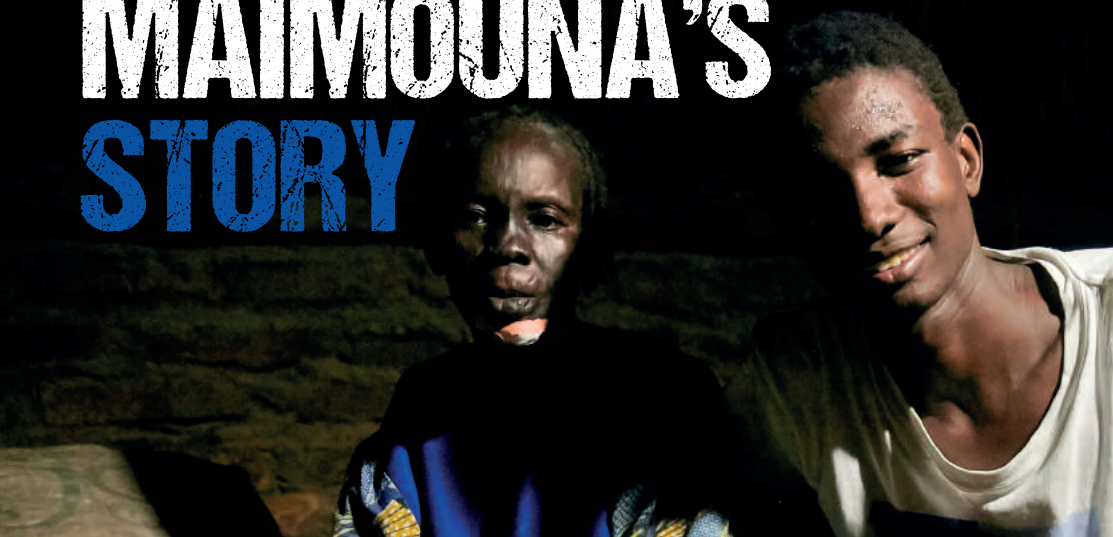
THU: Pray for all the various training courses that will be going on – in community facilitation, health, leprosy, budgeting and savings, livelihoods (sewing, baking, fish and crab catching and preparation for sale) and loan management. Pray for energy for the project team as they roll out project activities each week.

FRI: Bougainville – Pray for the BHCP 20 District Facilitators and 8 BHCP Trainers who provide ongoing training and support in areas for health and governance in more than 850 communities across Bougainville. They often travel to remote communities in bad weather and rough terrain.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the continued safety and security of the team and its participants as they move around Port Moresby, travel around the provinces, and in the communities. PNG is a difficult country to work in and security issues are common. Praise God for new funding opportunities with NZ Aid and Australian Aid, and for a new project funded by TLM Australia that started in 2019.

Top: A group take part in savings training in PNG

MAÏMOUNA'S STORY



"Two weeks ago I thought I was going to die. I had pains on my chin and couldn't talk anymore," fifty year old Maïmouna Mohamed says. "Fortunately, Geeske Zijp of The Leprosy Mission Chad attended to the infection on my chin. I expect it to be healed by next week. The Leprosy Mission delivers the things I need, without their help I wouldn't be alive anymore."

Maïmouna Mohamed is mother of Abdelkerim Handan (20) and was married until she was diagnosed with leprosy and he banished her and her son. Since then they have lived in poverty.

Maïmouna is proud of her son who pays for his own tuition by working as a homebuilder with his uncle in the holidays, "he's the best in his class, the best of 114 students... I have no man for back up, but I do have a son to take care of.

"My son is always taken care of by Geeske of The Leprosy Mission. When I'm sick, Geeske brings me porridge and medicine and, if needed, takes me to the hospital. The Leprosy Mission fed me when I was hungry.

"I lost my little finger because of leprosy and my hands are numb. I have to be more careful I don't burn myself because I don't feel heat. I reach for hot objects with a piece of cardboard, otherwise the risk of burning my hand without feeling it is too great.

"Still, my heart is at ease: I'm not afraid of the future anymore since I know The Leprosy Mission."



TLM's projects in Nigeria focus on four major thematic areas, they include: Health & management and prevention of disability; Empowerment and livelihood; Advocacy and communication; Learning and education. These we coined as the HEAL campaign.

Through the HEAL campaign, we continually explore opportunities to reach the unreached and expand the frontiers of our mission by scaling up efforts in early case detection, treatment and impact mitigation. Through this, over 50 new communities with over 10,000 individuals will be reached in the next 5 years.

Alongside the leprosy work, TLM Nigeria has a fundraising strategy and works with churches, corporate organisations, individual donors, and institutions to raise funds for and awareness about TLM's work in Nigeria.

As an organisation motivated by the attitude and virtue of compassion as demonstrated by Christ towards holistic healing, TLM Nigeria is also focused on promoting inner-wellbeing and providing spiritual support to individuals affected by leprosy, Buruli ulcer and other Neglected Tropical Diseases in Nigeria.

Top: The commissioning of the 5-room (10 bed) Orthopaedic Ward/Guest House funded by TLM EW / GOAC to ease the accommodation difficulties faced by clients who access prosthetic and orthotic care from the TLMN Orthopaedic Workshop

PRAYER POINTS

MON: The Nigerian economy is still going through difficulties and this puts tremendous pressure on the public and private sectors, with serious impact on the people. Pray for a revived economy and stable work environment, as the success of TLM programmes in Nigeria depend on it.

TUE: Pray for God's protection, blessing and safety on all TLM Nigeria staff members who travel to remote places to minister love to the poor and marginalised people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

WED: Give thanks for the many churches that have enthusiastically and generously supported the work of TLM Nigeria for many years. Pray that more churches and volunteers will embrace our vision and open their hearts and doors to join the fight against leprosy.

THU: The Project Learning Reviews will take place throughout September 2020. Please pray for travel safety for our staff as they review the current impact of our work. Pray that what we learn from these reviews will add further value to our work.

FRI: Let's continue to pray for the TLM Nigeria Board as they meet in November, that God will lead them in wisdom and engaged understanding of TLM Nigeria.

SAT/SUN: Pray for persons affected by leprosy and their family members, who still suffer from the consequences of having had leprosy. Ask that God will heal them permanently and allow them to rise above the burden of stigma and discrimination to live meaningful and productive lives. Thank God for the ongoing promotion of the TLM Nigeria Heal Campaign (highlighting Zero Transmission, Zero Disability, and Zero Discrimination). This has opened discussions amongst the different levels of governments and the general public. Pray that national and local governments' commitments will increase, and that the level of stigma and discrimination will continue to decline.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11



People involved with The Leprosy Mission Switzerland have been showing love and support for leprosy-affected people for 115 years.

A team of seven operates from two offices, one in the German- and one in the French-speaking part of the country. A dedicated board, partnering churches and institutions, as well as many loyal donors are committed to the vision of the Mission: leprosy defeated, lives transformed.

TLM Switzerland works in partnership with other Global Fellowship Members to implement projects in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Niger. Within Switzerland, the team raises awareness about leprosy and themes related to it, such as poverty, exclusion and development. It offers the opportunity to be involved in praying for and supporting people affected by leprosy or disabilities and their families.

Top: Markus Freudiger with Sathish, a young patient at TLM's hospital in Naini, India. Sathish has been at the hospital almost two years and has been treated for leprosy and tuberculosis

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray that we are, in all respects, a learning and growing organisation. As staff we want to be open to the guidance of God's Spirit.

TUE: We thank God for success in recent applications to funding bodies. Continue to pray for new opportunities to apply for funds.

WED: We need compassionate new supporters who are committed to standing up for people affected by leprosy. Pray that the messages we communicate will open hearts.

THU: Dan Izzett and other people affected by leprosy are coming to Switzerland to speak in schools and churches. Pray that this seed may bear fruits of blessings.

FRI: Our campaign called Zer0Lepra aims to gain more resources to help defeat leprosy and transform lives. Pray that this campaign will catch people's attention and motivate them to join in this vision.

SAT/SUN: Pray for people affected by leprosy in the hospitals and projects supported by TLM Switzerland. Give thanks for the committed staff making a difference in these places.

KEY STAFF

Markus Freudiger – TLM Country Leader
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 Nadja Klarer – Fundraising and Communication
 Esther Kuny – Finance
 Christine Schneeberger – Administration
 Jan Kuny – Chairman



Community Based Rehabilitation

TLM Bangladesh helps enable economic and social empowerment through 1,666 self-help groups, providing mutual support and livelihood opportunities for people affected by leprosy, disability and poverty. Training, skills development, access to micro finance and educational opportunities for children are provided through these groups.

The North West Bangladesh Ultra Poverty Initiative Project (NUPIP) works to overcome extreme poverty among people with leprosy disabilities and to reduce food insecurity and improve livelihoods.

The Hagar Centre is a short-term shelter where socially excluded women can receive shelter, treatment, legal aid and support to reintegrate into their life and community.

Advocacy

TLM Bangladesh is influencing the policies and practices of the Government and other decision makers and developing positive attitudes among medical personnel, NGOs and communities regarding the rights of people affected by leprosy.

We are striving to ensure leprosy services for the districts generally not covered by development partners. Self-advocacy through self-help groups is also being promoted by enhancing capacity and negotiating skills amongst people affected by leprosy.

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 Mrs. Kalpona Kispotta- Manager, TLM Nilphamari Training Centre
 Mrs. Lovely Probhathi Mrong- Manager, Dhaka CBR Project
 Mrs. Masuma Parvin- Manager Activating and Engaging government and people in Partnership (AEP)

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for the funding commitment for the North-West Bangladesh Ultra Poverty Initiative Project (NUPIP) from effect:hope and private donors. Please pray for effective utilisation of the grant to improve livelihoods and ulcer daily self-care practices.

TUE: 24 sub-district associations in Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Nilphamari and Rangpur districts will look after 750 Self-Help Groups (SHG). Please pray for the long-term sustainability of SHGs and sub-district associations.

WED: Hagar (NariNiketon) is a short-term Shelter home (maximum 1 year) for destitute women. The project aims to resettle destitute women who have been rejected by their family and community. Please pray that Hagar maintains its success for the second year of its new phase.

THU: Six partners, including Christian, faith based, and secular organisations, are in partnership with TLMIB in 12 uncovered districts, working on new case detection, community based rehabilitation, and engaging and activating Government health systems. Let us pray for the management team, staff and volunteers of the partners.

FRI: Since 2016, annually around 40 print and electronic media reports have been published and telecasted for mass awareness, stigma reduction, and to draw the attention of policymakers towards positive changes in leprosy work. Please pray for the staff team who deal with journalists and policymakers.

SAT/SUN: TLMIB is trying to engage churches and church leaders in leprosy. TLMIB has outlined a document to engage churches in leprosy in the context of Bangladesh, as Christians are less than 0.05% of total population. Please pray for the staff team of TLMIB and church leaders, pray for positive outcomes to this work.

Top: An Association Meeting of disabled persons and persons affected by leprosy in Bangladesh

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9



About TLM Singapore

The Singapore Leprosy Mission (TSLM) is a support group (established in 2004) that raises financial support for TLM, encourages people to pray for the work and raises awareness in Singapore of leprosy and The Leprosy Mission. Their vision is 'A world without leprosy' and their mission statement is 'Restoring Health, Rehabilitating Life, Restructuring Employability, Resourcing Support'. In recent years they have been raising support for Anandaban Hospital, Nepal, where major repairs are needed following the 2015 earthquakes in addition to the ongoing leprosy work. They are now raising funds for Myanmar.

About TLM Korea

Although there are very few new cases of leprosy detected each year in the Republic of Korea (South Korea), there are still elderly people living with leprosy-related disabilities. As Korea rapidly changes into an aging society, the number of elderly people who are not protected economically and emotionally is increasing. TLM Korea is committed to protecting and treating elderly people affected by leprosy or disability through the Jesus Hospital in Daegu, which specialises in dermatology services and any cases of leprosy. An adjacent nursing home protects and cares for elderly people affected by leprosy, and other low-income elderly and disabled people.

Top: A spring season outing with TLM Korea's nursing home residents

PRAYER POINTS

Singapore

MON: Thank God for the dedication of The Singapore Leprosy Mission Board. Pray that the directors will have wisdom, strength and God's guidance as they promote the work of the Mission.

TUE: TSLM's chairman, Dr George Seow, sends out a regular 'Word from the Chairman' newsletter to inform donors and ask for funds. Pray that God will use the newsletter to speak to people's hearts and they would be inspired to give.

WED: TSLM are looking to connect with new and existing supporters through different avenues of communication, such as promoting the work through social media and fundraising outside of the regular newsletter. Pray for success in these endeavours and for God's wisdom in knowing which opportunities to pursue.

South Korea

THU: Give thanks to God for the Chairman Mr Allun Cho and all TLM Korea's board members and staff. Pray for wisdom and health as they undertake leprosy work in Jesus Hospital and nursing home for the elderly.

FRI: Pray for the stabilisation of the social and psychological situation in South Korea, which is exacerbated by many tensions with their neighbours in North Korea and economic tensions with Japan.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for all the work of TLM Korea, both with people affected by leprosy and with other disabled or otherwise disadvantaged elderly people. Pray it will continue to run smoothly and that all those using their services would be blessed and live in peace and security.

KEY TEAM

Singapore

Rev Dr George Seow – Chairman
Ms Lam Yan Yan – Recording Secretary
Rev Milton Lazarus – Committee Member

South Korea

Mr Jaewoong Choi – Programme Coordinator
Mr Allun Cho – Chairman

RAMAWATI'S STORY

Ramawati is a member of one of six self-help groups supported by The Leprosy Mission in Chandpur village in India.

During group meetings, TLM staff inform women about their rights and entitlements and prepare them for advocacy with the local government authorities. Since the meetings began, women in the village have started being vocal advocates for their rights and have been able to access government support schemes through advocacy.

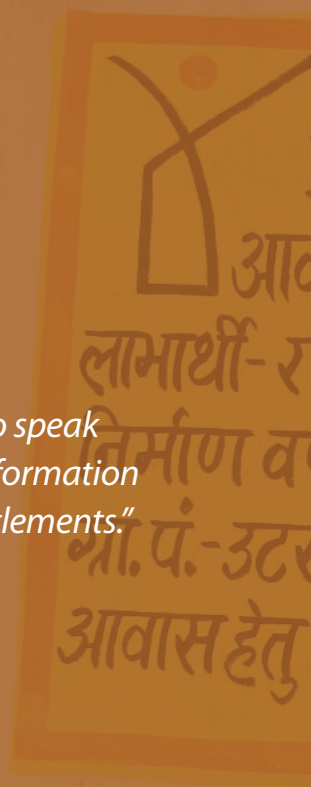
Ramawati was one of six women who received housing after a group advocacy effort facilitated by TLM.

"I never used to speak up. I had no information about my entitlements. I have been able to access housing facilities because of the information I received from self-help group meetings."

With consistent efforts and follow-up, Ramawati has also received a ration card. The women are now strongly advocating for toilets, the most urgent need for the community.

The Leprosy Mission has also been providing medical care for 16 people affected by leprosy in the village who were diagnosed as a result of our initiatives.

"I never used to speak up. I had no information about my entitlements."



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"...Go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy... Freely you have received; freely give."

Matthew 10:7-8



The Leprosy Mission Australia partners with Australians to ensure people affected by leprosy across the world get the cure, care and restoration they need to live life in all its fullness.

For more than 100 years, the Australian team's vision of a leprosy-free world has kept them passionate in prayer and determined in generating financial support to extend the hand of 'mateship' to people affected by leprosy and disability. This currently reaches to people affected by leprosy and disability in India, Nepal, Nigeria, Thailand and to their nearest 'neighbours' in Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and now also, Indonesia.

Zero Leprosy Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Discrimination is their focus, however, the work they support often includes people with other neglected tropical diseases (like Buruli ulcer), other marginalised people in society, and those living in extreme poverty. God loves and helps them all and so do the 'Aussies'.

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April Holmes & Janice Caza – International Program Officers
Paul Andrews – Marketing Manager
Supa Thejan – Merchandise Manager

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God for the generous Australians who pray and give to help people affected by leprosy. Pray that their numbers and capacity will increase, as will the opportunities for the team to thank them for their impact.

TUE: Praise God for how he has used The Leprosy Mission Australia's gift catalogue to successfully engage shoppers to help those affected by leprosy, disability and poverty. Please pray The Lord will keep bringing in new supporters this way.

WED: Pray God will open doors and make the way smooth for the new project in Indonesia. Pray Australians will be inspired to get behind this new endeavour in prayer and with financial support. Pray they will join the vision to see people affected by leprosy in Indonesia found, cured and restored.

THU: Please pray for the continuing success of the fundraising team as they seek new and innovative ways to connect with donors and the Australian public. Pray new income streams will flow in abundance so people affected by leprosy around the world can receive healing and 'living water'.

FRI: Give thanks to God for the many volunteers who give of their time and resources to raise awareness and funds for people affected by leprosy and disability. Please pray for confidence, the right words, and many opportunities to share with others how they can help people affected by leprosy, too.

SAT/SUN: Please pray more churches and groups will hold a World Leprosy Sunday 'Cuppa for a Cure' morning/afternoon tea or will invite a speaker to hear how they can help people affected by leprosy and disability. Praise God for their openness and willingness and may God bless them richly!

Top: April Holmes, International Programs Officer at TLM Australia

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



People affected by leprosy often say that the most damaging aspects of the disease are the prejudice, stigma and social exclusion they experience. To combat this, The Leprosy Mission joins hands with leprosy-affected people and associations to speak out against the myths and misunderstandings that lead to exclusion.

This often means influencing people in authority to change rules, restrictions, laws, customs or decisions that have destructive effects. The most successful advocacy is often by organisations of people affected by leprosy themselves, so we have an increasing focus in our projects around the world on making sure people know their rights, are assured of their value in society and are equipped with the knowledge, confidence and appropriate platforms to speak on their own behalf.

Through sharing their own stories, through advocating for the rights and entitlements that are important to them, communities and individuals affected by leprosy are changing not only their own situations and social status, but the minds and hearts of those around them.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for the success of our Global Petition Campaign 2019-23. The objective behind the campaign is to raise awareness amongst the 47 member countries of the UN Human Rights Council about the human rights of persons affected by leprosy. 14 countries have been supportive of our cause so far. Please pray that the remaining member countries support us in promoting the human rights of persons affected by leprosy.

TUE: Pray for our efforts to increase the ownership of national governments regarding the eradication of leprosy. We seek to influence the national governments of countries where we work through the six different United Nations Special Rapporteurs. Please pray that these Rapporteurs understand the importance of eradicating leprosy and bringing transformation to the lives of those affected.

WED: Please pray for the active participation and engagement of all the Global Fellowship Members in our advocacy activities so that we are able to speak with one voice and increase our global profile.

THU: We have recently developed our key thematic advocacy messages. Please pray that these messages have the desired impact on leprosy stakeholders.

FRI: Please pray for our advocacy network members so that they are creative, impactful and guided by the Holy Spirit in their day-to-day advocacy work.

SAT/SUN: Please pray for the successful implementation of our global advocacy strategy for 2019-23 so that it becomes a tool in transforming the lives of persons affected by leprosy and their family members.

Top: Brent Morgan and Amar Timalina at the UN in New York, attending the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4: 18-19



TLM Belgium was established as an autonomous Belgian charity back in 1972. After many years of growth, in 2009 TLM Belgium had to downsize following a substantial reduction in government funding. Since then TLM Belgium has managed to continue operating with an enthusiastic team of volunteers and without any staff.

TLM Belgium focuses on reaching the rather small community of protestant and evangelical churches in Belgium, estimated at only 1-2 % of Belgium's overall population of around 11 million.

The team does so mainly through direct contact, such as visits to local churches and nationwide church events.

During these visits we introduce TLM and its vision, mission, and values, telling stories of persons affected by leprosy, inviting individual church members to join TLM Belgium and attracting interested individuals to join the team of volunteers.

In 2020, TLM Belgium endeavours to develop new communication channels, including social media, and to improve its website.

Top: TLM Belgium Country Leader Mr Paulin Songolea Bakalanía visiting DR Congo

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the supporters of TLM Belgium, both individuals and local churches, who are supporting several TLM projects and by doing so are bringing comfort, light, and hope into the lives of many persons affected by leprosy, helping to renew and transform their lives.

TUE: Let us pray that the structural fundraising support offered by TLM Netherlands to TLM Belgium will be beneficial and result in solid and lasting growth.

WED: Give thanks for the long-standing partnership with Solidarité Protestante, a Belgian Christian NGO that supports emergency aid and structural development projects. Let us pray for even closer cooperation in the years to come.

THU: Give thanks for the wonderful support that TLM Belgium receives from the TLM International Office as well as the many 'sister' countries of the TLM Global Fellowship, including the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Hungary and England & Wales. Please pray that this close cooperation may motivate the team and bear fruit abundantly.

FRI: Let us pray that, alongside the team of 'veteran' volunteers, a new team of young volunteers may develop and find a good team spirit, drive, and flow.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for Mrs Renée Hugaerts, the highly dedicated and voluntary treasurer of TLM Belgium. Let us pray she may be blessed with good health. Let us pray that the Lord will give guidance to the team of TLM Belgium and that He will inspire the team members with His plan for TLM Belgium.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Paulin Songolea Bakalanía – Acting Country Leader
Francis Van De Walle – Chair
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Irène Masika Katselwa – Member, Chair of French-speaking Working Group
Renée Hugaerts – Treasurer
Norbert Ngila Bampunga – Member
Tünde Csákány – Member

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward them for what they have
done.*

Proverbs 19:17



PRAYER POINTS

Ireland

MON: Pray for the safe travel and good health of our CEO and programme staff, who visit and work alongside our partners.

TUE: We are grateful to our volunteers and support staff, who continue to work towards our goals and vision. We pray that they continue to be passionate about our work.

ALM

WED: Join us as we praise God for His faithfulness to our ministry for more than 110 years!

THU: Pray for wisdom as we expand our disease mapping and management program, the AIM Initiative, to bring treatment and care to the people who need it most.

effect:hope

FRI: Pray for continued strength and wisdom to move the hearts and minds of policymakers in Canada.

SAT/SUN: Pray for continued unity among effect:hope staff as the organisation goes through seasons of change.

Top: Ken Gibson, the CEO of The Mission to End Leprosy, meets a man affected by leprosy in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India

Ireland

The Mission To End Leprosy (also known as The Leprosy Mission Ireland) is located in Dublin. Although we have a small number of staff members, we have a global reach. The Mission To End Leprosy owns and operates two cafes, under the name 'Bailey and Pim'. Located in Dublin and County Wicklow, the profits of these cafes are used to fund overseas programmes. Through these cafes, we can communicate both our heritage and our ongoing work. TMTEL, as our name suggests, is focused on putting an end to leprosy. We plan to achieve this through a number of innovative research projects alongside piloting a new approach to identifying and treating people affected by leprosy in the coming years.

USA

Founded in 1906, American Leprosy Missions is the oldest and largest Christian organisation in the United States dedicated to curing and caring for people affected by leprosy and related diseases. American Leprosy Missions has transformed the lives of more than four million people worldwide through medical treatment and training, Christian outreach, prevention of disability, community development and research.

Canada

Formerly known as The Leprosy Mission Canada, effect:hope is a Christian development organisation, focused on achieving lasting, positive change among people living with the causes and consequences of neglected tropical diseases such as leprosy and related conditions. Standing with supporters, staff, and partners on the ground, effect:hope responds to the need with medical and developmental strategies that lead to long-term change for the people we serve.

SENIOR STAFF

The Mission to End Leprosy

CEO – Ken Gibson

ALM

President and CEO – Bill Simmons

effect:hope

CEO – Kim Evans

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3



TLMM is working on achieving zero leprosy transmission and ensuring that people with disability and people affected by leprosy are able to influence Myanmar's society.

Through 11 Disability Resource Centres (DRCs), our work targets leprosy-specific activities by having stronger partnerships with the National Leprosy Control Programme and basic health infrastructures. Our programmes aim to

- Improve knowledge and capacity around leprosy;
- Improve early case detection to prevent disability;
- Deliver quality medical care and rehabilitation services to people affected by leprosy and disability at Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy;
- Improve the referral mechanism to our specialist hospitals

We are also committed to empowering people affected by leprosy and disability so that they can become advocates for themselves as we all work to reduce the barriers to their full participation in society.

We work with four key partners in Myanmar: the National Leprosy Control Programme, the Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital (MCLH), Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan (CLMES) and Yenanthar Leprosy Hospital.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Please pray for the TLMM team as they grow capacity and skills within the organisation by working closely with persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability.

TUE: We would like to pray for staff members at Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital (MCLH) and Yenanthar Leprosy Hospital. We would also like prayer for staff members of Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan (CLMES) as they are traveling in difficult mountainous parts of the country; please pray for protection and travel mercies.

WED: Please pray for the Disability Resource Center in Taungoo, that they will become a strong hub as they work with local churches and host workshops on prostheses and orthotics, as well as orthopedic shoes, providing significant contributions to those who need such devices.

THU: We would like to submit to the LORD the peace process, which is taking a long time as more than 20 groups, representing different ethnicities, engage with the Myanmar military over issues such as the return of internally displaced populations after years of distress.

FRI: The third successive general elections are planned to be held in November 2020. There will be many political parties contesting this upcoming election and we need prayer for continued free and fair elections. Pray that the election results will lead to constitutional reform and a strengthened peace process.

SAT/SUN: Leprosy Awareness Campaigns are a great way of engaging community members as people affected by leprosy share their life experiences. Pray that these campaigns grow and have ever-greater success. Pray especially for the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy, who host them.

SENIOR STAFF

Dr Zaw Moe Aung – TLM Country Leader
 Dr Aung Htet – Head of Operations and Monitoring
 Ms Kalayar Tun – Finance Manager
 Ms Naw Say Say Phaw – Human Resource Manager
 Dr Hla Hla Aye – TLM Myanmar Advisory Board Chair

Top: U Soe Win talks about his experience of leprosy

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9



Based in Kumla, The Leprosy Mission Sweden works to raise awareness of leprosy in the world and to give support for the leprosy work through The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship and its member countries.

Through fundraising among individuals, organisations, churches and church groups, TLM Sweden works to fulfil its vision. A monthly magazine reports from the projects we fund and is sent all over the country with stories of restored lives and families and changed villages.

A number of ambassadors and presenters keep contact with people and churches in their different areas. Information on leprosy and its consequences is given to Christian groups, churches and conferences and also to schools and colleges.

Through an initiative of TLM Sweden, there are plans for fundraising activities in neighbouring Norway. TLM Norway has been closed for some years but a restart is now planned. TLM Sweden has also had contact with TLM Denmark and TLM Finland for cooperation in different ways.

TLM Sweden supports work in India, DR Congo, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for the Board of TLM Sweden and for the members' willingness to lead the work. Pray for wisdom in leadership and courage for new steps and initiatives.

TUE: Pray for a developed cooperation of the TLM organisations in the Nordic countries. Pray especially for the restart of TLM Norway.

WED: Pray for increased support and funding from churches and organisations. Pray also for new churches to cooperate with TLM Sweden. Thank God for the work of TLM ambassadors all over the country and for the growing group of presenters. Pray for new inspiration and open doors.

THU: Thank God for the fruitful and good cooperation between TLM Sweden and the Swedish Government through the Swedish Mission Council. Pray for continued project funding and support.

FRI: Give thanks for the faithful support of donors over many years. Pray for new individual donors and for the success of activities and campaigns to reach out to new supporters.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the staff team of TLM Sweden, for God's guidance and wisdom in the work. Pray for the right priorities and openness to new initiatives. Pray for inspiration, teamwork and energy.

SENIOR STAFF

Allan Ekstedt – Country Leader
Karl-Gustaf Mattson – Editor
Shelley Lado – Administration and Finance

Top: The TLM Sweden team visit a project in Nigeria

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

The big question you may be asking is “Does excellence matter to God?” Does God care about quality? Is He concerned with how well things are done? Does it make any difference to God whether: the instruments are in tune; the worship team has rehearsed the songs; if our projects have been implemented well, etc.? The answer is “yes”.

God also cares about our hearts. God does care about these things and how well we do them is an expression of our hearts. Because the way we serve God - in the church, in our homes and families, in the Global Fellowship - the way we live out our faith; the level of commitment we have to doing things well, to honouring God in every area of our lives - that reveals what is in our hearts. We should therefore strive for excellence because God is worth it and He deserves our best.

What is excellence? – It simply means striving to do and give our best in the service of God and mankind. This is expressed beautifully in 1 Corinthians 15:58b – which says “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...” Striving for excellence simply means making every effort in preparation and execution to do the very best we can.

We are called to give God our best because He gave us His best. God gave the best He had – His own Son, Jesus Christ – to suffer and die in our place for our sins. This is highlighted in Romans 8:32 – “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Our “best” doesn’t mean perfection or superiority. According to Charles Swindoll: “Excellence is a difficult concept to communicate because it can easily be misread as neurotic perfectionism or snooty sophistication. But it is neither. On the contrary, it is the stuff of which greatness is made. It is the difference between just getting by and soaring – that which sets apart the significant from the superficial, the lasting from the temporary.”

Excellence means hard work and going the extra mile, enabled by the grace of God. It takes a lot more time and is evidenced in how we pay attention to details. Excellence takes daily diligence and our readiness to learn, unlearn and relearn.

CONCLUSION

- Excellence is offering the best of our time and talent in thorough preparation and execution of God’s service.
- The standard of excellence requires that we do God’s service with a superior quality that reflects the eternal impact of Kingdom work.
- Excellence honours God and inspires greatness.

Dr Sunday Udo

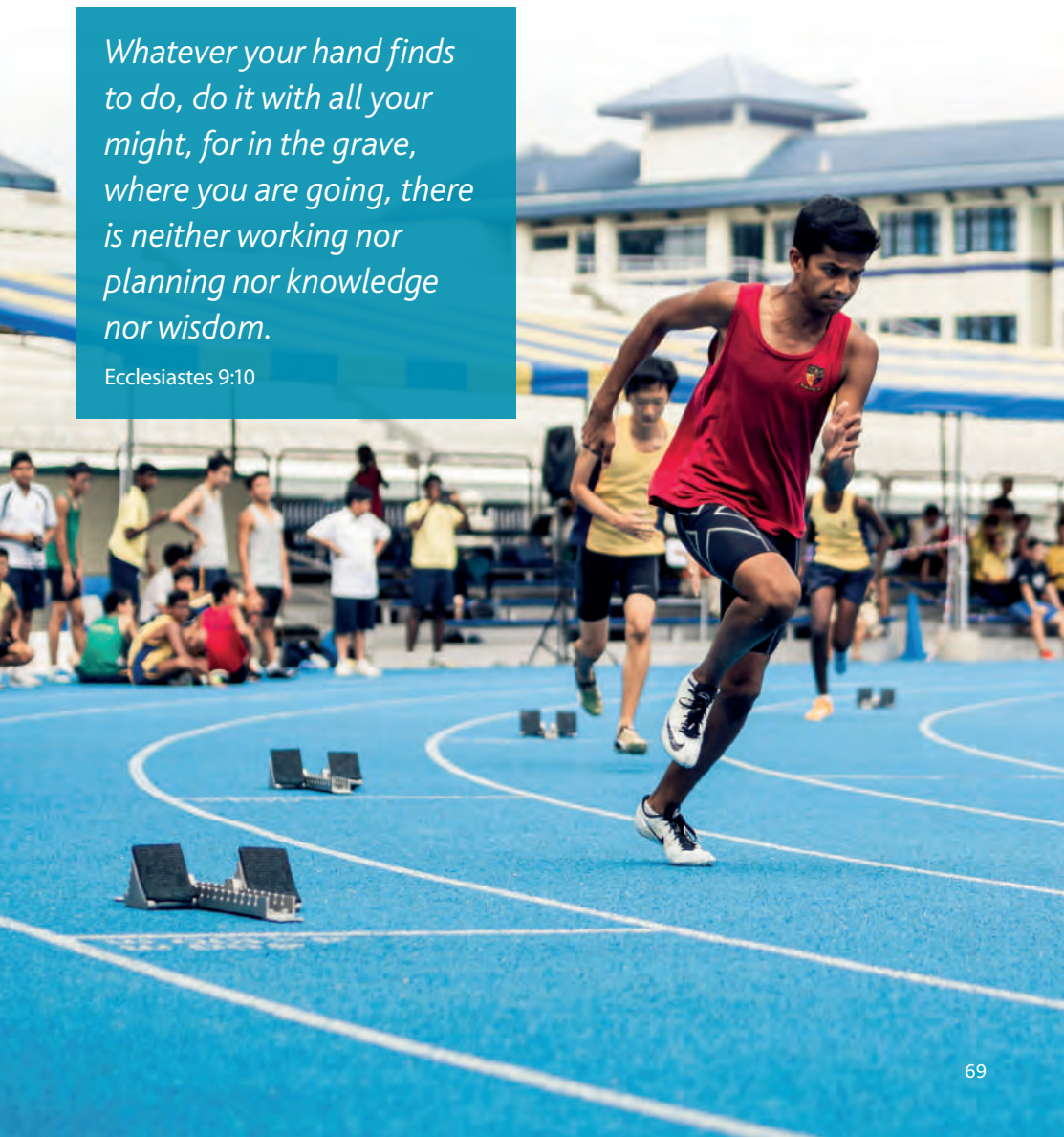
Sunday is The Country Leader of TLM Nigeria. He has worked for TLM for 20 years and lives in Abuja, Nigeria.

*O LORD our Lord, how excellent
is thy name in all the earth!*

Psalm 8:1

*Whatever your hand finds
to do, do it with all your
might, for in the grave,
where you are going, there
is neither working nor
planning nor knowledge
nor wisdom.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10





We are excited about two major projects that started in 2019, with funding from donors in England and Wales, with match funding from the UK Government.

HEAL Project

The 3 year HEAL Nepal project will reach out to 3.25 million people over 11 leprosy endemic districts in Nepal. The project will include a mass media campaign to raise awareness of leprosy and lymphatic filariasis, engaging school teachers, students, government health workers & volunteers, religious leaders, and many others.

As well as the awareness raising campaign, nearly 4,000 government health workers and community health volunteers will be trained to suspect, diagnose and treat leprosy and lymphatic filariasis. The campaign will also empower people affected by leprosy to become peer supporters in their communities, providing mental health support.

FOUND Project

The FOUND project is designed to generate opportunities for unemployed Nepalese with disability. Through the project, people with disability will get extensive employment counselling, skills development opportunities, and the chance to develop contacts with business owners and employers.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: May the immense HEAL project provide cutting-edge treatments and care to end suffering and disability caused by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis in endemic districts of Nepal.

TUE: Please pray that the FOUND project will be able to make an impact in the lives of people with disability in Nepal through increased formal and self-employment. May people with disability be recognised as reliable employees, breaking societal perceptions.

WED: Thank the Lord for our successfully obtaining a grant for the RIGHT project, an inter country (Nepal, India and Nigeria) research project working towards improving the implementation of self-care in the community and developing standardised guidelines of clinical care for both Buruli and leprosy ulcer patients.

THU: Pray that the IMPACT project will continue to successfully facilitate inclusive communities in the Rupandehi, Kapilbastu & Nawalparasi districts of Nepal, as we work to improve health & wellbeing, reduce disability, and achieve zero discrimination.

FRI: The Nepal Country Leader, Mr Shovakhar Kandel is working with his team to repeal a discriminatory law in Nepal that allows a person to be divorced if they have concealed a leprosy diagnosis from their partner. Please pray for the team as they work to repeal this law, which is based on the irrational and prejudiced belief that leprosy is an untreatable disease.

SAT/SUN: Please pray that the efforts of the team in Nepal will transform the lives of people affected by leprosy and their families.

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1:11



Leprosy Control and Research

Through Leprosy Control and Research, TLM projects address more than just the physical needs of people affected by leprosy but effectively work towards a leprosy-free Bangladesh.

The aims of the leprosy control programmes are to ensure quality leprosy services, raise awareness, stop the transmission of leprosy, and prevent disability. TLM Bangladesh has been undertaking research programmes focusing on

1. The epidemiology of nerve function impairment; risk factors, prevention, diagnosis and treatment
2. The epidemiology of transmission of M. leprae; risk factors for leprosy, preventive interventions and early diagnosis

These are considered as key towards stopping transmission and knowledge extracted from this research has already been recognised for chemoprophylaxis trials.

We are also focusing on and encouraging local researchers and institutions to engage in social research, which should contribute to eliminating the barriers against social integration, quality treatment and stigma reduction.

PROJECT MANAGERS-LCP/RESEARCH

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Mr. George Biswas- Project Manager, Proyash and G/CBR

Mr. Parach Chakma- Project Manager, Chottogram Hill Tracts

Sultan Md. Elias- Project Manager, CLMP

PRAYER POINTS

MON: DBLM hospital is still considered the most reliable leprosy referral centre for Bangladesh. To maintain its quality services, substantial funding support is required and we pray that is ensured through the faithful supporting partners and local funding initiatives.

TUE: It is encouraging to see that DBLM Hospital continues to be used as a knowledge partner for medical students and NGO hospitals. Pray that an adequate number of technical and experienced staff continue to associate with this institution.

WED: Chittagong People-Led Development Project, Chittagong Leprosy Management Project, and the Proyash & Gaibandha-Jaypurhat Community Based Rehabilitation Projects are working under the Chittagong & Gaibandha area. Please pray they will achieve their purpose.

THU: The INDIGO 2 project, which started in 2019, seeks to enroll a large number of persons affected by leprosy to adequately test early diagnostic tools for leprosy. Please pray for the success of this project, as it is potentially game-changing for how we diagnose leprosy.

FRI: The Leprosy Field Research in Bangladesh project is ending its current phase in 2020. Pray that a proper evaluation and the next phase will receive God's blessing.

SAT/SUN: Leprosy control and Health Systems Strengthening projects are key to achieving zero transmission in Bangladesh. Adequate funding is essential to see these projects are continued and skilled employees are retained. Please pray for this with us.

Top: Collecting blood samples from those who have been in contact with people affected by leprosy. These samples will be used in our medical research.

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2



The Leprosy Mission International brings together the Global Fellowship (see page 8) by leading, inspiring, facilitating, and enabling our Members to defeat leprosy and transform lives.

With a staff team of 22, mostly based in Brentford in West London, the office is headed up by Brent Morgan and works to support the Members of the Global Fellowship so that their programmes can have the greatest possible impact, so that their staff can receive the training and support they need, to ensure they are financially sustainable, and to provide a voice for TLM worldwide through advocacy, fundraising, and communications.

Brent and his team are accountable to the International Board, which consists of twelve people from across the Global Fellowship. As the International Office follows Jesus Christ, their values are compassion, justice, integrity, inclusion, and humility. At all times, the International Office strives to be Christ-centred.

SENIOR STAFF

Brent Morgan – International Director
 Pete Garratt – Head of Operations Support
 Jannine Ebenso – Head of Quality Assurance
 Gladstone Worthington – Head of Finance
 Peter Walker – Head of Fundraising Development
 Pradeep Bagival – Head of Advocacy
 Damaris Villanueva – Human Resources Manager

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Because the International Office provides support for Members across the world, staff members are often travelling long distances. Please pray for their continued safety and for fruitfulness in all their travels.

TUE: In 2019, several new staff members joined the office to look at areas such as fundraising, communications, administration, and organisational impact. Please pray that their work will have a great impact and help to raise the profile and income of The Leprosy Mission

WED: Each day the staff of the International Office gather together to pray and listen to God's word, using the ASK Prayer Diary as a guide. Thank God for these moments and pray that the team will follow where He leads.

THU: The International Office needs to close the gap between income and expenditure. Please pray for new tenants to join us in our building and for signage that can be installed as advertising space on the roof of the building. Both would provide a lot of new income.

FRI: Please pray for Brent and the International Board as they provide leadership to the International Office and TLM worldwide. Please pray that God will bless them and guide their decisions.

SAT/SUN: Thank God for the wonderful people across the world that the International Office has the privilege of working with every day. There are thousands of people who are following Christ's example and caring for those affected by leprosy. Please thank God for such Christ-centred people.

Top: Some of the team at The Leprosy Mission International outside their office in Brentford

O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Jeremiah 32:17



Zachary is one of our youngest supporters and raised over £500 for The Leprosy Mission after completing a skating challenge at a local ice-rink.

He was inspired to help people affected by leprosy after reading *The Islands at the End of Everything* at his primary school. Zachary said: "It was a very good book and the main character's mother had leprosy. Then, at the end, our teacher decided to take us to The Leprosy Mission webpage and tell us more about leprosy."

I was inspired by the work of The Leprosy Mission and decided to do something to help. I have been ice-skating for about a year now, and I can go pretty quickly, so I decided I could do a five-hour long ice skate at my local rink."

Zachary smashed his original target of £100, supported by donations from friends and family, including one from the author of *The Islands at the End of Everything*, Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for God's blessings on all our applications for major funding. Pray for wisdom for all those involved in developing new projects and writing applications and that those reviewing funding applications will recognise the importance of our work and provide funding.

TUE: Give thanks for all our volunteer speakers. Pray that many more people will feel prompted to use their skills, time and talents to join The Leprosy Mission family, working together to defeat leprosy.

WED: We were blessed with the support of several new ambassadors in 2019. Give thanks for GB Paralympian Stef Reid, and for BBC Songs of Praise and TV presenter JB Gill. Pray for more opportunities to work with people who can raise the profile of The Leprosy Mission amongst all generations.

THU: There are many churches and businesses in the UK who are part of the African and South Asian communities. Many people living and working in the UK are not aware of the needs of people who are affected by leprosy in the countries of their ancestry. Pray for opportunities to connect with these diaspora groups.

FRI: In 2019 we hosted several events, including a celebration on The Isle of Man, *Fearfully and Wonderfully* - The Phillip Yancey Tour, and a carol concert at Lichfield Cathedral, hosted by BBC presenter Pam Rhodes. Give thanks for the new supporters from these events and pray for many more opportunities like these.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for the many skilled staff across The Leprosy Mission. As many approach retirement, please pray for the retention of leprosy expertise and that God will lay people affected by leprosy on the hearts of a new generation of medics, programmes staff, support staff and fundraisers.

Top: Zachary with friends as he raised money through a sponsored ice-skating challenge



The Leprosy Mission Trust India's (TLMTI) Advocacy and Communications work supports people affected by leprosy to speak out on the issues important to them, thus defending and safeguarding their rights, and ensuring their voice is heard by policymakers.

TLMTI engages with strategic partners at state and national levels to highlight the issues faced by people affected by leprosy, through strategic communication and targeting negative attitudes and practices. Our advocacy work addresses the barriers faced by people affected by leprosy by influencing policies and practices involving those affected by leprosy and other disabilities. TLMTI uses innovative communication methods to influence social knowledge and attitudes on leprosy and other disabilities.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: In the past years, God has helped TLMTI to make good headway in influencing attitudes about leprosy at government and community levels through advocacy and strategic communication. Pray for God's continued favour.

TUE: Advocacy is key to achieving TLMTI's Country Strategy 2019-25. TLMTI is working towards creating an enabling environment for the organisation to achieve its strategic outcomes efficiently and effectively. Pray for God's continued guidance and direction.

WED: There are over 100 laws in India that discriminate against persons affected by leprosy. These laws violate their human rights – such as the right to participate in political life, the right to inclusion, and the right to freedom of movement. TLMTI is working with the Indian Government to repeal these laws and create a favourable legislative and policy environment for the inclusion of people affected by leprosy and their family members. Pray for success in all their endeavours.

THU: TLMTI, along with other stakeholders, is working with the Central and state governments to implement a policy of affirmative action for rehabilitation and inclusion of people affected by leprosy and their family members. It is very difficult work, but we believe nothing is impossible for God. Pray for God's intervention and guidance in this.

FRI: In India, more than 345 people are diagnosed with leprosy every day. Generating awareness about the leprosy is crucial to its eradication. Pray for the success of our awareness-raising activities.

SAT/SUN: Thank God for TLMTI's media partners, who show interest in the issue of leprosy. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in developing more partners.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15



We are a small group that works to increase the knowledge of the great international work of TLM. To let people know about us, we publish a newsletter (a paper and a digital edition), we organise small events and fundraising, and we have a Facebook page and a website.

Top: A fundraising dinner in Perugia that raised 800 euros for the work of The Leprosy Mission.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Join us in thanking God for all of the people who donate their time and money to the work of The Leprosy Mission in Italy. They are all a blessing to us.

TUE: Above all, we need to find more supporters and involve them in our work. Pray that God will guide us along this path as we reach new people with news of the work of The Leprosy Mission.

WED: Pray that we will find the right tools to reach people as we consider working with newspapers, reaching out to people directly, and communicating through brochures and our digital channels.

THU: Join us in praying that God will renew our team with new people who are sensitive to this great mission and responsible in their work.

SENIOR STAFF

Pietro Matino – Board Secretary;
Franco Ciuchi – Treasurer;
Elia Landi – Vice President.

KALA'S STORY

Kala Vai is a person affected by leprosy from Papua New Guinea. He was diagnosed in 2012 and he hadn't realised that the disease had reached his family, as well. Unfortunately, Kala's son was also diagnosed with leprosy.

"When I found out that my son was affected, I felt that leprosy was bringing poverty into our family. It affects your body and your mind. You become ashamed to be a part of the community. So you have to stay at home and you can only be the person you want to be inside yourself.

"I want to thank The Leprosy Mission for the last two years. It was very hard for us to receive treatment in our rural area, but The Leprosy Mission has trained medical officers to work in our community.

"I want to say thank you to all who support The Leprosy Mission, because you have helped to bring these medical services closer to us. Because of my experience, I have committed myself to helping others and bringing them to where I stand now: a person who has overcome leprosy."

"The Leprosy Mission is a great organisation which is committed to Papua New Guinea and the provinces."





HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PRAYER

One of the most powerful gifts you can give us is prayer. By using this diary, you've done that, so thank you.

GIVING

Our work receives substantial funding from individual donors – just like you – with 38% of our funding coming from people giving out of their own pockets, through regular giving and one-off donations.

The money you give today can help to end leprosy and transform lives across the world.

VOLUNTEERING

Our army of volunteers across the world are having a huge impact and there are lots of volunteering opportunities in many of the countries that we work in.

LEAVING A LEGACY

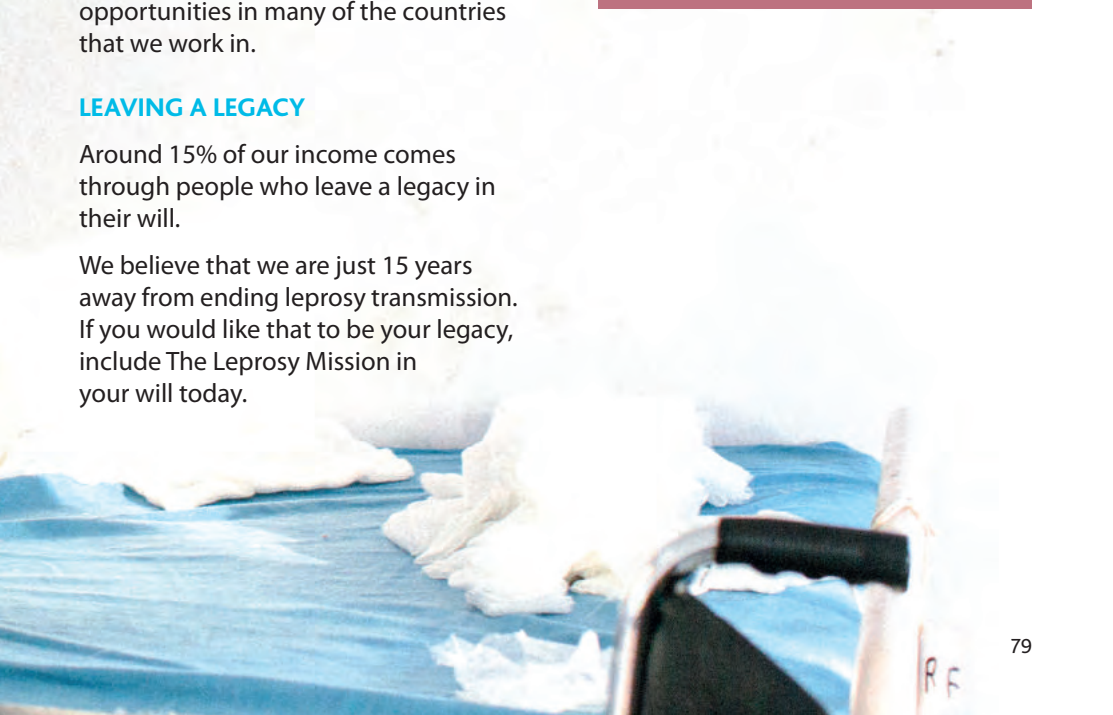
Around 15% of our income comes through people who leave a legacy in their will.

We believe that we are just 15 years away from ending leprosy transmission. If you would like that to be your legacy, include The Leprosy Mission in your will today.

SHOP

Visit tlmtrading.com to find gifts, books, crafts, homeware, and tasty treats. The proceeds from the sales on this website are funnelled back into our work to defeat leprosy and transform lives.

Find out how to give, volunteer, or leave a legacy today by finding the website and contact details of The Leprosy Mission in your country. Find their details on pages 82-83.



WHERE WE WORK

The Leprosy Mission believes that strength comes from unity, working together towards a common goal. We work hand-in-hand with governments and with local communities, with partner NGOs, local churches, WHO, Christian partners and many others to bring about the defeat of leprosy and transformation in the lives of people affected. Together we provide treatment and care for girls, boys, men and women living with the effects of leprosy in 18 countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. This would not be possible without the support of hundreds of thousands of people around the world that have responded to this call.





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There are more cases of leprosy in India than anywhere else in the world. Recent data suggest that 58% of global leprosy cases are in India. To reflect that, our team in India is, by some distance, the largest in the Global Fellowship.

To best celebrate the excellent efforts of the many people working in India, we've dedicated a special page to recognise as many people as we can.

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