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Ranjana's story

Ranjana is a shy 21 year old from Nepal who lives with her parents and her brother and sister. She went to school up until grade 9 and was diagnosed with leprosy when she was 11 years old. She developed skin patches and was referred to TLM's Anandaban Hospital.

Sadly, because her leprosy wasn't treated quickly enough, Ranjana developed clawed hands and then developed an ulcer when she burnt a part of her skin that did not have any feeling. Thanks to the kindness of TLM supporters across the world, she was able to undergo reconstructive surgery to fix her clawed hands in 2016.

Ranjana and her family have suffered discrimination from villagers. Ranjana said that the villagers are not kind and do not want to be linked to a leprosy-affected family, "nobody wants to marry into a leprosy affected family". Our teams continue to work hard to improve education and awareness of leprosy in communities across Nepal so that this kind of stigma can be banished.

We are so blessed that Ranjana has given to TLM by sharing her story with us. Please join us in praying thanks for her openness and praying for a future for her that is free from discrimination.



Welcome from the International Director



Dear praying friends and colleagues,

It is my pleasure to present to you the ASK Prayer Diary which highlights the work and ministry of The Leprosy Mission.

As the world continues to deal with the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, our work serving people, families, and communities affected by leprosy carries on. In presenting her recent report to the UN Human Rights Council, Dr Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their families, spoke of the 'disproportionate impact' the pandemic is having on those we have been called to serve. In response to this disproportionate impact, we have had to operate in different ways: conducting training sessions and meeting community groups online; utilising our hospitals to assist governments in responding to Covid-19; and supporting leprosy-affected communities with food and essential supplies. While carrying out this work, many of our dear staff colleagues have contracted and fallen ill with the virus and sadly, some have lost their lives – my heart goes out to all families who have lost loved ones.

At one of our online global meetings held in June 2021, we spoke of these times of pandemic being 'VUCA' times – Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. A suggested response to these volatile times was having a clear vision. I was reminded of the beautiful hymn, 'Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart' – with all the 'VUCA' that is happening around us, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Thank you for your prayers and support, it is deeply appreciated!

In Christ,

Brent Morgan
International Director

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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WHAT IS LEPROSY?

Leprosy is often considered a disease of the past. In fact, it continues to destroy lives all over the world as one person every two minutes is diagnosed with the disease.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease caused by the bacillus *Mycobacterium leprae*. It is most common in places of poverty as overcrowding, poor nutrition, and bad sanitation weaken people's immune systems, so they are less able to fight the disease.

WHAT DOES LEPROSY MEAN FOR THOSE AFFECTED?

PHYSICALLY

The first signs of leprosy are pale patches of skin. Leprosy is curable with a treatment known as Multi Drug Therapy (MDT), but if it goes untreated the consequences can be severe.

Mleprae also attacks the nerves of the body, meaning people affected by the disease see changes in their bodies.

These changes can mean people affected by leprosy may lose feeling in their hands and feet, which is dangerous as a cut on the foot from walking on rough terrain goes unnoticed, or a boiling pan is picked up without realising the damage that is being done to the skin. These injuries can lead to ulcers and even amputations in extreme cases.

The damage that leprosy does to nerves around the elbows and knees, can also lead to muscle paralysis resulting in clawed hands and drop foot. Paralysis of the eye muscles can eventually lead to blindness.

Acute episodes of inflammation called 'reactions' happen in up to half the people

KEY LEPROSY FACTS:

- Around 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy every year
- There are more than 100 laws that explicitly discriminate against people affected by leprosy
- We believe that, if we work together, there will be no new cases of leprosy by 2035
- Leprosy is reported in 127 countries, with 79% of all new cases occurring in India, Brazil, and Indonesia (2019 data)

diagnosed with leprosy. Reactions cause swelling and pain in skin, nerves and eyes, and patients may need to be hospitalised for months.

SOCIALLY

The social consequences of leprosy can be as severe as the physical consequences. The stigma surrounding leprosy in many communities means that people affected by the disease face incredible levels of discrimination from their communities, friends, and family.

Children will find they are turned away from their schools and their families. Adults are turned away from jobs and from housing. Far too many people affected by leprosy have no choice but to beg in order to get by.

In the coming pages you will see a glimpse of how we are trying to turn the tide on that discrimination across the world.

Pray for people affected by leprosy with the latest prayer requests from the fight to defeat leprosy available on your phone every day.



No matter when or where you are, if you are struck by an inspiration to pray for people affected by leprosy, you can do so by following The Leprosy Mission on the PrayerMate app.

PrayerMate is the only place to find the very latest prayer requests from across the world of TLM.

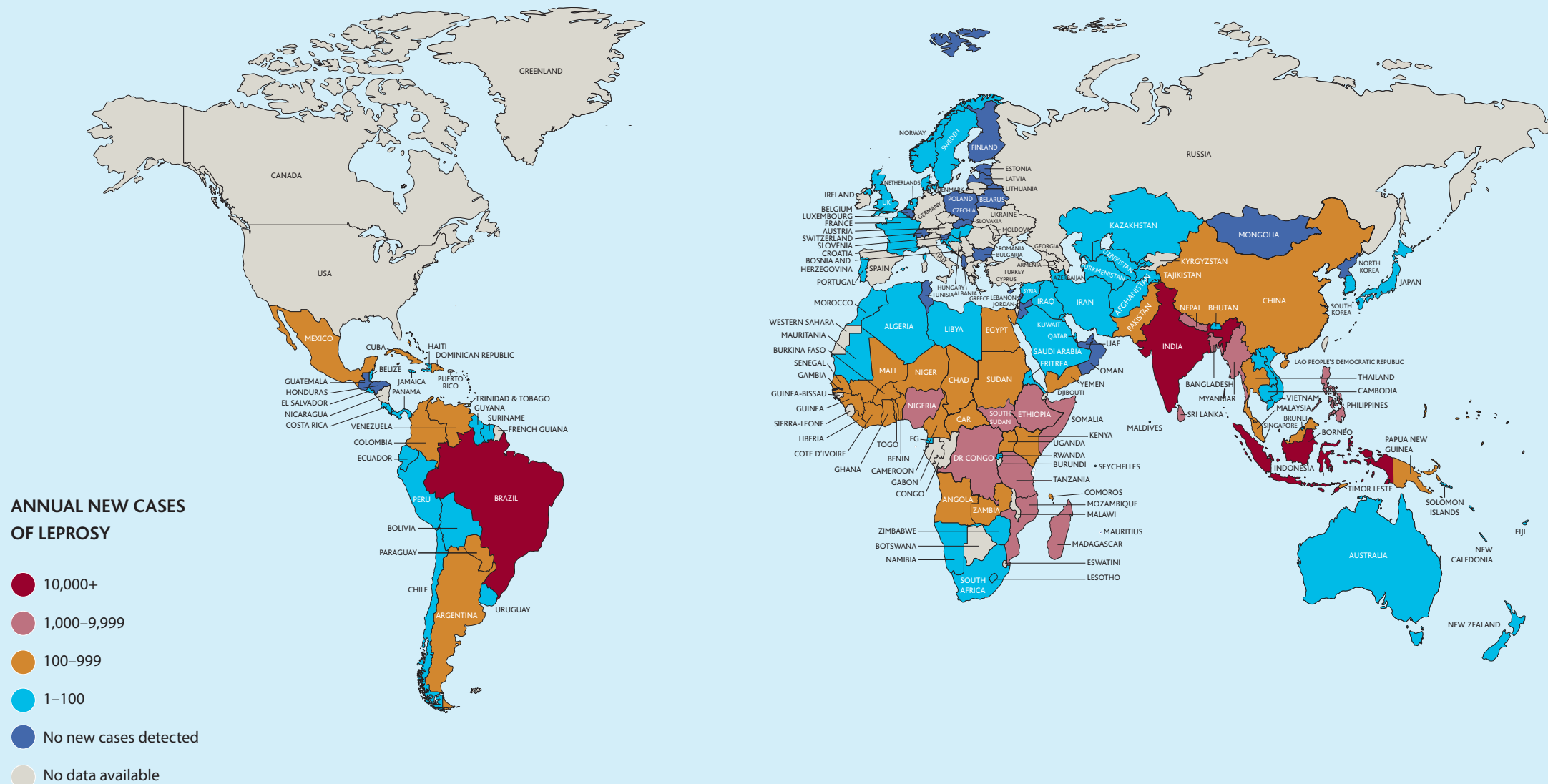
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WHERE LEPROSY IS FOUND TODAY

For a map of the countries where TLM works see page 82

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.



SOURCE: WHO 2020

YOUR LOVE LIVING ON IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Leaving a gift in your Will is an opportunity for you to make an impact for generations to come, as together we can bring God's Kingdom here on earth for the least, the last, and the looked over.

We know that you share our dream of a world free from the devastating effects of leprosy – will you help us to continue working passionately to make that dream a reality with a gift in your Will?

To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact The Leprosy Mission's office in your country (see pages 84-85).



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THE LEPROSY MISSION'S GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP 1–2 JAN

The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Exodus 15:2

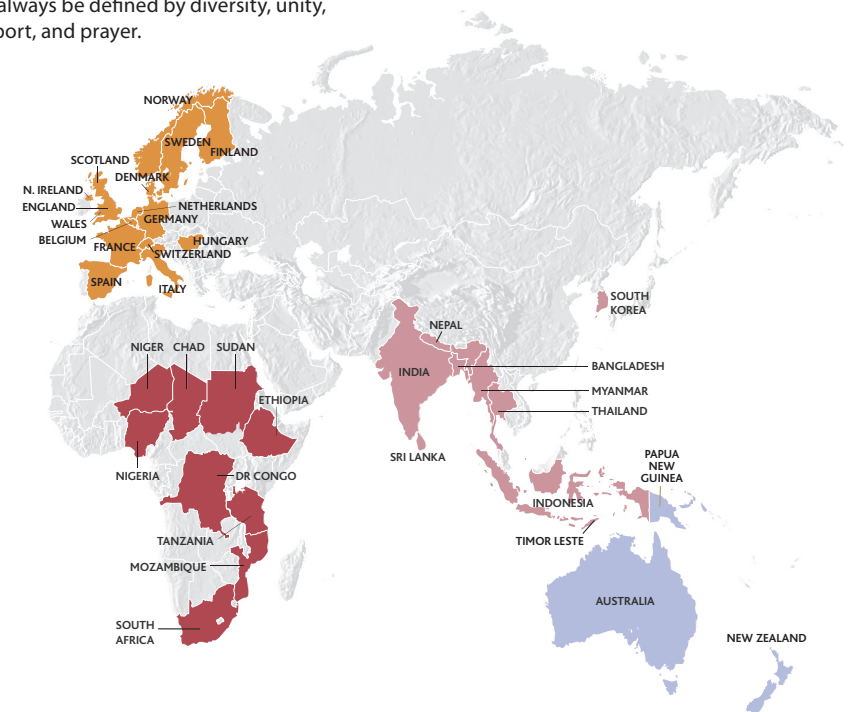
The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship consists of 31 Members and Affiliates from countries across the world. The most recent country to join TLM's Fellowship was Norway.

Each Member of the Global Fellowship has committed to work together as one to defeat leprosy through:

- Upholding our common purpose and identity
- Contributing to the shared life of the Mission
- Strengthening our global unity
- Being mutually accountable
- Observing financial stewardship

The Global Fellowship means that, whether you are a staff member or volunteer working in a busy capital city office or you are a clinician working in a remote village, you are part of a larger family of more than 2,000 people who are working to defeat leprosy and transform lives.

Christ is at the heart of the Global Fellowship and we will always be defined by diversity, unity, mutual support, and prayer.



PRAYER POINTS

SAT: The Covid-19 experience has been a difficult time for many TLM Members. We have been separated by great distances and several Members, particularly in South Asia, have experienced the worst of the pandemic. Please pray for the recovery of those teams that have been worst affected by Covid-19 and pray that we will be able to forge new bonds in the post-Covid world.

SUN: Although the Covid-19 pandemic has separated us physically, we have managed to continue meeting online. We have had numerous successful online meetings since March 2020 and we would like you to join us in praising God for this. Such regular contact during a global pandemic would have been impossible for much of our 148-year history and we are blessed to have had the privilege of staying in touch through these difficult days.

MYANMAR

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Psalms 85: 10-13



TLM Myanmar works to achieve zero leprosy transmission and ensure people with disabilities and/or leprosy can participate in and influence Myanmar's society. Work takes place in Yangon, Taungoo, Mandalay, Sittwe, and Pakokku. Our leprosy activities are possible through strong partnerships with people across Myanmar.

We aim to:

- Improve leprosy knowledge, capacity and early case detection.
- Provide inclusion training to organisations.
- Empower people to advocate for themselves and reduce barriers to their inclusion in society.
- Provide assistive devices that are difficult to find within the local healthcare system.
- Coordinate with different donors and stakeholders.
- Improve referral mechanisms to specialist hospitals.

TLM Myanmar partners with the Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital to deliver quality medical care and rehabilitation services. We also partner with the Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan so that we can reach remote regions. We work through churches so that, through their networks, we can reach more people affected by leprosy.

KEY STAFF

Dr Zaw Moe Aung – TLM Country Leader
Ms Naw Tin Tin Mar – Head of Programmes
Ms Kalayar Tun – Finance Manager
Ms Naw Say Say Phaw – Human Resource Manager
Dr Hla Hla Aye – TLM Myanmar Board Chair

3–9 JAN

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for our partners at Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital and the Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan. Praise God for those teams and ask God to bless them and their work. Please also pray for our Early Childhood Intervention Pilot model, which is running in two townships.

TUE: Pray for TLMM's prosthesis, orthotics and orthopaedic shoes team & mobile workshops as they continue production and services for people affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities. Pray for the successful completion of the workshop building and the installation of the machines and equipment. Pray that the Inclusive Advisory Team can promote technical capacity and share their experiences with other partner's organisations.

WED: Pray for the political situation in Myanmar. Pray for the release of political prisoners and an end to the conflict. Pray that Internally Displaced persons can return to their homes to live peacefully. Pray for a better nation, for order, justice, and peace.

THU: Pray for TLM Myanmar Staff as they commit to serving the community. Keep them safe from Covid-19.

FRI: TLM Myanmar has been working with 15 new churches, supporting volunteers and congregation members to reach out to local communities so that they can provide support and services to persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability. Please pray for these churches to be even more serious about the inclusion of leprosy and disability in their worship programmes. Please pray that they can provide long-term support and pray for the 50 further churches we will reach out to in 2022.

SAT: Pray for our Board Members and our Senior Leadership Team as they serve and govern TLM Myanmar. Pray for wisdom from God.

SUN: Please pray for MAPAL, the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy. Pray for the different MAPAL groups across 15 places in Myanmar. Pray that they will each be a blessing to their communities.

Top: The TLM Myanmar team at the Yangon country office.

TLM CHURCHES

10–16 JAN

For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:13



We are supported by nearly 6,000 churches in countries across the world. In countries where there is no leprosy, these churches provide persons affected by leprosy with vital support through fundraising and giving. This could be hosting World Leprosy Day services, running a fundraising event, or inviting a TLM Speaker to deliver a sermon.

In countries where leprosy is present, TLM Churches provide support through community interventions. This could include conducting leprosy awareness camps, providing health services, offering scholarships to children who have been affected by leprosy, and visiting those who are in hospital because of leprosy.

Whether a church is providing support through physiotherapy for people with leprosy-related disabilities or hosting a fundraising event, all TLM Churches are a crucial part of our Mission.

Top: Bishop Donald Allister, Vice President of TLM England & Wales, visits a church in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for every single church that is a part of our network of churches. Thank God for inspiring His people to care for people affected by leprosy.

TUE: Some of the churches we are partnering with are based in countries where being a Christian can lead to persecution. Please pray for the safety for these churches and their congregations.

WED: Join us in thanking God for the churches that offer services directly to people affected by leprosy. These churches can sometimes be in communities where leprosy is taboo, meaning the contributions by these churchgoers are so important.

THU: Church giving is an essential part of our funding. Without the support of churches across the world since 1874, The Leprosy Mission would not be where it is today. Thank God for all the churches that have given to the fight to defeat leprosy.

FRI: TLM works in many countries where other faiths are prominent. Join us in thanking God for the partnerships we have with other faith communities, who are also committed to supporting persons affected by leprosy. May these different communities continue to bless one another.

SAT: Jesus set the example for TLM when he showed love and compassion to persons affected by leprosy in his earthly life. Please pray for all those churchgoers who are following in his footsteps by providing healing and hope. What a beautiful message these actions send to people who receive support in their darkest hours.

SUN: As churches across the world gather together to worship today, thank God for every service that talks about leprosy with hope and compassion. The support of God's people has limitless power when it is channelled through heaven.

The act of compassion

The following was written in June 2021.

Compassion is easier said than done. Until the coup d'état on 1 February 2021, many people in Myanmar had experienced little of the conflicts within our country over the last seventy years. We knew of these conflicts, but we had not absorbed their reality into our consciousness. Ethnic minorities within Myanmar have not been so fortunate; their sufferings are beyond words.

Villages have been destroyed, civilians have been massacred, and survivors have been conscripted as labourers or even soldiers. Many have been sandwiched between warring factions, the main culprits being the Myanmar military. Millions have been displaced by these conflicts, even while Myanmar experienced relative freedom and democracy. Among these millions are more than 700,000 Rohingya who were forced out by the army's clearance operations. They are now refugees in Thailand, Bangladesh, India, China, and other neighbouring countries.

Now the rest of the country has to confess: our concerns about the sufferings of others within Myanmar had not been enough. Since the military seized power, we have all seen their brutality as we have experienced cruel crackdowns of peaceful protests across the country.

When many within Myanmar responded to the government coup by calling on the UN to trigger the 'Responsibility to Protect', which would have led to a serious international intervention, some questioned this. One ethnic leader asked why the people of Myanmar were

only calling for this now, when the suffering had been going on for years prior to the coup. He asked if the sufferings of people in cities were more precious than those in hilly areas.

When Rohingya villages burned, hundreds of thousands were killed, women were raped, and there was an exodus of hundreds of thousands of people to Bangladesh, many of us told ourselves these sufferings were no different from those of other ethnic groups. We were even suspicious of their claims; the military's propaganda stopped us from seeing the truth and speaking out.

I was pleased to see hundreds of comments on Facebook and Twitter from people in Myanmar apologising to our Rohingya brothers and sisters for not supporting them when the military attacked them. It was remarkable to see such a turnaround. Now we see money and relief items being sent from the cities to displaced Kachin, Kayah, and Karen ethnic groups in response to their recent clashes with the military. It's the first time we've seen this to such a large extent.

I am proud that compassion is one of TLM Myanmar's five key values. It makes it easier for us to have compassion towards those who are suffering beyond words. I pray for a ripple effect of this heightened emotion across Myanmar. I pray for people to have genuine and unconditional compassion. I pray that this value will not be in short supply among us nor among people across the world. May we all follow the example of the God of Compassion.

Dr Zaw Moe Aung
Country Leader of The Leprosy Mission Myanmar

*Thus says the LORD of
hosts:
Execute true justice,
Show mercy and
compassion
Everyone to his brother.
Do not oppress the widow
or the fatherless,
The alien or the poor.
Let none of you plan evil in
his heart
Against his brother.*

Zechariah 7:9-10

BANGLADESH

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMIB) has extended its working area and now implements 22 projects across 34 districts with 283 staff members.

The Country Office, based in Dhaka, is responsible for providing support for and oversight of projects, networking with partners, and building relationships with relevant stakeholders.

TLM Bangladesh's projects provide leprosy control, community-based rehabilitation, advocacy, research, and leprosy referral services. TLM Bangladesh also sees research into leprosy as a major pathway to achieving zero leprosy transmission, disability, and discrimination. They have established a core research programme with the necessary resources.

TLM Bangladesh also supports the National Tuberculosis Programme in two districts to reduce the prevalence of tuberculosis.

Top: The Senior Management Team at TLMIB.

17–23 JAN

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Partnership with local organisations has become a key part of TLMIB's work. Currently TLMIB is covering 14 districts through nine local partners. Please pray the team can overcome the challenges our partners are facing, particularly due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

TUE: TLMIB is expecting a new strategy to start for the period of 2022-2026. Pray for guidance as we align our projects to this new strategy.

WED: TLMIB has long been governed by TLM's International Board. Progress towards our team being governed by a locally-based Board was delayed by Covid-19. Please pray for the Advisory Board and the staff team as we make steady progress towards this exciting goal.

THU: The pandemic unsettled regular service provision for persons affected by leprosy in Bangladesh. Please pray for the team as they work through these challenges and pray for staff wellbeing as they maintain services in the field. Pray for their physical and mental wellbeing.

FRI: Pray that TLMIB staff will demonstrate TLM values through their actions. Pray that they will share the love of Christ as they engage and interact with leprosy-affected persons.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the success of the Learning-360 project, which received major institutional funding. Please pray for more success at gaining institutional funding so that we can achieve zero leprosy.

KEY STAFF

Mr Salomon Sumon Halder - TLMIB Country Director
Mr Jiptha Boiragee - Programme Support Coordinator
Mr James Taposh Adhikary - Administration and Finance Coordinator
Mr Surendra Nath Singh - Programme Leader, Community Programme & Rural Health Programme
Mr John Arpon Samaddar - Programme Leader, Chattogram & Dhaka Programme
Mr Augustine Amal D'Rozario - Programme Leader, DBLM Hospital Programme
Mrs Suma Reverio - Human Resources Manager
Mr Ashim Saha - Project Manager, Learning-360 project
Dr Benedict Alo D'Rozario - Chairman, TLMIB Advisory Board

WORLD LEPROSY DAY

24–30 JAN



World Leprosy Day takes place on the last Sunday of each January. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of a disease that many people are not aware still exists and many other people treat with fear and stigma.

Persons affected by leprosy and communicators from leprosy-focused organisations work together to develop the theme for World Leprosy Day each year. We then use our voices, both online and offline, to raise awareness.

In countries where leprosy is not present, many churches host a Leprosy Sunday service to raise money for work to defeat leprosy. In countries where leprosy is still present, World Leprosy Day is a chance to host awareness-raising events, both in local communities and with governments and other national organisations.

You can play your part through social media, by searching for The Leprosy Mission and sharing the messages that our teams are producing.

Top: This is Lovely from Bangladesh. She likes to sing at the World Leprosy Day event at our DBLM Hospital in Bangladesh.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for our teams and for organisations of persons affected by leprosy as they make their final preparations for World Leprosy Day 2022.

TUE: World Leprosy Day is taking place on 30 January this year, which is the same day as World NTD Day. Leprosy is one of several NTDs (Neglected Tropical Diseases) that affect more than 1 billion people across the world. Please pray for those who are preparing for World NTD Day and ask God to ensure the two events will complement each other well.

WED: In some communities, leprosy carries huge stigma. In those communities, showing pride as a person affected by leprosy or standing alongside those affected by the disease brings risk of further stigma. Please pray that this World Leprosy Day will bring hope into these communities, not further fear and stigma.

THU: World Leprosy Day is a key date in the fundraising calendar for TLM. Please pray that people across the world will be moved to give the funds we need to end leprosy. Join us in praising God for all those who follow in Christ's footsteps by caring for persons affected by leprosy through their giving.

FRI: Please pray that policymakers across the world will hear the message of World Leprosy Day and will be encouraged to enact real and positive change in response.

SAT: Social media is an important part of our World Leprosy Day efforts, enabling us to reach millions of people across the world. Please pray for God's blessing on all of our digital efforts this weekend.

SUN: Today is World Leprosy Day! Thank God for everything that will happen today, the people who will be encouraged, the people who will be moved to donate, the people who will be motivated to share important messages both online and offline. Praise be to God!

TLM TRADING LTD – CHANGE LIVES WITH YOUR SHOPPING

I will tell of the loving-kindnesses of God. I will praise him for all he has done...

Isaiah 63:7



TLM Trading exists to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy by being a profitable Christian trading company that raises awareness and funds for The Leprosy Mission.

TLM Trading started as a mail order company, producing catalogues to sell Christmas cards and gifts. Over the years, our website (tlmtrading.com) grew in importance and now generates more orders than the catalogues. The e-commerce boom of Covid-19 lockdown in the UK led to a big rise of people shopping with us. The challenge for 2022 is how to follow this! For 2022 our five goals are:

- **Profit** – to make a profit, raising funds to serve people affected by leprosy
- **Promotion** – to promote Gifts for Life and donations
- **Profile** – to raise awareness of TLM's work
- **Products** – to source products that our customers want with a focus on ethical goods, sustainable goods, and goods made by disadvantaged groups
- **People** – to have a focused, skilled, and motivated team

Thank you for your prayers for our small team as we work hard to help defeat leprosy and transform lives.

Top: TLM Trading has a new Gift for Life which will provide a vegetable garden for people like Bhagya.

31 JAN–6 FEB

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Please pray that TLM Trading will make a good profit in 2022. We will need wise product selection, clever marketing, excellent cost control and generous customers. We are expecting a new Customer Relationship Management Database in 2022 to help with this.

TUE: Pray for the success of the new additions to the Gifts for Life range. Customers can give an alternative gift: A Researcher's Salary; Covid Vaccinations for 24 Vulnerable People; The Gift of Sight; A Vegetable Garden for a Leprosy Patient or Improved Nutrition for 30 Families - with money going directly to the relevant project.

WED: TLM Trading is constantly acquiring newer, younger customers, with over 1 million people receiving a TLM Christmas card every year. Please pray that new customers will quickly become TLM supporters.

THU: Many artisan suppliers have suffered greatly during the pandemic. Pray for their safety and the renewed success of their businesses. Pray that TLM Trading customers will love their greetings cards, leather handbags and other gifts so that we can place more orders with the artisans.

FRI: Pray for creativity and good business decisions for the dedicated team at Trading. Please pray especially for Amanda, the CEO, and for Francie, the new Digital Marketing Assistant.

SAT/SUN: Thank God for the TLM Trading Board of Directors. Please pray especially for Chris Wickenden, the Chair, and for the two new Directors who have recently joined.

KEY STAFF

Chris Wickenden – Chair of the Board
Amanda Norman – CEO
Jan Arden – Purchasing and Inventory Manager
Felicity Garratt – Product Marketing Manager
Chris Gadd – Purchasing Assistant
Francie Jones – Digital Marketing Assistant
Judith Merrell – Book Selection and Publishing Manager
Carol Scane – Business Development Manager
Aaron Scott – Digital and CRM Manager

INDIA – NATIONAL OVERVIEW

7–13 FEB

LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress.

Isaiah 33:2



Operating since 1874, The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) is the largest leprosy-focussed non-governmental organisation in India. We work towards healing, inclusion and the dignity of people affected by leprosy, other NTDs and disabilities. TLMTI's manifold interventions include specialised leprosy care, disability management, skills-based training, community empowerment, livelihood generation, and the facilitation of access to social benefits.

In 2021, the Covid-19 pandemic took away lives and overwhelmed healthcare facilities. Nationwide lockdown disrupted the treatment regime of people affected by leprosy and other diseases that require constant medical attention. By God's grace, TLMTI was able to tackle the crisis head-on by demonstrating resolve and resilience. Under the Lord's leadership and guidance, we continue to reach out to more and more people requiring treatment, livelihood support and help in accessing social benefits.

Top: TLM hospitals stepped up their efforts to treat Covid-19 patients during the second wave.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray that those entrusted with leading this great organisation are guided by the Lord to think "outside the pyramid" to share power and authority, encouraging innovation and spreading influence.

TUE: Pray for God's wisdom upon the national and unit leaders of TLMTI so that the leadership will be good stewards of God's resources and talents.

WED: We humbly plead for God's miraculous power so that all staff members will continue to work together in humility to serve the most marginalised and vulnerable amidst the pandemic. Pray that God will keep each one and their families safe.

THU: Pray for the Audit & Risk Management team as they endeavour to move to digital platforms to make the process of auditing more efficient, effective and meaningful.

FRI: Pray for organisational sustainability, both with our programmes and our finances.

SAT: Pray for the implementation of the Country Strategy and the timely achievement of objectives, despite all the prevailing odds.

SUN: Pray that TLMTI may be an aspirational organisation, which may attract the younger generation to work and serve here, especially doctors who are committed and willing to work for the vulnerable sections of society.

KEY STAFF

Dr Premal Das – Interim Executive Director
Bhal Chakranarayan – Board Chairman

NIGERIA

14–20 FEB

A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed; "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean" he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him "I am willing" he said, "Be healed!"

Mark 1:40 – 41



The Leprosy Mission Nigeria (TLMN) works with the Federal Government of Nigeria, across 24 states, to fulfil its long-term vision of defeating leprosy and transforming lives.

Nigeria still reports over 1,000 new cases of leprosy every year (including men, women, and children) and is on the WHO's list of 23 priority countries.

TLMN works with donor agencies, churches, and individual partners, to achieve the goal of eradicating leprosy in Nigeria. Our country programme focuses on the early diagnosis and treatment of leprosy, leprosy prevention, and the management of disabilities due to leprosy. We also work to strengthen livelihoods and education and fight to reduce stigma and prejudice against individuals and families affected by leprosy and other Neglected Tropical Diseases.

SENIOR STAFF

Dr. Sunday Udo – Country Leader
Mr. Terver Anyor – Head of Funds Development
Mr. Pius Ogbu Sunday – Head of Programme & Operations
Mr. Obinna Anagboso – Head of Finance and Administration

PRAYER POINTS

MON: On World Leprosy Day 2022, TLMN paid visits to churches, donor agencies and communities of persons affected by leprosy. Please pray that this will lead to an increase in the understanding of this disease and the strength to tackle the stigma associated with it.

TUE: The TLMN Annual Staff Conference will be held in May 2022. Please pray that, as they seek the face of God during the conference, they shall also be filled with a renewed commitment towards their work.

WED: Pray for the TLMN fundraising department as they pursue new partnerships and funding opportunities. Also pray for donors, volunteers, supporters, and the rest of the staff as they coordinate and complete TLMN projects.

THU: Please pray for the TLMN Board meeting in May. Ask for strength and wisdom for the leaders, that they will guide the organisation towards the best ways to transform the lives of the people whom we have been called to serve.

FRI: Insecurity remains a serious problem in Nigeria. Please pray that God should continue to protect the citizens of the nation and give the leaders the strength and wisdom to make the right decisions.

SAT: Let us commit the TLM Nigeria 2021–2025 country strategy into God's hands. This strategy is geared towards the collaborative effort of reducing the burden of leprosy in Nigeria. Ask that God will see us through the successful implementation of the strategy. Pray the purpose for each project shall be fulfilled in Jesus' name.

SUN: For over 5 years, Green Worship has supported an education project for children in leprosy-affected communities through TLMN. Please pray for God's continuous blessings on the children and Green Worship.

Top: Excited children at the TLMN and Green Worship Education Project at Alheri special village in Abuja.

SCOTLAND

21–27 FEB



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. Our key message is that our supporters will "make leprosy a thing of the past."

We have ambitious plans to reach a much wider range of people and raise much more support over the next few years. By "eradicating leprosy, one 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, speaking in churches, coffee mornings, home- and church-based events, 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.

KEY STAFF

Linda Todd - Chief Executive
Stuart McAra - Head of Engagement
Mhairi Dawson - Head of Supporter Care and Volunteer Development
Tim Reed - Head of Insight
Anne Muirden - Chair of Trustees

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the many donors who give generously to help people affected by leprosy through the various projects that TLM Scotland supports. Give special thanks for people's wonderful generosity throughout the Covid-19 crisis, despite the fear and uncertainty that they were facing.

TUE: Give thanks for our volunteer Board members, speakers, church representatives and community fundraisers in Scotland. Pray that God will bless them for all that they do. Pray for new volunteers to step forward in key areas, especially for new members of the Church Partnership Team.

WED: 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.

THU: Give thanks for everyone who took part in a fundraising event last year, like Kiltwalks or "Cook Up A Curry", and those who used their birthday as a fundraiser. Pray that more people would take part in more events this year, finding new and different ways to raise support for people affected by leprosy.

FRI: Give thanks for those churches that support people affected by leprosy, and TLM, with their gifts and prayers. Pray that we will be able to strengthen our relationship with these churches. 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, PrayerMate.

Top: Supporters from across Scotland (including 5 dogs) took part in Scotland's Virtual Kiltwalk in May 2021 to raise funds to make leprosy a thing of the past.

NEPAL

28 FEB–6 MAR

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



The Leprosy Mission Nepal (TLMN) has been working in Nepal since 1957, when Anandaban Hospital (p. 45) was established. Now a local NGO with its own board, TLMN has been working in partnership with the Government of Nepal to provide specialist tertiary care and technical support for leprosy activities.

The **RIGHT project** is a research project funded by NIHR-Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation (RIGHT). RIGHT aims to transform the treatment and prevention of ulcers caused by leprosy and Buruli in three countries – Nepal, India and Nigeria.

The **HEAL Nepal** project hopes to improve the health and dignity of people affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis in 11 highly endemic districts in southern Nepal. The project provides cutting-edge treatment and care, including training and building the capacity of healthcare workers.

FOUND (Fuelling Opportunity to end Unemployment for Nepalis with Disability) supports people with disabilities to find employment (both formal and self-employment).

KEY STAFF

Mr Shovakhar Kandel – Country Director
Dr Jemish Acharya – Programmes Manager
Mr Bharat Pande – Financial Controller & Analyst
Mr Yam Nath Yogi – Project Director, HEAL Project
Mr Chiranjivi Sharma – Project Director, FOUND Project
Dr Indra Napit – Project Director, RIGHT Project
Mr Ashok Adhikari – Chairman of TLM Nepal Board

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Please pray for the Country Director, Mr Shovakhar Kandel, and his Country Office team. They are involved in the supervision and monitoring of all our programmes. Please pray for their safety and good health.

TUE: Despite a successful first year, the FOUND project went through various ups and downs due to the pandemic and an unanticipated funding crisis. Now that the project has found new life, we take this opportunity to thank the Lord for His unconditional grace and pray for more productive years to come.

WED: Pray for the completion of participants' enrolment in the two separate studies within the RIGHT research project. One is testing an innovative ulcer treatment and the other is evaluating the self-help groups for people affected by leprosy and other diseases.

THU: The HEAL Nepal project targets the successful integration of lymphatic filariasis and leprosy services. Pray for continued success for HEAL Nepal. Also pray for the successful training of health workers, medical officers and female community health volunteers; as well as skin camps in HEAL Nepal districts.

FRI: Please pray for the success of the FOUND project. Pray that its Disability Confident Employer Scheme's marketing and branding strategy will attract business owners and employers. Pray for the FOUND team, for their continuous efforts to produce and sustain skilled people with disability in the job market.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the self-help group members and community people of the IMPACT project, whose lives have been affected by the pandemic. Pray that they will be able to register their Cooperatives, which will improve their socioeconomic development.

Top: Mr Shovakhar Kandel, Country Director of TLM Nepal.

ENGLAND AND WALES

7–13 MAR

Therefore let us offer through Jesus, a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don't forget to do good and share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Hebrews 13:15-16



The Leprosy Mission England and Wales' main focus is fundraising and providing technical expertise to ensure effective implementation of high-quality programmes overseas. Our supporters enable leprosy and disability services to be provided across ten countries in Africa and Asia.

Throughout the last year, we have been overwhelmed with the goodness of our Father God, who answered our prayers for continued financial support. Our faithful supporters have stood alongside people affected by leprosy, despite the huge challenges that they themselves have faced through the Covid-19 pandemic. So many have been affected by loss and isolation. We continue to pray they will know the peace and love of God in their lives.

Daily prayer remains central to our work life as we intercede for the many needs across TLM's Global Fellowship and for supporters. Over the last 12 months, there has been a growth in faith fuelled by miraculous answers to prayer.

KEY STAFF

Peter Waddup – CEO
Sian Arulanantham – Head of Programmes and Research
Arminda O'Reilly – Head of Human Resources
Louise Timmins – Head of Fundraising and Communications
Andy Lancaster – Chair of Trustees

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for past support from the UK Government's Aid Match appeal for Mozambique. We pray that the Government will recognise the urgent need to end leprosy and prioritise funding for those have been stigmatised and disabled because of it.

TUE: Praise God for technology. The pandemic has provided new opportunities to connect with people digitally, from online church services to special webinars. Pray that we can continue to find new ways of engaging new and existing supporters to raise awareness of leprosy.

WED: Give thanks for our Board of Trustees, who are volunteers that support us in achieving our financial goals and ensure adherence to good charity governance. Pray that our new trustees will quickly feel part of the TLM family and be anointed in this role.

THU: In 2021, in response to financial pressures in the UK, the Government cut its overseas aid commitment from 0.7 percent of Gross National Income to just 0.5 percent. Please pray that the 0.7 percent commitment will be reinstated as soon as possible, and spent wisely so that the most vulnerable are reached.

FRI: Many of the countries where we work are experiencing challenging circumstances including insurgencies, attacks, and military rule. Pray for divine protection to ensure the safety and security of TLM staff and partners, as they reach out to serve those most in need.

SAT/SUN: We pray regularly for our supporters and give thanks for their generosity. Many have been supporters for decades, whilst others have recently joined us on the journey to end leprosy. Please pray that every individual will know that they are responding to God's call 'to do good and share with those in need'.

Top: Peter Waddup prays with Dr Saw in Myanmar
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Mario's story

Mario is from Mozambique. He's married, with four children and works as a farmer. He has a strong sense of presence, and appears a very calm man. His community sees him as a leader.

Mario was first aware of his leprosy at the age of 22. He found patches and a wound on his body. His family took him to a traditional healer, but the treatment the healer provided did not work. By the time he received treatment, it was too late, leprosy had cost him a finger.

Mario faced discrimination due to his appearance. He told us that people were repulsed by him. However, Mario knew he had to get his strength back, "I went to the hospital. I started taking the medications. That's when I started to feel improvements in my body and the wounds healed." The possibility of completely healed wounds gave Mario the strength he needed; "now when I touch my body, despite having suffered from the disease, I feel that this body is mine."

Mario has now received training that allows him to be a volunteer leprosy advocate, visiting villages and telling people about leprosy, so they know it is not to be afraid of and that it is cured with a simple antibiotic treatment.

Mario has taught people the importance of taking care of their bodies through



hygiene practices like washing one's clothes, moisturising feet, and putting ointment on skin to keep it hydrated.

"If they might have leprosy, people prefer me to take them to the hospital. When they get there they are diagnosed and after the exam, when they discover they have leprosy, I get the drugs and I give them the medicines and they can be cured. And so they are very happy".

In the 15 years he's been a volunteer, he thinks that he has found hundreds of people with leprosy and believes he has a lot to be thankful for, "although I lost my fingers, I am grateful nonetheless. I live well with people, they don't discriminate against me, nor do I feel discriminated against."

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THAILAND AND INDONESIA

14-20 MAR

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Nahum 1:7



Indonesia

Indonesia ranks third in the world in the number of leprosy cases. TLM teams in New Zealand, the Netherlands and Australia have partnered with NLR Indonesia to work in one of the poorest districts in West Java, Indramayu.

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

McKean Hospital, Thailand

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. 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 trains caregivers for the elderly, provides palliative and hospice care, and pastoral care for all involved. McKean also provides teaching and leprosy awareness to medical personnel.

KEY STAFF

McKean

Rev Wichian Chanhom - Acting Director
Boonyarid Promsuttipong - Manager

Indonesia (within the TLM NZ office)

Gillian Whitley - TLM NZ Country Leader
Andrew Harding - Programmes Adviser

PRAYER POINTS

Thailand

MON: Give thanks and pray for the new leadership team at McKean and the start of the new ministry through independent living units.

TUE: Pray that marginalised and disadvantaged patients will be able to travel for the treatment they need, and will find new hope, mobility and wellbeing

WED: Pray for doctors to provide timely diagnosis and correct treatment for new leprosy patients who are attending integrated general clinics in Thailand, and for appropriate support to be given to many disabled patients who are growing elderly and frail.

Indonesia

THU: Give thanks and praise for the collaboration within TLM's Global Fellowship and the wider community of organisations working in the field of leprosy. TLM New Zealand, Netherlands and Australia are co-funding a PEP project that is being implemented by NLR Indonesia. This means intensive case finding and distribution of the preventative antibiotic, Rifampicin, as we seek to end leprosy transmission by 2035.

FRI: Praise and prayer is needed for the NLR Indonesian staff team Asken, Astri, Solia and Sutejo. The team supports the Ministry's leprosy programme and plays an important role in training health staff on leprosy. Give thanks for their commitment and pray for wisdom, grace and foresight for this life-changing work.

SAT/SUN: The Covid-19 pandemic brought a substantive setback to the project as Indonesia went into multiple lockdowns and the priority of health workers shifted to managing Covid-19 patients. Pray for God's protection and guidance as the team navigates through the pandemic and its effects. Pray too, that people affected by leprosy receive vital support to cure their leprosy.

Top: A young boy in Indonesia taking a preventative antibiotic for leprosy.

SUDAN

21-27 MAR



TLM Sudan works closely with the Federal Ministry of Health and Khartoum State to defeat leprosy and other NTDs, as well as bringing greater awareness of leprosy and its consequences.

In Sudan, around 500 people are diagnosed with leprosy each year and many more live with the long-term consequences of the disease.

Sudan is a country that underwent a military coup as recently as 2019 and vital infrastructure flaws can cause problems with electricity and internet access. It is hoped that democratic elections can take place in 2022 so that an elected government can be installed to take over from the military.

Within this context, our small Sudanese team partners with the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Aburoff Clinic to provide leprosy services, such as wound care, protective footwear, and eye care. The Aburoff Clinic is Sudan's only specialist leprosy centre and people travel from across Sudan for treatment.

Top: John examines a skin smear test as part of the leprosy diagnosis process.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Please pray for the security situation throughout Sudan and particularly in Khartoum State. Please pray for peaceful, democratic elections later in 2022.

TUE: Please pray for our continued cooperation with the Ministry of Health. Please pray that we will be able to continue providing leprosy services together.

WED: Please pray for the safety and security of our team, the Aburoff Clinic, and persons affected by leprosy in Sudan.

THU: Please pray for our leprosy contact tracing efforts in Sudan. It is hard for us to track the people who have been in close contact with recently diagnosed leprosy patients because of stigma. Please pray that this will change and we will identify everyone who needs treatment.

FRI: Please pray for our safeguarding work in Sudan. In recent years the team has been placing ever greater emphasis on this essential part of their work. Please pray that God will bless their efforts.

SAT: Please pray for all patients at the Aburoff Clinic who are experiencing leprosy reaction, which can make patients feel very unwell for extended periods. Please pray for quick healing.

SUN: Please pray for TLM's leads within Sudan, John and Seela. Please pray that God will bless the work of their hands and that He will guide and protect them and their families.

KEY STAFF

Ms Seela Kajo Shalluka - Clinic and Office Administrator
Mr John Kuku - Leprosy Supervisor & Logistic Officer

...you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Cor 15:58



TLM Hungary has been supporting people affected by leprosy since 1974, and is the only country in the Eastern region of Europe which does so. This work is made possible by the generosity of individuals and churches.

Because prayer for people affected by leprosy is so important, the ASK Prayer Diary has been translated by a group of mainly young volunteers into Hungary's national language for the 13th time. TLM's Bridge Devotional is also sent out monthly to each local church to help engage churchgoers in the vision and values of an overseas Christian mission.

Our fundraising focus comprises of regular newsletters to individual and church supporters, whilst also working on recruiting new, younger supporters through online channels, ads, appeals, and campaigns.

Part-timers and volunteers play an important role countrywide e.g. as church contacts, translators and advisors; providing online marketing, database, and administrative support; and helping with manual tasks, such as mailing our newsletters. Young students are an ongoing support in these tasks.

Top: Students support the TLM Hungary team with mailing newsletters to supporters.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the faithfulness that Hungarian supporters have shown throughout the pandemic! Their engagement and care for people affected by leprosy has not decreased, but has, in fact, increased.

TUE: Give thanks that while certain activities have been paused temporarily due to Covid-19, God has opened new doors within new areas of ministry and support.

WED: Give thanks for the fraternal and regular contact with our project partners in India, DR Congo and Myanmar.

THU: Give thanks for those churches, pastors and ambassadors who, despite the hardships of lockdown and a lack of resources, still kept the cause of people affected by leprosy alive in their congregations.

FRI: Pray for new initiatives, opportunities, and areas of activity in fundraising that have been prepared for us by God. Pray that this will help us to seek out and motivate new supporters and volunteers.

SAT: Pray for both existing Board members and those who are new in their roles. Pray for wisdom, love and patience in all their work!

SUN: Pray for the Country Leader, Marta, and her team as they seek to serve people affected by leprosy.

KEY STAFF

Marta Risko - Country Leader
Chair of Trustees - under election

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering to the work...

Exodus 35:21



Henri Nouwen's 'A Spirituality of Fundraising', echoes Exodus 35:21:

"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."

Fundraising is a crucial part of our work and if we are to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2035, 14 TLM fundraising countries will need to raise more funds than ever before.

The Exodus and Henri Nouwen quotes show that fundraising is not passive. We have to intentionally appeal to people so that they feel their 'heart stirred' and their 'spirit made willing', and want the 'opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission'. This guides us to fundraise in line with God's will, and with integrity as we honour the trust placed in us by contributors who give us their stories and images, and supporters who give their money, prayers, time and talents.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We give thanks for the contributors who generously give us their life stories and photos to raise money to help others whose lives have been devastated by leprosy. We ask for blessing for these leprosy champions and pray we will faithfully let supporters hear their voices.

TUE: We thank God for, and pray blessing upon, the thousands of loyal donors who give to people affected by leprosy in so many different ways, including financially, through prayer, and by volunteering.

WED: We pray that all fundraising countries will seek the Lord's will and that He will guide them to 'the right side of the boat to fish'. We pray for abundant fundraising 'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine'. Ephesians 3:20

THU: We thank God that we are not alone, but are part of His Global Fellowship, as we raise funds. Praise God that we increasingly share resources. Pray that sharing will become our usual way of fundraising, lightening the load for countries with fewer resources, whilst becoming better stewards of the Lord's provisions.

FRI: We pray for the Lord's inspiration and wisdom about new ways of raising funds and attracting new donors. May God bless the Global Fundraising Campaign and new fundraising channels in such a way that we will feel liberated to innovate.

SAT/SUN: As churches all over the world meet this weekend, we pray that TLM will build strong relationships with more churches, of all denominations. We thank God for the stories about leprosy in the Bible which stir up the hearts of every generation; and for the opportunity to invite others to do as Jesus instructed '...cleanse those who have leprosy... Freely you have received; freely give.' Matthew 10:8

Top: Thanks to generous donors, Mariama learned to read and write at TLM-funded adult literacy classes and says, "The class has given me more confidence and I feel able to make something of my life". Encouraged, she attended TLM-funded sewing classes in Danja, where she now supports her family as a skilled seamstress.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Thessalonians 5:11



Leprosy can seriously affect the livelihood of patients and the stigma attached to the disease often affects their self-esteem. The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) prepares them to be aspirational once again and creates livelihood opportunities for them. TLMTI's community-based rehabilitation projects focus on generating livelihoods by supporting people affected by leprosy and other disabilities with skills development and training to enable them to become change agents in their communities.

The projects work towards building community resilience to pandemic and natural disasters. They build the capacity of Self-Help Groups (SHG), Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, and disaster risk reduction groups. TLMTI develops and trains leprosy champions who spread awareness, bust myths and end stigma.

The projects focus particularly on building skills amongst girls and women affected by leprosy, facilitating the formation of SHGs, and raising awareness amongst local leaders on issues such as gender equality, human rights and inclusion.

Top: TLMTI's Livelihood Projects enable communities to live in dignity.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Children affected by leprosy and disability experience stigma and discrimination, meaning they are less likely to attend schools. TLMTI mentors these children and provides support so they can continue their education. Pray that they will develop their potential and become part of the development of society.

TUE: TLMTI has strengthened over 1,700 collectives (groups of people affected by leprosy, youth, etc.). Pray that these groups will effectively collaborate with civil society and government and influence decision makers as they advocate for themselves.

WED: Livelihood training and opportunities have been a gateway for people affected by leprosy and disability to attain self-sufficiency and an improvement of their standard of living. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our livelihood work.

THU: Pray for God's guidance and strength for the more than 800 leprosy champions identified and trained by TLMTI so far. Pray that they will continue to advocate for people affected by leprosy and disability in their community.

FRI: Thank the Lord for new partnerships with the government and other local organisations working with TLMTI in community development, early detection of leprosy, and raising awareness. Pray for the strengthening of all partnerships.

SAT: Pray for God's protection, guidance and wisdom for the staff that are working rigorously in the field to implement community empowerment programmes. Please also pray for the communities with whom they are working.

SUN: TLMTI lost several members of staff and staff family members due to Covid-19. Please pray for the bereaved and pray for God's protection across all TLMTI's staff and clients.

KEY STAFF

Tina Mendis - Head of Sustainable Livelihood and Community Empowerment

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

Proverbs 16:3



Being Christ-centred is core to TLM's strategy; it affects how we work as we seek to provide for the complete needs of people affected by leprosy. It allows us to meet their spiritual, psychological, rights-based, social, and economic needs, as well as their medical needs. This approach is known as 'integral mission'.

It also means involving God within our work and an important way we do this is through prayer. Last year we initiated TLM's Global Day of Prayer, when people across the world gathered together in prayer for TLM's work to defeat leprosy.

The power of prayer cannot be underestimated! In 1917, our founder Wellesley Bailey wrote: 'This Mission has been born and cradled in prayer; it has been brought up on prayer; it has been nourished on prayer, and prayer has been at the bottom of its success from the first moment of its life. We feel we owe all, under God, to the prayer of people who have been guided by His Holy Spirit'.

We are looking forward to holding the Global Day of Prayer again in 2022 (more info on the last page of ASK).

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for the Global Day of Prayer and that so many people were able to gather together in fellowship to pray for the work of TLM. Pray that this initiative goes from strength to strength in the years to come.

TUE: Help us to commit all our work to the Lord in prayer, to listen to his leading, and to intercede so that our projects will transform lives and reduce the transmission of leprosy.

WED: Thank God that our Key Performance Indicators show that our projects and strategies are becoming more holistic. Pray that this will continue, with more marks of integral mission being addressed in our new projects.

THU: Thank God for the work we do alongside churches and other faith communities in raising awareness, increasing inclusion, and serving people affected by leprosy. Pray that more opportunities for collaboration will open up.

FRI: Thank God for the sacrificial service and Christ-like love shown to people affected by Covid-19 and those we serve whose lives were impacted by the disease, as well as its social and economic consequences. Pray for protection for those who lost loved ones and those who are recovering from the disease.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the members of our Spiritual Ministry Working Group, who lead the spiritual direction of The Leprosy Mission and 'Integral Mission Country Link Persons' as they seek to promote integral mission and Christ-centredness within their country programmes. Pray that God will guide their work as they lead our Global Fellowship closer to him.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRY WORKING GROUP KEY STAFF

Convenor: James Pender (England & Wales)
Members: Anne-Claude Jonah (Switzerland)
Lorna Murray (Scotland)
Chiranjivi Sharma (Nepal)
Praveen Gomes (Sri Lanka)
Tim Collison (Australia)
Brent Morgan (International Office)

Top: The Pastors who manage the church-run Disability Resource Centre in Chaungzone, Myanmar.

MOZAMBIQUE

25 APR–1 MAY

Be vigilant, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13



TLM Mozambique strives to improve the livelihoods of those affected by leprosy through our projects and partnership with the government.

TLM Mozambique works in close cooperation with the Health Department to support the Leprosy Control Project in the province of Cabo Delgado, which features the innovative use of mobile phone technology to facilitate data recording.

TLM Mozambique also partners with ALEMO, a leprosy peoples' organisation, to improve the livelihoods of its members through enhanced agriculture methods, training, and advocacy. We also work to strengthen their ties with numerous local self-help groups.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: In the last four years, The Leprosy Mission has trained Umoja (Swahili for 'unity') facilitators in the North Zone. Because of the ongoing conflict in the region, they are currently outside their communities, so we pray that, despite the difficulties they have, they will be able to continue to promote 'Umoja' in their new communities.

TUE: Our prayer is that more self-help groups will move from dependent to autonomous. We want to ask God to guide us to which communities should be selected for the new projects in 2022.

WED: The district of Chiure is preparing for 'Ready4PEP' activities. These activities will allow us to provide a post-exposure prophylaxis to contacts of people who are affected by leprosy, which significantly reduces their risk of developing the disease. Ask God to bless this activity and make it comprehensive so that we can expand this across other districts.

THU: The Government is in the process of evaluating the National Leprosy Programme across the country. We pray that this assessment will serve as a starting point for designing a visionary national strategy for Mozambique's National Leprosy Programme.

FRI: We will extend activities to Zambezia, a new province that needs a lot of work. We pray to God that He will open the way for our work with partners in this province.

SAT/SUN: The Innovation Media Hubs have been a great blessing for communities, providing them with helpful information and training through tech hubs in remote villages. We ask God for more people to support this initiative in more communities.

KEY STAFF

Dr Arie de Kruijff – TLM Country Leader
Sr Belarmino Reich – ALEMO and Iphiro Yohoolo Project Manager
Sr Armindo Jorge – Prevention of Disabilities/Leprosy Control Project Manager
Sr Culaire Luis – Human Resources Manager
Sr João Américo - IT
Sr Vasco Fernando Maruquire – Driver

Top: The Mozambican team gathers for their year-end retreat.

BELGIUM

2–8 MAY

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3



TLM Belgium was founded in 1972 under the inspiring leadership of Rev Silvano Perotti. He was convinced that, although only 1.8 percent of the Belgian population were Protestants, it still made sense to set up a TLM Supporting Country that would fundraise amongst the Protestant community of Belgium.

Fifty years later, TLM Belgium is an autonomous Belgian not-for-profit organisation, endorsing the TLM Global Fellowship Charter.

The team of volunteers at TLM Belgium encourages Protestants of all denominations and languages in Belgium to join the vision and mission of TLM to defeat leprosy and transform the lives of people affected by leprosy.

With God's help and guidance, TLM Belgium hopes to reach more and more Belgian people with 'big hearts', so that we can enthuse and motivate them to commit to prayer, to giving donations and to becoming self-sacrificing volunteers.

Together with many other countries of TLM's Global Fellowship, TLM Belgium is currently supporting TLM projects in DR Congo, Chad, Nigeria, Nepal and Indonesia.

Top: TLM Belgium's Country Leader, Paulin Songolea Bakalania, on a visit to DR Congo.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for answering our prayers, bringing new and active members to the TLM Belgium team.

TUE: Let us pray for the TLM Belgium members who are assuming responsibilities in our working groups. May they receive the Lord's guidance, insight and encouragement.

WED: Let us give thanks for the heart-warming help that the team of TLM Belgium receives from the enthusiastic staff of the TLM International Office and from helpful friends within the TLM Global Fellowship. They are providing valuable assistance to create a new trilingual website for TLM Belgium, intended to reach more new supporters and to make supporters enthusiastic about the vision and mission of TLM.

THU: Let us pray that the team of TLM Belgium will raise sufficient funds, so that we can continue to fund those countries and projects we have committed to support.

FRI: May the Lord guide the team of volunteers at TLM Belgium so we can stimulate the interest of churches and church members, making them passionate about making leprosy history.

SAT/SUN: Let us give thanks to the Lord for the support and cooperation that TLM Belgium has received from other TLM Members and our Belgian supporters. Let us pray that we continue to receive this support, which strengthens the feeling of being united in the fight to defeat leprosy.

KEY STAFF

TLM Belgium operates through self-sacrificing volunteers and without staff.

Trustees

Chair – Francis Van De Walle
Vice-chair – Marijke Sajet
Country Leader – Paulin Songolea Bakalania
Treasurer – Renée Simons-Hugaerts
Secretary – Norbert Ngila Bampunga
Trustee – Irène Masika Katselwa
Trustee – Rev. Tünde Boelens-Csákány

'You are the salt of the earth'

I am from South India and despite living in the UK for 16 years, or because of it, slow cooked rice and sambhar (lentil stew with vegetables and fragrant spices) is comfort food, no matter the season.

I learned to cook from my maternal grandmother and my mother using a variety of vegetables, lentils and fragrant spices and some meat. From my grandmother I learned the versatile role of salt in the kitchen – for cooking, for cleaning and for healing. She always had an earthen jar of rock salt on the kitchen counter. 'You must never run out of salt', she would caution.

We have all used salt in cooking and most would have used salt for healing – salt water gargle for a sore throat or toothache, a salt bath for tired muscles and swollen limbs. Some of us may even use salt for cleaning and preserving.

In cooking, it only takes a little salt to season a whole pot of rice or curry. Salt does not stand out but blends in completely, enriching every ingredient. It has the unique ability to unify a dish, bringing grains, lentils, vegetables and spices together in perfect harmony.

The Bible has several references to salt, both in the Old and New Testament.

In 2 Kings 2:21, Elisha heals the waters with salt, "Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the LORD says: 'I have healed this water. Never

again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.'" And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken."

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus calls us to be 'The salt of the earth' and cautions us not to lose our saltiness. Mark 9:50 tells us, "Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

As Christians, we are called to be the salt of the earth. Our potency is through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us. As long as we replenish ourselves with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, we will remain strong. So we are not to be afraid, even if we are small in number and the world and its challenges seem so large. Like salt – a little can do much.

As we humbly do God's work of bringing healing and hope, light and love to those in need, especially to persons affected by leprosy, God will use us to bring all things together to Himself in perfect harmony.

Pierina Dsouza
Senior Officer: Impact Learning & Policy,
TLM International

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Mark 9:50



Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:19



TLM Congo fights exclusion in all its forms. We have been fighting tirelessly for more than 70 years to detect the disease, treat communities affected by leprosy, and improve their inclusion in wider society.

This bitter struggle has not been easy, but not impossible thanks to TLM's Global Fellowship, our national and international partners, as well as the local communities themselves.

Today, TLM Congo is not alone in this fight; people affected by leprosy have themselves taken leadership of the fight against leprosy. Created in 2017, OPALCO is a non-governmental organisation based in Kinshasa, which fights leprosy in DRC. The structure works with the support of various international partners, such as TLM Congo, Action Damien, and others.

In May and July 2021, the Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention invited Miss Sandra Dongo, President of OPALCO, to discuss the care of people affected by this disease throughout the country. We hope this will be just one victory among many in the years to come.

KEY 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

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God for our 2021–2025 Country Strategy. Pray for its implementation as various obstacles lie before us, such as poor road infrastructure, limited health system infrastructure, insecurity and more.

TUE: Praise our God for OPALCO. Pray they will receive all the support they need. Pray especially for the President, Ms Sandra Dongo and the Vice-President, Ms Clarette Maje.

WED: Pray for our team. Pray that we will work well for those affected by leprosy, pray that our families will remain safe and healthy, and pray for those staff who spend much of their time covering long distances on dangerous ground to reach the most isolated patients.

THU: Pray for our mental health research project, Ditalala Dia Moyo (Peace of the Heart, in the local language). Please pray our work will bear fruit capable of benefiting those affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases.

FRI: Pray for the new SDR-PEP project that has started in Sankuru. This project aims to prevent leprosy in people who have had close contact with recently diagnosed leprosy patients by providing them with one dose of an antibiotic. Pray that the health staff of the provincial government can spread this project throughout the province, especially as roads are almost non-existent, making supervision difficult.

SAT: Covid-19 has caused enormous disruption to the health system, meaning that leprosy has been further neglected and those affected more marginalised and impoverished. Pray for those affected and pray that the vaccine is accessible to everyone.

SUN: Pray for collaboration between those fighting to defeat leprosy in DRC, including TLM, Action Damien, the Ministry of Health and WHO. Pray for more technical and financial partners who can meet the challenge of eliminating leprosy in DRC.

Top: Sandra, President of OPALCO, meets the Minister of Health.

I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

Philemon 1:6



Since the start of the pandemic, our staff have had to adapt to working digitally with overseas partners. Not being able to travel to visit various overseas projects has been challenging, although frequent communication has taken place via online meetings.

In 2022, our prayer is that travel can resume safely so that face-to-face meetings can take place. This is so important for building relationships and understanding. This will happen alongside newly adopted virtual training and international workshops, helping us to reduce our carbon footprint.

KEY TEAM

Peter Waddup – CEO
Sian Arulanantham – Head of Programmes and Research
Arminda O'Reilly Head of Human Resources
Louise Timmins – Head of Fundraising and Communications
Andy Lancaster – Chair of Trustees

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the commitment of Volunteer Speakers who work alongside the Community Partnerships Managers. Together they raise funds to help people affected by leprosy through churches and other groups. Pray that as speaking opportunities increase in 2022, more volunteer speakers will join this special team.

TUE: The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the loss of staff across the TLM family and with it a loss of leprosy expertise. Pray for God to call new people in the countries where we operate to dedicate their lives to leprosy work, replacing the expertise of those who have passed on or retired from service on the front line. Please join us in praying for the families of the bereaved.

WED: In 2021, we said goodbye to several longstanding TLMEW family members who retired and welcomed new team members throughout the year. Give thanks for the faithful hard work of those retiring and pray for each new staff member to quickly feel part of the global TLM family, committed to seeing the end of leprosy.

THU: Innovation and continued research are vital to achieving our vision of zero leprosy transmission, zero discrimination and zero disability for people affected by leprosy. Please pray for funding for research and that God will lead us to breakthroughs. Give thanks for the passion and dedication of the staff who choose to specialise in this area of work.

FRI: Praise God for the ongoing support of our Vice Presidents, Pam Rhodes and Bishop Donald Allister of Peterborough, and our Ambassadors, including Paralympian Stef Reid, who use their influence to share stories about TLM's work. Pray for many more media opportunities and Ambassadors to raise the profile of the needs of people affected by leprosy.

SAT/SUN: Please pray for our Senior Leadership Team. Pray that God will guide their work so that it may bless both persons affected by leprosy and our supporters.

Top: TLMEW staff and volunteer speakers visiting TLM's Anandaban Hospital in 2019.

Fasmina's story

Fasmina is from Sri Lanka and has recently been diagnosed with leprosy through a medical screening programme in her village. This programme is run by one of TLM's partners in Sri Lanka and has had a profound effect on Fasmina's life because it has diagnosed and treated her leprosy quickly.

Fasmina's mother knows that TLM helps people through our Sri Lankan partners, KKM, "It would be a sad experience without the help of KKM," she tells us. "We are very grateful for TLM and their donors. If TLM didn't help, most of the people would develop disabilities and deformities."

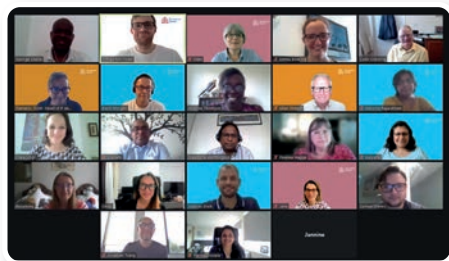
This is the power of the case finding efforts that TLM donors support; Fasmina's leprosy story is one of many leprosy stories that have been made blissfully unremarkable through effective community screening. She can now live a remarkable life of happiness, free from the ongoing difficulties of a late leprosy diagnosis.

"We are very grateful for TLM and their donors. If TLM didn't help, most of the people would develop disabilities and deformities."



Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11



The Leprosy Mission International brings together the Global Fellowship (see p9) by leading, inspiring, facilitating, and enabling our Members and Affiliates to defeat leprosy and transform lives.

International Office (IO)

This team is made up of more than 20 people who support TLM offices and programmes around the world through strategic planning, organisational development, safeguarding, finance, HR, programmes, research, advocacy, communications, fundraising, and monitoring and evaluation.

Our team are primarily based in Brentford, London, but we have team members working remotely from places as far afield as Paraguay, Sweden, Singapore, and Nepal.

We are a Christ-centred team that meets together for half an hour each day to pray, a habit we sustained even through the pandemic.

International Board

Our Board consists of twelve people from across the Global Fellowship. They support TLM with key governance decisions.

KEY STAFF

Brent Morgan – International Director
Clara Volpi – Head of Operations Support
Jannine Ebenso – Head of Quality Assurance
Jo-Anne Thomson – Head of Fundraising Development
Damaris Villanueva – Head of People
Gladstone Worthington – Head of Finance

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Since 2018, the IO has been responsible for TLM's presence at the UN's major disability rights (CRPD) conference, which takes place each June. Please pray that we will do a good job of lifting the voices of persons affected by leprosy at the 2022 conference.

TUE: Please pray for our International Director and the TLM Board as they provide leadership to TLM worldwide. Thank God for blessing them with the wisdom to guide us through the pandemic and pray for this wisdom to continue until we have defeated leprosy.

WED: In 2021, the IO welcomed new colleagues to the team. We thank God for these new team members and we pray that they will thrive within TLM.

THU: The IO has a growing number of team members who are working remotely, with our office now covering time zones as distant as South America and Southeast Asia. Please pray for those team members who are not present in our Brentford office. Pray that God will bless them as they join meetings remotely and work apart from the majority of the team.

FRI: Before Covid-19, our staff would travel regularly to provide support to our teams across the world. We are hopeful to begin traveling again in 2022, after a long hiatus. Please pray for our team as they begin the process of international travel once more. Pray for safety and God's blessing in their work.

SAT: The IO is continuing efforts to care for the environment by reducing and offsetting our carbon footprint. Please pray for our Environmental Working Group as they pursue the goal of being good stewards of creation.

SUN: Please praise God for giving the IO space to pray together each day. We know this time is a blessing and we hope it draws us ever closer to living out the will of our Heavenly Father.

Top: The International team meet every day to pray together for the work of TLM.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest".

Matthew 11:28



The Leprosy Mission Trust India's 14 hospitals, spread over nine states of India, provide specialised leprosy care and disability management services. Most of these hospitals have also established themselves as centres of excellence for allied services, including dermatology, and ophthalmology, along with general medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology. TLMTI continues to provide training to specialist doctors, medical officers, physiotherapists and other healthcare professionals to build and retain their leprosy expertise.

During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, God's healing hands were upon patients who were undergoing treatment at different TLM hospitals. TLMTI kept its doors open for all the patients for whom other health care facilities were out of bounds. With the Lord's wisdom and guidance, TLMTI will continue to reach out to people in need of leprosy and non-leprosy care and work towards healing them.

Top: TLM hospitals offer specialised leprosy and non-leprosy care.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for God's wisdom, strength and spirit of discernment for all the leaders as they lead the teams across in all the 14 hospitals.

TUE: Pray for the smooth functioning of all the clinical services at our hospitals so that they continue to bring healing and restoration in the lives of people that we serve.

WED: Pray for the good health of all the staff so that they continue to serve in love, compassion, and good spirit.

THU: Pray for God's guidance in enabling us to provide high quality and relevant services, as well as all the resources required in the hospital units.

FRI: Pray that regular training, workshops, and Continuing Medical Education sessions will go well and that we will enhance the capacity and skill of the staff and further improve service delivery.

SAT: Pray for all the patients and the community members who use services in our units so that they continue to be blessed and their health and community transformed.

SUN: Pray that God will raise committed professionals who will continue the much-needed work of the Mission and bring glory to Him.

KEY STAFF

Dr Famkima Darlong - Head of Healthcare

FRANCE

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10



The TLM France team works to raise awareness of the cause of people affected by leprosy in France. We are trying to do as much as possible to inform the French public and to mobilise them so that together we can effectively contribute to the eradication of leprosy.

Our team consists of two permanent, part-time staff and a few volunteers who are mainly involved with optimising our communication channels, particularly our website, missionlepre.org.

We dream of returning to churches and exhibitions after the Covid-19 crisis so we can present the work of TLM, increase awareness and concern for people affected by leprosy, and thereby raise more funds.

The Christian public is particularly important because, more than anyone else, the Churches and the Christians have a sensitivity which naturally leads them to support people with leprosy.

Top: A TLM fundraising concert at the Lutheran Temple in Paris.

6–12 JUN

PRAYER POINTS

MON: France experienced some serious social turbulence in the years before the pandemic but this calmed down during the periods of confinement and isolation. Let us pray that the 'fire' is not still smouldering under the embers.

TUE: We are grateful that the Covid-19 pandemic has not changed the hearts of the loyal friends who support TLM in France. Please pray that this will continue.

WED: Let us pray that younger generations will become interested in the work of TLM and be willing to help us spread the message on behalf of people affected by leprosy.

THU: We are working on our new website. Let us pray that this will be a good channel to spread the word of leprosy and those affected by the disease.

FRI: Pray that staff, Board Members and TLM France volunteers will be able to visit churches to present the work of TLM. Pray that these visits will be successful and will attract new supporters.

SAT/SUN: We are preparing to return to face-to-face working in order to present the Mission at various events with a small but efficient booth. Please pray for success.

KEY STAFF

Pascal Machefer - Country leader
Théo Reiss - Chairman

CHAD

13–19 JUN



TLM Chad has been a longstanding partner of the government in Guéra Province. Because of our good work there, we were given permission by the government to extend our area of work to the Salamat region in 2020, where we have now moved our office.

While TLM still supports Guéra Province with leprosy control, disability prevention, and Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) work, we have now put our emphasis on the Salamat, where leprosy work has been neglected and disability work has been almost nonexistent.

We place an emphasis on awareness, training, and supervision of health staff so we can improve early case detection and quality treatment of leprosy reactions.

Walking aids are provided to improve the mobility of persons with disabilities and we have initiated a Physiotherapy Service in Am Timan Hospital.

A small CBR project has been started for children and young people in Am Timan, where the TLM-trained physiotherapist carries out home visits and makes individual plans for patients' development and integration within the community.

SENIOR STAFF

TLM staff

Bunmi Oluloto - Country Leader
Geeske Zijp - Programme Manager
Marc Djibrine Victor - Administrator/Accountant
Djibrine Arabi - Administrative Assistant

Government staff

Youssef Charifadin - Provincial Leprosy Supervisor for the Guéra
Yaya Abdoulaye - Provincial Leprosy Supervisor for the Salamat
Ahmat Abderaman - Team Leader, CBR for the Guéra

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Endemic diseases like malaria and typhoid fever are very common and have a negative impact on the health of the population, including our staff and partners. Please pray for health and a positive spirit within the different teams.

TUE: The government health supervisors play a vital role in leprosy control. Please pray for zeal and enthusiasm for the leprosy work within the different health districts under their responsibility.

WED: Leprosy and disability work is at its best when carried out by the local authorities. Pray for good collaboration between the TLM team and the different authorities in the areas of health, social welfare and education.

THU: The National Leprosy Control Programme has difficulty keeping up with new developments in leprosy control and disability prevention. Pray for wisdom and skills for the Coordinator so they can lead the team towards quality work that will be put it into practice.

FRI: TLM Chad's CBR work has been extended towards Am Timan. Many young children with disability are coming forwards for physiotherapy, walking aids and subsidised school education. Pray for this work as it reaches these young children and their mothers, bringing them hope for a better future.

SAT: TLM Chad is partnering with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in the Guéra and the Salamat. Often there are frictions within their leadership. Please pray for positive developments, especially in the areas of transparency, equity, dignity and autonomy.

SUN: Chad is a country with a very diverse population that has been in unrest for many years. This was accentuated when its president suddenly died in March 2021. Please pray with us for peace, justice, safety and stability in a country where our staff have to travel long distances, sometimes in remote areas.

Top: A person affected by leprosy being examined by the Provincial Leprosy Supervisor in Guéra.

AUSTRALIA

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

Luke 6:38



Australian supporters are inspired by Jesus to heal people affected by leprosy, as the Bible instructs. “Love thy neighbour” is written on their hearts.

Their generosity reaches out to the South Pacific, extends all the way to Nepal, and to the remotest parts of Nigeria. Ask an Aussie supporter why they give, and they will tell you, “I feel that it’s just the right thing to do!” Dedicated to rolling up their sleeves, they’re inspired to also dig deep into their pockets, keen to lend a hand in providing healing and hope.

Even through droughts, flooding rains, and Covid-19, they are thinking of others. Very practical and personal in their support, they do what they can and give of what they have. They donate, shop, pray, volunteer, knit and leave gifts in their Will. Next year will mark 110 years of support for The Leprosy Mission in Australia. We honour those who, since their early childhood, have dedicated their life to giving. God bless you.

KEY STAFF

Sheldon Rankin – Chief Executive Officer
Geraldine Toh – Chief Financial Officer
Andrew Newmarch – International Programs Manager
Paul Andrews – Marketing Manager
Tina Mitchell – Customer Service Manager
Nerida Collard – Operations & HR Manager

20–26 JUN

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God for the faithful support and generosity of volunteers, financial givers, stamp collectors, bandage knitters and prayer partners. Pray God will inspire new and ongoing supporters to find more impactful ways of supporting people affected by leprosy.

TUE: This year, Australian supporters will celebrate Giving Tuesday by making it ‘Giving ShoesDay’. Fundraising activities like ‘Fun with Feet’ empower people disabled by leprosy to walk again by providing protective shoes. Pray the ‘odd’ shoes and socks supporters wear on this day will ignite the curiosity of the public. Pray they will be motivated to provide protective shoes and to learn more about leprosy.

WED: Passionate supporters of children affected by leprosy provide for their future by leaving a gift in their Will. Give thanks to God for those who have made the decision to provide a legacy gift. Pray God will inspire more supporters to leave a lasting legacy.

THU: Total Loving Cure (TLC) is The Leprosy Mission Australia’s regular giving programme. This dedicated family of supporters provide for the ongoing needs of people affected by leprosy. Pray more supporters will commit to providing ‘TLC’ in India, Nepal, Nigeria, and Timor Leste.

FRI: Every week, on ‘Funky Fundraising Friday’ it is a time to give thanks to God for His provision through the kindness of Australian supporters. Pray the fundraising and engagement team will continue to find meaningful and compelling ways to inspire significant action.

SAT/SUN: Churches and community groups are essential to defeating leprosy and transforming lives. Give thanks to God for them. May He bless them richly. Pray more will partner with The Leprosy Mission Australia.

Top: The Leprosy Mission Australia staff and volunteers enjoy a Cuppa for a Cure in the great Aussie outdoors.

RESEARCH

27 JUN–3 JUL



The Leprosy Mission has a long and well-respected history of world-class research. Much of what is practiced in leprosy control in 2022 is based on findings from TLM research projects spanning more than half a century.

Our three key research programmes are based in Bangladesh, India and Nepal and we have an emerging research programme in Nigeria. We are proud of our two research laboratories: the Mycobacterial Research Laboratories at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal and the Stanley Browne Laboratory in Delhi, India. Both of these labs collaborate with other laboratories and research institutions across the world.

Our research priorities are:

1. Understanding and preventing transmission
2. Developing early diagnostic tests
3. Improving care for leprosy reactions and neuritis
4. The detection, monitoring and treatment of secondary impairments
5. Inner wellbeing, mental health, and stigma
6. The impact of the UN Principles and Guidelines on Persons Affected by Leprosy (a key human rights tool)

Read more about our research on our website: leprosymission.org/our-work/research

Top: Dr Indra Napit works on a new treatment for leprosy ulcers that has been developed through our ground-breaking research.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Zero leprosy is only possible if we interrupt transmission – we need to detect leprosy earlier. Pray for the studies taking place in Bangladesh, India and Nepal to find easy-to-use, affordable diagnostic tests for use by community health workers. The next phase of these studies will involve other countries, including African countries.

TUE: Our team in Nigeria, in partnership with CBM and the University of Jos, is trialling the implementation of new tools and interventions to improve the mental health of people with neglected tropical diseases, including leprosy. Please pray for this innovative work.

WED: Pray for our Global Research Advisor, Dr Deanna Hagge, as she represents The Leprosy Mission at international research forums, and coaches and mentors other researchers.

THU: Pray for the development and testing of new drugs for leprosy and its complications, including alternative regimens for post-exposure prophylaxis and drugs with fewer side effects for the treatment of reaction.

FRI: In September 2022, the International Leprosy Congress will take place in India. By God’s grace, our researchers will be there to present their studies. Pray for them as they prepare papers and posters.

SAT/SUN: Thank God for the grant-giving organisations that support our research, and pray for more funds to support our researchers to continue the great work they do.

KEY STAFF

TLM International Research Committee

Prof Warwick Britton (Chair) - Australia
Dr Paul Saunderson - Norway
Prof Diana Lockwood - UK
Prof Jan Hendrik Richardus - Netherlands
Prof Pushpendra Singh - India

Senior Research Staff

Dr Abu Sufian Chowdhury - Bangladesh
Dr Deanna Hagge - Nepal
Dr Joydeepa Darlong - India
Dr Paul Tsaku - Nigeria

KEY PARTNERS



American Leprosy Missions

Founded in 1906, American Leprosy Missions (ALM) 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.

Effect Hope

Effect Hope is a Canadian Christian global health organisation that partners with others to bring hope and restoration to people affected by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) like leprosy and lymphatic filariasis. For about 130 years, Effect Hope has worked together with affected communities and people to find innovative solutions to ensure that those living with NTDs thrive. We seek to create a world full of hope.

The Mission to End Leprosy (The Leprosy Mission Ireland)

We support strategic interventions to map, prevent, and treat leprosy, by partnering with affected communities, scientists, research institutions, government agencies, NGOs, hospitals, social scientists, funders, and entrepreneurs. Our interventions prioritise impact. In addition to our fight against leprosy, we work with other neglected infectious and parasitic diseases.

KEY STAFF

Bill Simmons – President and CEO of ALM
Kim Evans – CEO of Effect Hope
Ken Gibson – CEO of The Mission to End Leprosy

4–10 JUL

PRAYER POINTS

ALM

MON: Please pray for strength for church leaders that have been trained by our partner hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray that they will recognise people suffering from diseases like leprosy in their communities. Pray for them as they provide physical and spiritual care.

TUE: Please pray for the successful launch of our new DHARA smartphone app, a tool to help health workers in India screen and manage cases of leprosy and related diseases on home visits.

Effect Hope

WED: Please pray for the Effect Hope team and our partners as we launch new innovative programmes that include integrated, cross-cutting approaches to care for communities facing leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and other NTDs.

THU: Effect Hope is launching a new website, a fresh logo, new advocacy campaigns, and a re-focused identity. Pray that God would work through these efforts to touch and inspire the hearts of Canadians who do not yet know about people living with neglected tropical diseases.

The Mission to End Leprosy

FRI: Please pray for the development of our research projects and the piloting of our new programmes around the world. Pray that our relationships with our partners will continue to deepen and grow.

SAT/SUN: Pray that our Board will continue to be led by God to work towards ending leprosy. Pray that they continue to be bold in their goals for the organisation.

Top: Several years ago, Khusbu Yadaba's father was sick and her family visited ALM's partner, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, to get help. At the hospital, Khusbu's mother saw a poster of leprosy skin patches and she realised that Khusbu had these patches on her leg. Lalgadh staff treated Khusbu with the multi-drug therapy that cures leprosy. She fully recovered, and received a scholarship from Lalgadh for her school fees. © Tom Bradley.

NEPAL – ANANDABAN HOSPITAL AND TRAINING CENTRE

11–17 JUL

Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.

John 14:12



Located on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Anandaban Hospital receives a large number of leprosy referrals from all over Nepal and from over the border in India. In addition to leprosy patients, it caters to the general public as well. Its outpatient department is renowned for quality orthopaedic and dermatology services, which serve the general community of southern Lalitpur and beyond.

TLM Nepal's Training and Technical Support Centre, equipped with a residential training facility, provides extensive training for leprosy and other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD). They build the capacity of Nepal's government health staff, national and international medical students, doctors, and community level volunteers. TLM Nepal also supports the Nepali Government's national leprosy elimination programme through case validation, joint supervision, and monitoring of its programmes.

The Mycobacterial Research Laboratories are situated in the grounds of the hospital and provide clinical laboratory services as well as conducting important leprosy research.

KEY STAFF

Dr Mahesh Shah – Medical Director
Dr Pradip Sapkota – Medical Superintendent
Mr Sher Gurung – Hospital Administrator
Mrs Mahima Bantawa – Nursing Superintendent
Dr Deanna Hagge – Director, Mycobacterial Research Laboratories
Mr Gopal Hari Pokhrel – Training Coordinator

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Anandaban Hospital's team conducts monthly outreach clinics in the districts of Butwal (West) and Biratnagar (East), where new leprosy cases and leprosy reaction patients are managed. These clinics have helped in the early diagnosis of patients and thus prevented disabilities. Please pray for the safety of staff and patients and for the success of the clinics.

TUE: Building capacity and providing technical support at other Nepali health institutions is crucial for early case detection and management. Please pray that our expert trainers can successfully transfer their knowledge and skills to government health workers, so that this will lead to a leprosy free Nepal.

WED: Pray for the successful completion of the new state-of-the-art Trauma Centre building. Pray that many people who have experienced leprosy and their families will benefit. Pray that we will be able to recruit qualified people who are committed and motivated to work in a faith-based organisation like TLM.

THU: The Mycobacterial Research Laboratories are situated in buildings that are over 60 years old and no longer meet the standards for a clinical/research laboratory. Thank God for funding that enables us to build new laboratories in 2022 and equip them so that they can continue to serve the people of Nepal, as well as contribute to global leprosy research for many more years to come.

FRI: Please lift all the leprosy affected children and adolescents in prayer so that they may come to the hospital on time for diagnosis and treatment.

SAT/SUN: Some of our leprosy patients were infected by Covid-19. Please pray for their good health. There were also some who lost their loved ones. Pray for comfort and peace among the bereaved families.

Top: A nurse dressing the wound of a leprosy patient who was admitted to the isolation ward for Covid treatment.

Advancing the kingdom

My hobby is taking photos of the night sky. The beautiful objects are dim and to catch their light, we take lots of photos, layering them on top of each other, creating a digital cosmic Dagwood sandwich.

The initial result is underwhelming, producing a dark screen with a few pinpoints of light.

Faith now comes in to play. Believing that valuable content hides in the shadows, you nudge it into view as it emerges like a ship from the mist. Skilled photographers produce astonishing photos from this unpromising start. With each swoosh of the digital brush, the dark recedes and the light increases.

Artists, such as sculptors, are also driven by faith – they see the image in the block of marble before they start to chip the stone away, bringing their vision to life.

In the eleventh chapter of Luke's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. In response, He instructed them to say, "Your kingdom come."

Jesus expected that at some level, His disciples [you and me] would have a vision of what His Father's kingdom would look like. Bookshelves groan with tomes explaining what is meant by God's Kingdom. When I think of a kingdom, I think of a King and His subjects and the territory they inhabit. Praying for His kingdom to come means at least praying for the number of His subjects to grow and their territory to increase.

Step by digital step, photos of the night sky reveal their beauty. Intercessor by intercessor, new disciples are drawn into the Kingdom. As I said earlier, you need faith when confronted by the black screen at the end of a night of photographing the sky. How can there possibly be anything glorious hiding in the shadows? Did the first disciples feel the same way? In the shadow of an oppressive empire, and few as they were, could they discern that their prayers would lead to people from every corner of the world flocking to this Kingdom?

In your hands you hold ASK, which overflows with requests which share this theme – the extension of The Kingdom. As you use ASK to illumine your prayers, may you too be filled with the faith of the first disciples, knowing that many prayers for this great work have already been answered and that as you pray, He will vanquish the darkness of leprosy and enlarge His kingdom, breath by Heavenly breath.

Peter Laubscher
Country Leader, TLM South Africa

Photo opposite taken by Peter Laubscher

*The heavens declare the
glory of God; the skies
proclaim the work of his
hands.*

Psalms 19:1

DENMARK

"See that you don't despise any of these little ones."

Matthew 18:10



TLM Denmark works across the whole country, running fundraising activities and receiving donations from both individuals and churches. We keep in contact with our committed donors through a monthly magazine that details the great work of TLM. The Board and a group of dedicated volunteers raise awareness throughout Denmark about people affected by leprosy.

TLM Denmark works in Bangladesh in partnership with TLM Bangladesh. We support different community-based rehabilitation projects, where people affected by leprosy and persons with disability receive support to set up groups that run saving schemes, finance support, and advocacy skills development.

We also support leprosy treatment work at DBLM (Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission) Hospital in Nilphamari, where hospital treatment, research and case finding are taking place. We also support a project for vulnerable and abused women in Bangladesh.

Top: Thanks to support from TLM Denmark, Manikul is making a living through goat farming.

18–24 JUL

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray that the cooperation among TLM's Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland) will develop to become a platform that strengthens the interest in and support for leprosy work among people across our nations.

TUE: Pray that Covid-19 will be eliminated so that support for people affected by leprosy can reach people unhampered.

WED: Pray that public health systems in Bangladesh will continue to develop leprosy services as an integrated part of the public health services.

THU: Pray that community rehabilitation in Bangladesh can be further developed so that people affected by leprosy will be able to live with dignity and be recognised as part of their communities.

FRI: Pray that the Lord will care for all the small communities where people with disabilities strive to make a living and a life for themselves.

SAT/SUN: Pray that leaders in leprosy work may be inspired to good governance to the glory of God.

KEY STAFF

Jørgen Andersen, Chairman
Jens Møller Pedersen, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

NETHERLANDS

25–31 JUL

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 twelve members of staff, six Board members, twelve volunteers, and a number of ambassadors. TLM Netherlands also support a Dutch cross-cultural worker: Geeske Zijp in Chad.

TLM Netherlands' vision is to see leprosy and rehabilitation services strengthened and to enable transformation 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.

Top: Henno Couprie, Country Leader of TLM Netherlands.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We thank God for our wonderful volunteers, they are truly indispensable to our mission. Give thanks to God for all the valuable work they do, and for their continued commitment.

TUE: We thank God for our loyal supporters and our new supporters, for joining the mission to eradicate leprosy and serve people who have experienced leprosy. We pray for God's blessing over them, as well as those we support.

WED: Please pray for the wellbeing and safety of Geeske Zijp and her team in Chad, as they continue their work with people with leprosy.

THU: Please pray for continuous inspiration and guidance for our staff as they go about their work to raise money for, and awareness of, leprosy in the world today. Pray that we may find and explore new ways to engage churches and businesses in our work.

FRI: We thank God for our Board, and we thank God that we have found new, willing and capable Board Members. Please pray for wisdom as they fulfil their role.

SAT/SUN: We are thankful for the work we do, and feel blessed that God has given us this task. Please pray with us that we will also be able to rest and be restored in the summer time, when many take time off from work for vacations with family and friends.

KEY STAFF

Mr. Henno Couprie - TLM Country Leader
Mr. Cor van Leeuwen - Team Leader, Administration & Back Office
Mrs. Heidi Hoogvliet - Team Leader, Partners, Programmes & Project Funding
Mr. Mark van den Berg - Team Leader, Fundraising & Communication

PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND BOUGAINVILLE

1–7 AUG

God keeps every promise He makes. He is like a shield of protection for all who seek Him.

Proverbs 30:5



Papua New Guinea

The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea (TLM PNG) supports the Government's National Leprosy Elimination Program to ensure people affected by leprosy are found and treated. Around 500 new cases of leprosy are diagnosed each year and many others live with leprosy-related disabilities.

TLM PNG runs projects that focus on sustainable livelihoods and health. They have recently started an innovative mud crab farming project, which is providing vulnerable people with a living.

Bougainville

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 percent of Bougainville's population, this exemplary 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.

KEY STAFF

Papua New Guinea

Natalie Smith – Country Leader
Mega Menuwo – Finance Manager
Merilyn Gairo – SLD Project Manager
Peter Dama – SHLK Project Coordinator

Bougainville

Ruby Mirinka – Programme Director
Neil Toura – HR and Administration Manager
John Kopi – Monitoring and Training Manager
Jasleen Kler – TLM NZ Programme Manager

PRAYER POINTS

Bougainville

MON: Pray for Raphael Chemate, BHCP Leprosy Program Officer, as he works in remote communities, diagnosing and treating leprosy patients. Pray for God's guidance and provision so we can reach deeper into communities affected by leprosy. Pray too that the government's Department of Health takes a leading role in the delivery of leprosy support in Bougainville.

TUE: The team in Bougainville travels through difficult terrain to make sure no one misses out on the cure for leprosy. Pray for timely detection of leprosy in remote communities. Pray for a continuous supply of MDT for all communities. Pray that leprosy referral pathways will be strengthened.

WED: Village treasuries are one of the key elements of BHCP. Funds are being used by communities to respond to the needs of each village. This includes school fees, patient referrals and community development. Pray for growth and sustainability of village treasuries, so more lives will be transformed through this vital work.

Papua New Guinea

THU: Please pray for continued safety and God's protection upon the TLM PNG staff and volunteers as they work to reach out to people affected by leprosy and disability.

FRI: Pray for our community volunteers and the work they do alongside our staff. Pray for God's intervention as they lead their communities in health, governance and livelihoods support.

SAT: Please thank God for new funding opportunities from the New Zealand Government, TLM NZ, TLM Australia, the World Health Organization and The Old Dart Foundation. Pray for their continued funding support, advice and mentorship.

SUN: PNG's national elections were scheduled to take place in the last week of July. Please pray for safety and peace in the country following this and for good leaders to be elected.

Top: The TLM PNG team.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

8–14 AUG

Our overall prayer for TLM Leaders is they: Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2



TLM's Leadership Development Programme (LDP) strengthens TLM's leaders to become strong, coherent and interdependent Members of TLM's Global Fellowship, able to face the challenges in front of us and take advantage of the opportunities, present and future.

LDP facilitates learning based on a set of core competencies. This framework reflects the personal attributes and characteristics that the TLM Global Fellowship considers to be relevant to a Christian Leader within The Leprosy Mission.

Each competency is grouped into one of four sections, all of which will help contribute to the achievement of our vision 'Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed':

- Christ-centred
- Demonstrating Personal Qualities
- Working With Others
- Leading Organisations

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the more than 70 TLM leaders who have participated in LDP since its inception in 2017. Pray the things they learned on LDP will continue to equip them as they serve people affected by leprosy.

TUE: As Christian leaders, we follow Christ's example of 'servant leadership'. Pray that the core competency of Christ-centred leadership will be evident in TLM's leaders. Pray that TLM leaders will consider their own spiritual life with seriousness.

WED: As leaders seek to adapt and apply changes in the context of their country, pray that they will be the change they seek to bring, operating out of a set of personal qualities taught on LDP.

THU: Pray for the team building and team sustaining skills of TLM's leaders. Pray for the leaders who need to delegate in order to have a greater impact. In particular, pray they will have wisdom to know which areas and to whom they can delegate.

FRI: Pray for Country Leaders, that they will lead their countries with skill and competence, remembering material they have learned on LDP.

SAT: The delivery of LDP residential workshops was hit by the pandemic. As TLM looks to reform and re-launch LDP, pray for those involved in the process, that they would have wisdom and discernment as they consider both online and face-to-face learning.

SUN: Pray for the new LDP participants who have suffered delays in the start of their LDP programme because of Covid-19. Pray that their passion and enthusiasm to become better leaders will be ignited as they receive invitations to join LDP.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4



In Sri Lanka, TLM works through partnership with the Alliance Development Trust (ADT), Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) and the Leprosy Association of Sri Lanka, which is an association of people affected by leprosy.

They work alongside the Government to find new cases of leprosy. They do this through screening for the disease and increasing awareness about the disease.

Religious leaders are also mobilised by trained church pastors. We use their support to raise awareness, refer suspected cases, reduce stigma, increase support for people affected by leprosy, as well as to assist Government leprosy fieldworkers.

Once new cases of leprosy are identified, we provide follow up support. This support includes medical follow-ups and counselling, developing livelihoods, improving nutrition and addressing incidences of prejudice. We work in many communities to set up local branches of the Leprosy Association to provide peer support, self-care support and to provide a space for people to grow their voices as advocates for their needs.

KEY STAFF

ADT

Godfrey Yagarajah - CEO

Praveen Gomez - Head of Programmes and Strategy

Williams John Anthony - Senior Program Executive

KKM

Rev TS Joshua - Executive Director

Leprosy Association of Sri Lanka

Mr. Amarasinga - President

Shahana Thiyyagalingam - Director

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Thank God for good partnerships with the Government at the national and regional level. Pray new doors would be opened for TLM and its partners so we can help to strengthen health systems to better meet the needs of people affected by leprosy.

TUE: Thank God for the passion of Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim leaders across the country who serve people affected by leprosy. Pray for their effectiveness in helping to reduce leprosy.

WED: Pray that God would bless and strengthen the Leprosy Association and that it would be able to establish branches across the whole country.

THU: Thank God that with seed funding from TLM, Hope Farm was set up by KKM in 2015 and is now making income from 150 mature coconut trees which is being used to support people affected by leprosy. Pray for productivity & profit from the farm.

FRI: Thank God for the many livelihoods that have been supported, pray that they would be able to help lift families affected by leprosy out of poverty.

SAT: Thank God for the nutritional and agricultural training KKM has been able to give to people affected by leprosy and how it has assisted them through the pandemic. Pray that improved diets and living conditions will assist in preventing leprosy and other illnesses.

SUN: Pray that efforts to find hidden cases of leprosy would be successful and that increasing numbers of people would be found and cured and that transmission will be interrupted.

Top: An interfaith planning meeting in Nuwara Eliya district where attendees considered how to implement leprosy activities in their district.

Shudeepta's story

When Shudeepta was little, she faced constant rejection by other children at her school because her mother had experienced leprosy. Sadly, her family's finances meant that her and her sister weren't even able to finish school.

Without an education, Shudeepta had little hope of leaving poverty and stigma behind. Thankfully, her story didn't end there. Shudeepta and her sister received training in tailoring at one of TLM's Vocational Training Centres in India. Both Shudeepta and her sister are now working in the garment industry in Kolkata, where they have been able to earn a good income thanks to the training they received from TLM. Their earnings were put towards her older sister's wedding and now they are saving for Shudeepta's wedding.

Shudeepta says "The Vocational Training Centre allowed me to get away and earn better money, it makes me happy. I love my job because when I am working I can meet my own needs with my own money and I can also support my family."

"I love my job because when I am working I can meet my own needs with my own money and I can also support my family."



SWEDEN

Heal the sick, cleanse the persons affected by leprosy, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8



The Leprosy Mission has been active in Sweden since the mid-1970s and in 1985, TLM Sweden was established as a local organisation.

Based in Kumla, The Leprosy Mission Sweden works to raise awareness about leprosy and to give support to leprosy work. Through fundraising among individuals, organisations, and churches, TLM Sweden works to fulfil its vision. A monthly Ask/Thanks/Feedback Magazine, with challenges and reports from our projects, is sent all over the country. A number of ambassadors and presenters keep contact with people and churches in different areas. Information on leprosy is given to Christian groups, churches and schools.

Through membership of The Swedish Mission Council, money from the Swedish government is available to different projects.

TLM Sweden has contact with their neighbouring Nordic countries for different areas of cooperation through TLM's Nordic Hub.

TLM Sweden supports work in India, Nigeria, DR Congo and Bangladesh and keeps contact with Myanmar and Nepal.

Top: TLM Sweden's Country Leader, Johan Bäckrud.

22–28 AUG

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the faithful support of our donors. Pray for new individual donors and for the success of activities and campaigns that aim to reach new supporters.

TUE: Thank God for good cooperation between TLM Sweden and the Swedish government through the Swedish Mission Council. Pray for continued and increased funding and support.

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

THU: Pray for well-developed and strong cooperation between the TLM organisations in the Nordic countries.

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

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.

KEY STAFF

Johan Bäckrud - Country Leader
Rune Cederholm - Programme Coordinator
Shelley Lado - Administration and Finance
Allan Ekstedt - Nordic Hub Coordinator
Bo Arvidsson - Chairman of the Board

TIMOR-LESTE

29 AUG–4 SEP

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



The Leprosy Mission Timor-Leste's goal is to see an improvement in the quality of life of people affected by leprosy and disability and their families. Timor-Leste eliminated leprosy as a public health problem (less than 1 case per 10,000 in the population) in 2011, however, in recent years the new cases have been increasing. We continue to advocate to the Ministry of Health, telling them that elimination does not mean there is no leprosy in Timor-Leste.

We work to find new cases so we can treat people early, we also work to improve the socio-economic development of people affected by leprosy, and promote the inclusion of people with disability in Timor-Leste.

Top: TLM Timor-Leste staff and Board Members.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for our Chairperson, Ms Dulce da Cunha. Pray for her good health and commitment to lead our Board Members as she guides the organisation towards our vision of leprosy defeated and lives transformed in Timor-Leste.

TUE: Pray for our Country Leader, Ms Nona Reis's health and her work to lead the team as we continue to work and serve people affected by leprosy and disability in Timor-Leste.

WED: Pray for the implementation of our country strategy in Timor-Leste. Pray that everyone will understand and follow the new strategic direction.

THU: Pray for our support to people affected by leprosy, who are hoping to have their own association in Timor-Leste. Pray for their commitment and a smooth registration process.

FRI: Thank God that we have attained a piece of land where we hope to build an office building. Please pray for this office building process, that we will have permanent office premises by the end of 2022.

SAT/SUN: Pray for new opportunities to engage with potential donors who can support the work in Timor-Leste. May God open the ways and give skill and knowledge to the team to use every opportunity to make our future sustainable.

KEY STAFF

Nona Reis - Country Leader
Francisco da Costa - Leprosy Project Manager
Nelson da Silva - CBR Project Manager
Joaozina da Conceicao - Finance Manager
Thalia Araujo - HR Manager
David Muganga - M&E Officer

SWITZERLAND

May my prayer be set before you like incense, may the lifting of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141:2



Almost 120 years ago, the Swiss teacher Hanna Meyer, so touched by the work of The Leprosy Mission England, founded a missionary circle in Switzerland in 1905. Handicrafts were made at the meetings and sold at an annual bazaar. Hanna Meyer wrote articles about The Leprosy Mission and organised benefit concerts. This was the beginning of TLM Switzerland.

Over the decades, this work became a matter of the heart for many people, which still lives on today in our Board, our team and our loyal donors.

In honour of Switzerland's world-famous watchmakers, we see the work of TLM as powerful, valuable clockwork, where every little cog has its indispensable place: an interplay of tireless commitment, hope, faith and prayer. This precious clockwork is kept running by our common vision: a great love for the most vulnerable and our unity in Jesus Christ.

KEY STAFF

Markus Freudiger – Country Leader
Anne-Claude Jonah – Leader in the French part
Lotti Appenzeller – Programmes
Annatina Jonah – Administration
Nadja Klarer – Fundraising and Communication
Esther Kuny – Finance
Christine Schneeberger – Administration
Jan Kuny – Chairman

5–11 SEP

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We have many donors who have been faithfully supporting our work and joining us in prayer for decades. This faithfulness always touches us deeply. Pray that we will reach out to new donors in a way that they too will give us their deep loyalty.

TUE: Last year we launched the ZeroLeprosy campaign in the French part of Switzerland with a face-to-face fundraising event. The goal is to find new, younger donors. Pray that the interested people may stay faithful in their support for people affected by leprosy.

WED: Because of the pandemic, our presentations in churches and with other groups have been reduced over the last two years. Pray for new opportunities and pray that churches will be keen to continue Jesus' ministry among people affected by leprosy.

THU: We are planning a campaign with Dan Izzett, a person affected by leprosy and leprosy advocate. Pray that many visits to churches and schools in Switzerland may be possible and bear fruit. We thank Dan and his wife, Babs, for their testimony, which they have shared many times with our donors, churches and schools, to the blessing of many.

FRI: Since 2021, we have been moving into new territory: our programme 'Learning 360' in Bangladesh receives funding from the Swiss Government. This collaboration is a big challenge for all involved. Pray that this project continues successfully and recipients in Bangladesh will be blessed and the donors will be encouraged.

SAT: We are a small team but have developed different ways of fundraising. Pray for a new dynamic and for renewed strength for the team.

SUN: Pray for wisdom and strength for our Board. May they have wisdom to set the right course. May they have strength for their commitments to TLM.

Top: Like teams across the world, our Swiss team adapted to work from home life through this pandemic. Country Leader, Markus, shows his WFH set up here.

SOUTH AFRICA

12–18 SEP

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress.

Isaiah 25: 4



The Leprosy Mission South Africa raises funds to run leprosy programmes, provides free treatment for leprosy patients, and training for health care workers so they can recognise the early signs of leprosy.

Our RampUp project promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in the ministry of the church.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for Sister Elena van den Berg and the Reverend Lucky Kunene in the province of KwaZulu Natal. They run leprosy clinics and leprosy awareness activities in the province. Pray that they will find hearts that are receptive to their message about the early diagnosis of leprosy. Thank the Lord for Lucky's and Elena's tireless devotion to their communities.

TUE: Pray for Goodman Qhosholo, who runs leprosy clinics and the leprosy awareness campaign in the Eastern Cape. Pray for his safety on the long and dangerous roads that he travels every day, bringing the Gospel and treatment to far-flung communities.

WED: Gundula Koethnig supervises the care of leprosy patients in Mpumalanga, the province bordering the Kruger Wildlife Park. Gundula works passionately to inspire health workers to be aware of leprosy and to stand by patients during their recovery. Pray too for her safety as she travels long distances in the course of her ministry.

THU: RampUp is The Leprosy Mission's project, promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities in the church. Pray that increasing numbers of congregations will open their doors to this ministry and that they will be eager to learn about how they can make their places of worship accessible.

FRI: Pray for Thembi Zuma, who manages The Leprosy Mission's Johannesburg office, where she provides the link between our supporters and the Mission. She is renowned for her cheerful, friendly and efficient interaction with our supporters.

SAT/SUN: Give thanks for the individuals and churches who faithfully and generously support the work of the Mission each year. Thanks to their amazing generosity, we are able to provide a range of free services to people affected by leprosy.

KEY STAFF

Peter Laubscher – Executive Director
Theo de Villiers – Deputy Director
Gerhard Fourie – Chairman

Top: Goodman Qhosholo and Yamisa Mda married early in 2021. They have set up home in Umtata in the Eastern Cape, where Goodman runs the leprosy programme.

NORTHERN IRELAND

I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 9:1



TLM Northern Ireland (NI) has a small but passionate staff team who work alongside over 200 volunteers. Driven by a new, ambitious five-year strategy, 'It's time to make leprosy a thing of the past', staff and volunteers work to extend our reach across Northern Ireland to increase awareness and raise funds so that we can achieve our global vision. We do this by developing new relationships and nurturing existing ones amongst individuals, churches and grant making bodies.

As part of our new strategy, we seek to position our strong and compelling message in places of strategic influence, where it can be heard and amplified by many. The core of our current funding support is generated from the Christian community. Partnership with churches is vital to what we do. Speaking engagements with churches is just one way we engage and update supporters. Other ways include events, both in-person and online, INTOUCH (our supporter magazine), fundraising appeals, as well as a growing digital presence.

Top: The team in Northern Ireland

19–25 SEP

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Give thanks for the amazing support and generosity of our donors. Despite the challenging circumstances of 2020/21, our income continues to increase. Pray that new donors will partner with us to see an end to leprosy.

TUE: Praise God for the continued support of local churches and church leaders in NI. Give thanks for their prayer and financial support, as well as engagement and interest in online resources when in-person talks were unavailable. Pray that partnerships with local churches will be strengthened.

WED: Pray for our growing digital presence. Praise God for our newly recruited Communications Officer and pray His blessing on the development and strengthening of this vital area.

THU: As we step out and do new things this year to increase awareness and funds, pray for significant opportunities and strategic partnerships with funders and other organisations.

FRI: Give thanks for the faithful service and Godly leadership of the Board of Trustees who govern TLMNI. Please pray for the recruitment of two new trustees this year and for a new Board Chairperson, as Fiona Davidson steps down.

SAT/SUN: Pray for the TLMNI staff team, particularly Joanne Briggs, our National Director, as she leads. As resources and capacity have been aligned to our new strategy, some difficult decisions have been made about stopping certain activities. Pray for wisdom, guidance and sensitivity as these decisions are outworked and changes made.

KEY STAFF

Joanne Briggs – TLM Country Leader
Rebecca Parnell – Church Partnerships Officer
Hazel Coulter – Database Administrator
Joy Jamieson – Office & Finance Manager
Stephen McCartney – Communications Officer (Digital)
Pam Gaston – Programme Funding Officer
Fiona Davidson – Board Chairperson

GERMANY

18–24 APR



The Leprosy Mission Germany emerged from the circle of friends of two married doctors, Mr and Mrs Riedel. For decades, its sphere of activity was concentrated in Esslingen on the River Neckar. For some years now, however, it has shifted more and more to Calw, the Hesse town on the edge of the Black Forest.

The work was significantly influenced by the Schäfer family and their circle of friends and acquaintances. With a big heart for the Mission and a lot of commitment, this circle of friends supports the work of The Leprosy Mission, providing a constant flow of new ideas. Our work is founded on the many personal contacts we maintain with our members and supporters, and also with our friends.

Top: Bettina Merz with TLM Niger's Country Leader, Bunmi Oluloto.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We are grateful for our loyal donors, the co-thinkers, the church congregations and companies. Helping persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities is important to all of these groups and they do not tire of committing themselves to supporting our work. Join us in prayers of thanks today!

TUE: In autumn 2020, we began to think about our strategy in order to refocus our work and make it more visible to the outside world. We want to inspire people to join us in advocating for the needs of people affected by leprosy. We want to sensitise younger people to this issue and encourage them to get involved. Please pray for this work today.

WED: Pray for our colleagues in countries TLM Germany supports: Chad, Niger and India. Pray for their physical, mental and spiritual well-being, that they will have the resilience to endure any difficulties, and that they will be inspired to do their work in love, trusting in God.

THU: We are grateful for the open doors in Germany through which we are allowed to go through again and again, and which encourage us in what we do. We are grateful for the press and all our partners who accompany us in our work.

FRI: Pray for a shift in thinking, that we will all learn that political injustice in other parts of the world is a major issue for us too.

SAT/SUN: Please pray for the Board of TLM Germany and for Bettina, the Country Leader, that God will guide their efforts by granting them wisdom and a heart for His calling.

KEY STAFF

Bettina Merz – Country Leader
Dr Johannes Schäfer – Chair of Trustees

BANGLADESH – COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION & ADVOCACY

3–9 OCT



The aim of our Self-Help Groups (SHG) is to empower the most stigmatised and marginalised persons affected by leprosy in the country. There are 1,550 SHGs in the country. Through participation in these groups, members receive mutual support and livelihood opportunities. Some of these groups have joined together to act as district-level associations.

Members of these groups have lots of great experience in claiming their rights through self-advocacy at the Local Government level. Through this advocacy work, the groups have been able to access crucial local resources for their members.

TLM provides continuous support for these groups so we can build and strengthen their capacity, management and leadership. We also support them with access to self-credit and livelihoods.

KEY STAFF

Mr Surendra Nath Singh - Programme Leader, Community Programmes
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Mrs Lovely Probhathi Mrong - Project Manager, Dhaka CBR Project
Mrs Masuma Parvin - Project Manager, AEP Project

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Many SHG members have been struggling with their livelihoods since the start of the pandemic. Please pray for members and their families to cope with this situation and maintain the relationships within the groups that will strengthen them.

TUE: Please pray for the long-term sustainability of the district-level associations so that they can support Self Help Groups and claim their rights in their regions.

WED: Please pray that the group leaders can plan and implement saving and loan plans that will maximise their income and create financial sustainability.

THU: Our AEP Project has started working with two new partners in two different districts. Pray for our new partners so they will own and conduct leprosy activities with the utmost passion.

FRI: Pastors at 10 local churches recently received mental health and counselling training. They have since been working for persons affected by leprosy through the ACTs Leprosy Project in Sylhet's Tea Garden Area. Please pray for the pastors and other churchgoers as they take part in this challenging pilot project.

SAT/SUN: Pray for ALO, (Bangladesh's national organisation of persons affected by leprosy). Pray that they can implement their desired and planned activities successfully. They are successfully implementing two consecutive Covid-19 emergency projects.

Top: A Self-Help Group and Association Annual Meeting.

THE LEPROSY MISSION AUSTRALIA – SHOP

10–16 OCT

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35



Compassionate shoppers "Shop to Stop Leprosy" when buying gifts and everyday essentials with TLM Australia's Shop.

Christmas, Easter, Summer/Autumn, Winter/Spring - every season is a reason to be a cheerful giver because every purchase supports people affected by leprosy. Our products are sourced from around the world to create a wide but carefully curated range. Fair trade agreements provide artisans with a dignified income to support themselves and their families, and can empower whole communities.

The Leprosy Mission Shop is committed to the Modern Slavery Act, which means we have processes in place to protect against, and watch for, any signs of slavery or child labour in the supply chain.

Supporters can also make a Gift of Love donation, which allows them to improve the living standards of someone with leprosy. This includes gifts of shoes, scholarships, training, or even toilets! A Gift of Love card is a keepsake for the supporter or for the friend they've donated the gift on behalf of. Love truly is the greatest gift.

KEY STAFF

Supa Thejan – Merchandise Manager
Jocelyn Lee – Inventory and Logistics Coordinator
Louise Egan – Buyer/Product Developer

PRAYER POINTS

MON: The Leprosy Mission Shop sources many products from artisans affected by leprosy and disability. Praise God that these artisans can support themselves and their families through this income. Pray for the health and safety of all artisans. May their families be blessed.

TUE: To find new Australian supporters, the Gift Catalogue is inserted into popular magazines and publications. Give thanks for the success of last year's campaign. Please pray all first-time buyers will become regular supporters.

WED: Supporter groups and volunteers sell products to their friends and community groups at events and stalls. Give thanks for the contribution they make by helping people affected by leprosy in this way. Please pray they would continue to be successful in their efforts.

THU: The Leprosy Mission Shop has positive partnerships with many Australian producers. Give thanks that these partnerships provide support for people affected by leprosy. Please pray these partnerships will continue to be fruitful.

FRI: The Leprosy Mission Australia runs a tight shop. Three dedicated and passionate staff run the whole merchandise operation, with a little help from their colleagues and friends. External partners include a warehouse, call centre and mail house. Pray that the work of all these hands will be blessed and will be a blessing to people affected by leprosy.

SAT/SUN: The Christmas Gift Catalogue is the biggest campaign of the year. Please pray this season will see many new customers engage with the store and be open to learning more! Pray that this catalogue will re-inspire and invigorate past supporters to get involved again. Together we can Shop to Stop Leprosy by 2035!

Top: Merchandise Manager, Supa Thejan [centre back, in black], meets with New SADLE artisans in Nepal.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Ephesians 4:6



One of the key enabling elements of The Leprosy Mission's work is advocacy. Lifting the voices of persons affected by leprosy to the ears of local, national, and international policymakers, as well as business owners and other key stakeholders, enables us to push towards a world without leprosy.

We do advocacy by ensuring persons affected by leprosy are equipped with the skills and confidence to be self-advocates. We create opportunities for them to hold bodies to account at the United Nations and at the level of their own governments, both local and national.

Through this work we have ensured government funding for leprosy, enabled the repealing of discriminatory laws, and held governments to account through the United Nations.

Top: The Leprosy People's Forum for Change project is working to establish and grow a leprosy people's organisation in Sri Lanka. This includes the development of Advocates for Change who are either directly affected by leprosy themselves or people of influence within the community who are supporting the fight against leprosy.
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PRAYER POINTS

MON: Our work with the United Nations has grown significantly in recent years. Praise God for these opportunities and these newfound connections and organisational experience. We pray that our work with the UN will be a blessing to persons affected by leprosy.

TUE: Please pray for our work to build self-advocates. Each year we train thousands of people so that they are equipped to use their own voice to enact change and hold governments to account. Pray for these self-advocates, that they may have confidence and that they may find ears that are ready to hear them.

WED: Please pray for the TLM staff that work on these issues. They walk a delicate line as they hold governments to account. Please pray that the governments we work with will be open to what we have to say, rather than shutting us out.

THU: Please pray for the UN's Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons affected by leprosy, Alice Cruz. Alice works closely with TLM and holds governments across the world to account for their actions to defeat leprosy. Pray for her as she works tirelessly on this cause.

FRI: Please pray for Leprosy Peoples' Organisations across the world. They are a crucial vehicle for effective advocacy. Pray that God will bless their work and encourage them with boldness and inspired words.

SAT: Please pray that God will direct our advocacy efforts to the places that will have the greatest impact. There is no end to the advocacy work we could do, so it is important we choose the work that will bring the most change.

SUN: Please pray for all the TLM teams that are submitting reports to United Nations bodies. Please pray that our reports will be well received and will have an impact on the ground with persons affected by leprosy.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



The first contact between The Leprosy Mission and Ethiopia was in 1965, when TLM set up the All Africa Leprosy and Tuberculosis Rehabilitation and Training Centre (ALERT), a centre for leprosy work in Ethiopia and Africa. TLM supported this centre financially until 2009 and technically through paramedical staff over a period from 1986 to 2012.

In 2002, the Ethiopian Government took full control of the centre and in 2013, The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia was registered as an International NGO.

Since 1996, TLM has been involved with the Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL). TLM has supported them and built capacity through various projects over years so that together we can improve the quality of life for people who have experienced leprosy in Ethiopia.

The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia aligns its efforts with the global TLM strategy of achieving zero transmission, zero leprosy-related disability, and zero discrimination due to leprosy.

Top: Bel, Berihun, and Solomon, the team at TLM Ethiopia.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Praise God that individuals and institutions continue supporting TLM Ethiopia in a range of different ways that allow our work to continue.

TUE: Thank God for His exceptional guidance, support and accomplishment, through which we are able to run our new 'We are able!' project. May God bless TLM's Dutch team, who have helped us make this project a reality.

WED: Pray that God's guidance will be upon us as we begin new projects that are aimed at achieving the three zeros: transmission, disability, and discrimination.

THU: Pray that our newly appointed Advisory Board will support us with their full capacity and network. Pray for blessings on the Board members and their families.

FRI: Pray that God's mercy and peace will be upon this amazingly beautiful but poor country, especially as ethnic conflict is becoming visible in new and unsettling ways, which is becoming a real obstacle for development work.

SAT/SUN: Please pray that leprosy will be top of the agenda among key actors in Ethiopia, may God open the eyes of the authorities so that they will prioritise leprosy as a national issue.

KEY STAFF

Mrs Beletshachew Tadesse – Country Representative
Mr Berihun Legesse – Finance and Admin Officer
Solomon Getahun – Programme Coordinator

Determining your season

I was talking to Beth, one of our supporters, when she realised that her difficulties were just that – a season! And like its namesake, a season had to be one that would change, it COULD not stay the same.

If we were to examine our current situation or season in life right now, what would we say? Would we be experiencing a dry season, a testing season, a planting season, a season of reaping? And what is God telling YOU through the season you're in?

God wants us to be at a place where we are spiritually sensitive to the time and season in our own individual lives. In identifying our current season, we have the reassurance to know that just like the seasons must change, so too will the seasons of life.

A reminder to us of HIS sovereign promises, HIS creative power and HIS timetable for our lives.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) says: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: to everything there is a season."

This gives us the assurance to remain steadfast to the promises and the calling that the Lord has spoken over our lives, regardless of the time and season that we find ourselves in. God desires to transition each and every one of us

into our new season as we learn to discern the times and the season that we are in and move by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Many of us are experiencing a season where the waters seem to be raging all about us, the unknown, the unprecedented time of the pandemic - but in this season we too, like Beth, can call out and hear the words of Isaiah 43:1-3: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour".

Just as Beth was greatly encouraged by the word that God allowed me to share with her on the telephone that day, I too was encouraged. So let us take heart today. Though we may be facing different challenges in our lives, we know today that it's only for a season. It too shall pass.

Nadia Paul

Fundraising and Marketing Coordinator,
TLM New Zealand

Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Let your heart be strong. Yes, wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

SPAIN AND TANZANIA

31 OCT–6 NOV



Spain

TLM Spain work to raise money for people affected by leprosy in Nigeria. For years they have engaged with donors and churches, encouraging them to share in their compassion for persons affected by leprosy.

They have no full time staff and work solely through volunteers. Unfortunately, their efforts have been limited during the Covid-19 period, as several of their key volunteers are doctors and have been working hard to support Spain through the crisis. Despite this, their wonderful supporters have continued to donate and show love towards people affected by leprosy.

Tanzania

In Tanzania, TLM works through our partners, the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika. Together we work to stop the spread of leprosy through awareness programmes within communities and a Mobile Clinic, which conducts leprosy screening.

We also work to reduce stigma and discrimination towards persons affected by leprosy. A lawyer from the diocese often works with communities to conduct human rights training, empowering communities to know and stand up for their rights. The team also works hard to improve the livelihoods of persons affected by leprosy.

Top: The CHEP Team (staff, volunteers and village chairmen), ready to educate the community after receiving leprosy and safeguarding training.

KEY STAFF

Tanzania

Debora John Michael - CHEP Director
Estomihi Mwemi - Clinical Officer
Bethina Chitema - Accountant
Jemima Kaka - Nurse
Emmanuel Chibada - Driver

Spain

Vivian Calderon

PRAYER POINTS

Tanzania

MON: Please pray for the Community Health Education Programme (CHEP) in Tanzania. Pray for plans to establish a health science college, which will be unique in Tanzania, as it will provide a lecture course on leprosy and third year students will do rural research on leprosy, which will greatly benefit our work. Praise God for this excellent programme and pray with us for its success.

TUE: We pray that God will protect our Tanzanian team from Covid-19. May God deliver the team so they can continue to do His work.

WED: May God continue to strengthen our partnership with the Government of Tanzania. Praise God that the Dodoma Regional TB and Leprosy Coordinator is working increasingly in partnership with us, which is leading to positive results for the communities we serve.

Spain

THU: Please pray for Miguel and Jose. They are key volunteers for TLM Spain, but they are also doctors by profession. They have been serving their communities with distinction through the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank God for their hard work and pray for them as they recover from a deeply challenging period. Pray that they will work with integrity, skill, and honesty.

FRI: Please pray for the future of TLM Spain, as they work out their next steps after the pandemic. Please pray that God will bless these plans and lead them from strength to strength. Pray that God will show them how they can use their gifts to serve Him.

SAT: Pray that God will encourage people, institutions, and companies to collaborate with TLM Spain as they work to support people affected by leprosy.

SUN: Join us in praising God for all the supporters in Spain who have continued to share their resources with persons affected by leprosy through donations of time and money. May God guide those resources to the places where they will be of most value.

INDIA – VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

7–13 NOV

Let every skilful man among you come, and make all that the Lord has commanded.

Exodus 35:10



People affected by leprosy, especially those who are young and have tremendous potential in them, need a bit of support so that they develop new skills and gain livelihood opportunities so they can become financially independent.

The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) provides institution-based vocational training to people affected by leprosy and other disabilities. Six Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) offer government-recognised courses such as diesel mechanics, motor vehicle mechanics, computer operator and programme assistant, welding, cutting & sewing, and electronics. These courses empower students to get employment after the training is over. The VTCs also facilitate campus placements.

At a time when Covid-19 lockdowns and additional factors have created huge livelihood uncertainties, TLMTI surges ahead with renewed vigour and commitment to make more and more such students skilled in different trades so that they get decent employment and reduce their dependence on humanitarian relief and aid.

Top: Students who have been cured of leprosy and students from a disability background get skills-based training at VTCs.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for the recovery of Covid-19 patients and comfort for the families who lost their loved ones. Pray for the graduates who lost businesses and jobs.

TUE: Pray for travel mercies for the staff that are reaching out to counsel students in remote places. They do this to provide post-training follow-up, which will improve these students' employment opportunities.

WED: Pray for the good health and prosperity of our existing partners as they support us in providing placements, admission, training, training machinery, staff capacity building, and financial assistance to students. Pray that more such partners join hands.

THU: Pray for the strengthening of Alumni groups across six VTCs so that they can mutually support each other in terms of employment, financial support and addressing discrimination.

FRI: Pray for continuous support from local financial supporters, such as individual donors, churches, and organisations that are practicing corporate social responsibility.

SAT: Pray for the success of sustainability plans at the VTCs, which are being developed by the team. Pray for the support of donors as we arrange investment.

SUN: Pray for God's blessing and protection upon the six VTCs, staff and their families, and students staying in the hostel. Pray for the spiritual committees and church partners, so that they can continue to share the Lord's words.

KEY STAFF

Tina Mendis - Head of Sustainable Livelihood and Community Empowerment

ITALY AND NORWAY

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12



Italy

We are a small group of volunteers who have been working in Italy for many years. We are aware that many in Italy will have very little knowledge of leprosy and its effects, so we work hard to raise awareness of this and of TLM's work across the world.

Through the years, we have raised awareness and funds through social platforms, literature, cultural events, and direct contact with people. Through the Covid-19 period we have not been able to organise in-person events, but thanks to the support of our loving donors, and through the blessings of our Lord, we have still been able to continue our work.

Norway

After a 12-year break, TLM Norway restarted in 2020 thanks to prayers and help from TLM Sweden.

It is a pleasure to contribute to the work of TLM, especially since Norway made an important contribution to the history of leprosy. Gerhard Armauer Hansen was the Norwegian physician who identified *Mycobacterium leprae* in 1873. The discovery of the bacteria that causes leprosy has enabled us to develop the treatments that have placed a world without leprosy within our grasp. In many places across the world, leprosy is known as Hansen's Disease, in honour of this great Norwegian.

As TLM Norway re-establishes itself, we will be raising money for TLM's work in Nigeria and India.

Top: TLM Norway Board Member, Pastor Joseph Akinyele, at the Leprosy Colony Andra Pradesh in India.

14–20 NOV

PRAYER POINTS

Norway

MON: Thank God for a new beginning for TLM Norway, and pray for protection, wisdom and unity amongst the volunteers in Norway.

TUE: Pray for the commencement of fundraising in Norway. Pray particularly for our website, Facebook page, and our adverts in newspapers and magazines.

WED: Pray for open doors in our churches and communities so that we can tell them about the work of TLM. Pray that this will lead to many regular donors in Norway.

THU: Pray for people affected by leprosy and disability that we are working to support. Pray for help, for cleansing, for healing, and for salvation.

Italy

FRI: Please pray that the team will be able to attract a younger donor base, especially through their new Facebook page and the website.

SAT: Please pray for all of TLM Italy's wonderful volunteers. Pray that their energies will remain high.

SUN: Please pray for new and powerful campaigns for the future, so that Italy can be a strong supporter of all the work that TLM does.

KEY STAFF

Italy

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

Norway

Glenn Larsen – Chair
Wenche Larsen – Treasurer
Esther Akinyele – Secretary

NIGER

21–27 NOV

The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as Holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread.

Isaiah 8:13



TLM Niger implements projects in six regions: Maradi, Zinder, Taouha, Dosso, Tilaberi and Niamey. Our activities include:

- Leprosy services: Leprosy training and supervision of Health Workers
- Community Development: Offering grants and micro credit to support people with income generating activities; providing drinkable water; building ventilated latrines; promoting hygiene to prevent water borne diseases; and developing housing projects for homeless people affected by leprosy.
- Support for Niger's Leprosy Referral Hospital: We are developing a multi-disciplinary team at the hospital to prevent disability, provide ulcer care, and restore hope and dignity.
- Support for IDEA: IDEA is an association of people affected by leprosy. We support them through training in advocacy, empowerment, and creating community awareness.
- Building strong relationships: We work closely with local church leaders, disability-focused NGOs, and government institutions.

Top: Bunmi and Board Member, Mr Hassan, with a family who received support from the Niamey Housing Project.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: There have been many terrorist attacks in villages and regions close to the northern borders of Mali and Libya, and the eastern border of Nigeria. Pray for peace and security to be restored in those regions and the entire country.

TUE: We praise God that CSL Danja Hospital now has a Director and a dermatology specialist. Pray that CSL Danja will continue to give quality medical, social and spiritual care to people affected by leprosy in Niger.

WED: The implementation of our planned activities has been difficult due to inflation and funding reductions. Please pray that the Lord will grant us an innovative spirit so we can raise funds to implement all our planned work.

THU: Pray for the wellbeing of all TLM Niger staff and their families, as they are frequently exposed to a very harsh climate, in danger of sickness, and all whilst struggling to meet the economic needs of their extended family with their limited income.

FRI: Pray for prosperity and progress in the life of people affected by leprosy and their communities. Pray also for IDEA, that they will be empowered to advocate for people affected by leprosy.

SAT: Thank God for TLM Niger's faithful and committed Board Members, especially the Chairman, Iro Sani. Pray for unity among the Board, that they will continue to contribute to the progress of TLM Niger's operations and the lives of people affected by leprosy.

SUN: We praise God for the good collaboration between TLM Niger, government institutions, and partner organisations, all of whom are involved in the implementation of our activities.

KEY STAFF

Iro Sani – Chair of Trustees
Bunmi Oluloto – Country Director
Yohanna Abdou – Head of Programmes and Research
Ichaya Garba – Head of Finance and Administration
Saratou Barage – Programme Manager, Leprosy Control
Sanni Hassan – Project Officer
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NEW ZEALAND

And above all else put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14



TLM New Zealand is humbled by and thankful for the love and compassion of their loyal supporters. They uphold the Mission's work financially and prayerfully, they give their time so freely to volunteer at the office, and they speak at churches and community groups. More than 12,000 New Zealanders actively 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 be transformed, giving hope to countless leprosy-affected families in Bangladesh, PNG and Bougainville, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, and Nepal.

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

KEY STAFF

Gillian Whitley – TLM Country Leader
Martin Malkaney – Finance Manager
Sarita Divis – Fundraising Manager
Jasleen Kler – Programme Manager
Odele Habets – Chair of the Board

28 NOV–4 DEC

PRAYER POINTS

MON: We are humbled by how our supporters continue to give, often sacrificially. Pray that God will greatly bless them as they bless others. Pray too for innovative and effective ways to engage with our supporters, who have faithfully supported the Mission's work for many years.

TUE: We give thanks and praise for the commitment and expertise of our new Board members, who give their time and skills to support the Mission so willingly. Pray for God's wisdom, guidance and oneness of hearts and minds as they work together with the rest of the team in supporting people affected by leprosy.

WED: We are blessed and thankful for the many churches who prayerfully and financially support TLM NZ in transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Pray that more churches will be open to and interested in partnering with the Mission in achieving our goal of No Child with Leprosy by 2035.

THU: Give thanks for collaborations and co-funding opportunities which allow us to support vital work to find a new diagnostic tool which uses spectral imaging. Thank God, as well, for our partnership with TLM Netherlands, as we work on a new PEP (preventative treatment) project in DR Congo.

FRI: 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.

SAT/SUN: Praise God and pray for the Programme Team as they work together for a new funding partnership with the NZ Government that will allow us to build healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities for people affected by leprosy.

Top: The TLM NZ team.

BANGLADESH – LEPROSY CONTROL AND RESEARCH

5-11 DEC



Leprosy Control

The Leprosy Control Programme aims to ensure timely leprosy services and foster greater government ownership of leprosy control. TLMIB also contributes to managing leprosy complications through the latest leprosy referral centre in the country at Nilphamari.

Research

TLMIB has established a reputation as a quality research hub that has contributed major research work over the last 25 years. Many of our past research successes have contributed to the evidence base for the latest leprosy care practices.

Our research projects are focused on our 'Triple Zero initiative,' which means zero transmission, zero disability, and zero discrimination. We work with local universities and other research organisations through all of these efforts.

Top: Collecting samples for a TLMIB Research Project.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray that the government will increase the national budget allocation for leprosy programmes so that sub-district and district health authorities can provide comprehensive leprosy services.

TUE: Pray that formal and hands-on leprosy training will strengthen and empower the government healthcare system's leprosy services.

WED: Research & Leprosy Control projects are facing challenges because of Covid-19. Pray that these projects will reach their targets, despite the challenges.

THU: DBLM Hospital does great work providing inpatient services as well as maintaining local income initiatives. However, funding shortfalls because of the pandemic are causing major challenges. The pandemic has also taken a toll on the mental wellbeing of both staff and patients. Please keep DBLM Hospital in your prayers today.

FRI: Pray for the development and rollout of TLM Bangladesh's new research strategy. Please pray that this strategy will guide us closer to a world without leprosy.

SAT/SUN: The trend of leprosy cases in the Gaibandha area is increasing, which suggests lots of hidden cases. Pray for a strong plan of action within the local PROYASH project. Pray for a stable and supportive health system in the endemic districts.

KEY STAFF

Dr Abu Sufian Chowdhury – Research Coordinator, TLM Bangladesh
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Mr Sultan Md. Elias – Project Manager, Chottogram Leprosy Management Project (CLMP)
Mr David Ashim Singh – Finance Manager, Dhaka Programme
Ms Topna Shaha – Finance Manager, Chottogram Programme
Mr Andrio Boiragi – Finance Manager, DBLM Hospital Programme
Mr David Sarkar – Finance Manager, Rural Health Programme
Mr Johan Chandra Roy – Statistics Officer, Rural Health Programme

Hawa's story

Hawa is in her 70s and you have helped her regain her confidence after suffering years of disability and discrimination. Because of your generosity, she has managed to start a successful business outside her home selling fruits, herbs and spice mixes to passing customers.

You can see from her missing fingers that leprosy had done its worst to Hawa's body before she finally received care at Danja Hospital, where The Leprosy Mission funds treatment.

Tragically, the stigma and ignorance surrounding leprosy caused Hawa to be thrown out of her community in Eastern Niger. She arrived at Danja Hospital heartbroken and extremely sick. But, thanks to your amazing kindness, laughter now rings out from outside her home. She is a fun and popular lady and people want to buy her goods!

Hawa once had to beg for her next meal, but now she earns enough to feed and clothe herself. Thank you for your support, it makes lives like Hawa's possible.

Thanks to your amazing kindness, laughter now rings out from outside her home.



But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Samuel 16:7



To build a humane and non-discriminatory society that creates an enabling environment for people affected by leprosy, The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) works with several governments and strengthens its engagement with government representatives, disabled peoples' organisations, civil society organisations, think tanks, international organisations, and academia. It works with communities to identify policy changes needed by people who have experienced leprosy and other disabilities.

TLMTI provides support to the Central and State governments in developing information, education and communication materials, as well as planning and implementing awareness programmes under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

The Advocacy & Communication team continues to create awareness on different aspects of leprosy among communities, healthcare workers and other stakeholders. It also empowers people to come out of the snare of stigma and advocate for the government support and benefits that are rightfully theirs.

Top: Raising awareness of leprosy within communities in India.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray for God's wisdom as TLMTI engages leprosy champions and ambassadors to raise awareness about leprosy.

TUE: Pray for God's strength for people affected by leprosy and the TLMTI team as they engage with local authorities to ensure the implementation of affirmative action to achieve rehabilitation and inclusion.

WED: Pray that TLMTI is able to provide support to TLM's Global Fellowship and other organisations so that they are well informed about different aspects of leprosy and disability.

THU: Pray for God's grace so that TLMTI can resume operating at the community level and organise awareness programmes after the pandemic.

FRI: Pray for God's blessings to enable us to strengthen advocacy efforts as we work to create a favourable policy environment, where people affected by leprosy can live as equal citizens of the country.

SAT: Pray that the team is able to provide people affected by leprosy with the opportunities and platforms at the state, national and global levels so they can highlight and take up issues affecting their inclusion in society.

SUN: Pray that TLMTI will make progress in engaging with government ministries and policy makers so that together we can repeal all discriminatory laws.

KEY STAFF

Nikita Sarah - Head of Advocacy & Communication

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalms 27:13-14



TLM Finland's team are volunteers who work to raise awareness of leprosy and people affected by leprosy. The supporters sustain the work of the Mission through prayers and donations. These funds are used to fund work in South Kivu in DR Congo.

The TLM Finland team produce newsletters and magazines in both Swedish and Finnish which are sent to subscribers and churches throughout the country. We also visit churches and schools, but the Covid pandemic has changed this, so now we are looking at new ways to reach people online.

In 2022, TLM Finland has continued to develop its fundraising and search for new supporters. We will create digital materials and test them with supporters, churches, and schools. We are always looking for new partners with whom we can work.

Top: Board Members, Deputy Chair Marja Aho and Bo Ekman, at work.

PRAYER POINTS

MON: Pray that new fundraising efforts will result in more individuals and churches wanting to support people affected by leprosy.

TUE: Give thanks to God for the Board Members and volunteers who freely give of their time and expertise, and pray that they will stay motivated to try new things.

WED: Give thanks for many faithful donors in Finland, both individuals and churches, some of whom have been offering prayers and donations for many years. Pray that even more people will engage with our work.

THU: The Board plans to reach a wider support base amongst younger generations. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and fresh outreach ideas. Pray for the development of online campaigns.

FRI: Pray for TLM Congo's projects. Give thanks for and bless the staff there. Pray for their safety when they are travelling.

SAT/SUN: Pray and give thanks for The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship, its Members, and all the staff, whatever their duties and wherever they live. Pray that they will feel valued and work in the shadow of the Lord. Pray for leprosy-affected people and their families.

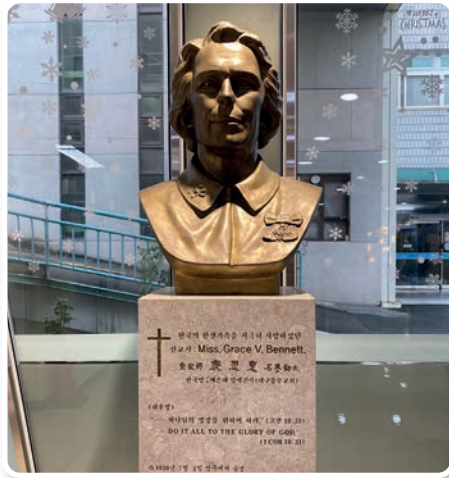
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Ms. Eija Kilpi - Chair of the Board
Ms. Marja Aho - Deputy Chair
Ms. Ritva Pohti - National Director/Secretary

SOUTH KOREA

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29



The overall healthcare and welfare environment in Korea is always improving and the number of newly diagnosed leprosy patients has decreased significantly since the earlier parts of the 20th Century. Many of the people affected by leprosy in Korea today are older persons who were diagnosed many decades ago.

TLM Korea remains committed to supporting people affected by leprosy and does this through Jesus Hospital, which people from across the country visit for leprosy support. As well as this, the hospital offers support to general outpatients from the local area.

The TLM Korea team frequently visits churches in leprosy resettlement villages to support people affected by leprosy, low-income older persons, and persons with disability in their religious and economic lives.

Top: A bronze bust of missionary, Miss Grace Bennett, which has been installed at TLM Korea's Jesus Hospital.

26–31 DEC

PRAYER POINTS

MON: TLM Korea has pulled through the Covid-19 pandemic without major difficulties thanks to the protection of the Lord. Join us in giving thanks!

TUE: Join us in praising God for the protection he has shown to persons affected by leprosy throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Please pray for their continued protection and good health.

WED: Pray for wisdom and health for TLM Korea's Board and staff so that their work will continue to prosper.

THU: Please pray for all outpatients and persons affected by leprosy who come to Jesus Hospital for support. Pray that they will be comforted and healed, not only of their physical ailments, but also of their heartache.

FRI: Although the number of leprosy cases in Korea is very low, prejudice about the disease is still high. Please pray that the social perceptions of leprosy will change so that the remaining elderly persons affected by leprosy can enjoy the rest of their lives happily.

SAT: Please pray for zero leprosy in Korea, with no new cases, no one living with leprosy-related disabilities, and no one experiencing discrimination because of leprosy.

KEY STAFF

Duk Sang Park - Representative of TLM Korea

Karima's story

Karima is a person affected by leprosy from Nigeria who had to learn how to live amidst the lockdowns caused by Covid-19. For her and her family it became a question of survival.

"It was not easy when the government enforced the 'stay at home policy'. All we did at home was sleep. We lived in fear."

"I was empowered by TLM with a grinding machine in 2019. The machine has been very helpful in sustaining my family because the surrounding community members would drop by my house to get their vegetables ground for a token. During the lockdown, they did not come any more. That made me feel sad".

"Our savings fast dwindled and our children were at home all the time and they needed to eat. My husband was also stuck in the house with me, so he could not go out to engage in menial jobs to cater for the family".

"Except for our Officer from TLM, who came to tell us what the disease was all about and how to guard against it, no one told us anything".

"When one of us gets sick, we self-medicate and pray for speedy recovery because the hospitals don't care for patients with other medical conditions for fear that they might catch Covid-19. This puts us in constant fear for our lives".

Because of the lockdown, Karima could not go to her friend's house to discuss any pressing



emotional or psychological issues, nor could her friend go to her house. She said that it was really hard for her to deal with her problems alone because it got so overwhelming.

Karima's story will be familiar to vulnerable people across the world, including many people affected by leprosy. Thanks to support from TLM donors, we were able to reach out to many of these communities and provide them with information and resources so that they could make it through lockdowns and the pandemic.



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 36 percent 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 percent 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 or leprosymission.org.au/shop to find gifts, books, crafts, homeware, and tasty treats. The proceeds from the sales on these websites 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 84-85.

Zaw Win Thain's story

Zaw is from Myanmar and first noticed there was a problem with his foot 10 years ago. He had injured it, but the wound wasn't healing properly. For five years he lived happily with his wonderful wife and his son, all the while this persistent wound was a nagging concern that never went away, but didn't hurt.

Eventually someone in his family suggested it might be leprosy and took Zaw to Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital, TLM's partner hospital in Myanmar. When he was diagnosed with leprosy, he was afraid he would lose his fingers and toes. His fingers had already started to claw, but thankfully the hospital were able to correct this with surgery.

When Zaw had been diagnosed with leprosy, his wife divorced him and took their son with her. She refused to be married to someone who had leprosy.

Sadly, Zaw's suffering did not end there. The lack of sensation in his foot that leprosy has caused continues to give him problems. He fractured this foot and as a result he needed an amputation. He told us that he feels worried about losing his foot, but in some ways he is excited about not having an ulcer anymore, as it has always caused him so many problems. The ulcer made walking difficult, anyway.



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He says that he is happy at the hospital and feels more happy there than he does at home. He says that, without Mawlamyine Hospital he would feel depressed and would die early.

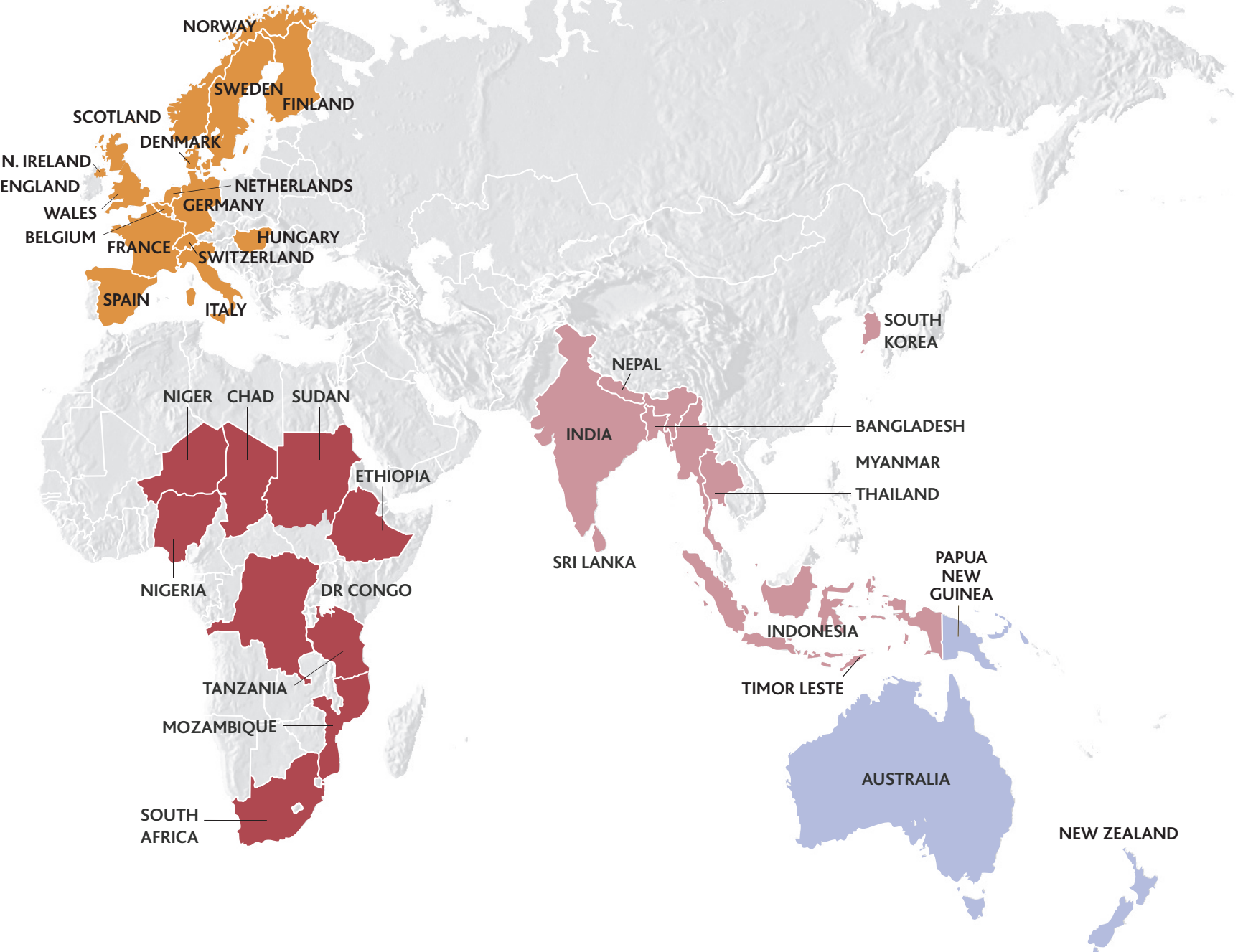
"Because of your support and donations, we can get proper treatment here. Thank you very much. I wish that you can donate and support more in the future and that you would have more prosperity in your life."

"Because of your support and donations, we can get proper treatment here. Thank you very much."



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 anyone 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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MEMORIAL

While the Covid-19 pandemic pushed lots of us into forced isolation and lockdowns, many of TLM's staff continued to serve bravely on the front lines in our hospitals, clinics, and in communities that needed urgent support.

Several of our colleagues, both past and present, lost their lives due to Covid-19. We mourn with their loved ones and remember their sacrifice. The streets of heaven have become too crowded with frontline workers.

Please remember them with us.

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THE LEPROSY MISSION'S GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

The Leprosy Mission is hosting a worldwide day of prayer.

Prayer has always been essential to what we do and this year we are bringing our staff, supporters, volunteers, and partners together to unite in prayer for a world without leprosy.

Find out how you can get involved by contacting The Leprosy Mission in your country (see p.84).



GLOSSARY TERMS

ADT	Alliance Development Trust (partner organisation in Sri Lanka)
ALM	American Leprosy Missions
ALEMO	Association of People Affected by Leprosy in Mozambique (a partner organisation in Mozambique)
ALO	Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy in Bangladesh (a partner organisation in Bangladesh)
CBR	Community-Based Rehabilitation
CHEP	Community Health Education Programme (our main project in Tanzania)
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (the UN's major disability rights treaty)
DBLM	Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission Hospital
IDEA	Integration, Dignity, and Economic Advancement (an international association of persons affected by leprosy)
KKM	Kaveri Kala Manram (partner organisation in Sri Lanka)
MAPAL	Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (a partner organisation in Myanmar)
MDT	Multi Drug Therapy (the cure for leprosy, comprised of three antibiotics)
NLR	until No Leprosy Remains (a Dutch NGO, formerly known as Netherlands Leprosy Relief)
NTD	Neglected Tropical Diseases
OPALCO	An Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy in DR Congo (a partner organisation of TLM)
PEP	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (a preventative treatment that reduces the risk of developing leprosy after exposure to the disease)
SHG	Self-Help Group
TLM	The Leprosy Mission
VTC	Vocational Training Centre

Our Vision: Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed

The Leprosy Mission Prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients. Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen



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