

# ASK 2025

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LEPROSY  
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A Missão  
Contra a Lepra  
Moçambique  
*um mundo sem lepra*



# ATIA'S STORY

**A**tia is one of our community volunteers in Mozambique. She visits with people in her community and in nearby communities to tell people about leprosy. When she sees someone who has skin patches that might be leprosy, she refers them to the medical centre for treatment.

For Atia, her own experience of leprosy is essential to her work as a volunteer.

"I use my example to help other people, they can see that on my body there are no more patches. I tell them I am an example! I am already healed and you can also be healed."

Atia has been doing this work since 2020 and she can see the impact she and her fellow volunteers are having on leprosy transmission.

"The number of cases has reduced. Now we find fewer cases than before. I think that it is because all the cases that we have found have gone to the hospital, finished their treatment and are cured. That's why I think that the number has decreased.

"Now there is no reason to be ashamed, no reason to hide this disease because there is a cure for it. Leprosy is curable, that is the message I want to leave. And also that after receiving treatment they should not reject any child, they should stay with the children at home because they will not contaminate any child."



Atia is one of thousands of volunteers supporting The Leprosy Mission's work across the world. Some are involved in finding cases, others support our disability care, and others spread awareness of leprosy through talks and fundraising events. All are a vital part of the work to end leprosy.

There are many ways you can volunteer to support our work. Find out more by getting in touch with The Leprosy Mission's team in your country – see page 82.

# Welcome from the Global Fellowship Chair



**Dear Friends,**

Welcome to the ASK Prayer Diary 2025. I felt very privileged to be asked to write this introduction in my eighth and final year as the Global Fellowship Board Chair.

Last year was a very special one in the life of the Mission as we celebrated our 150th anniversary.

I'm writing this partway through that year to meet deadlines, and I have been greatly encouraged by how many of you have embraced this anniversary. I was delighted to attend the Global Fellowship Fundraising Conference held at the International Office in late April and listen to the stories from our different countries of the increased opportunities through television, radio and interviews to raise the profile of the Mission, which have already generated increased revenue.

In 2024, the Global Fellowship Board met in Nepal – the first time in an Implementing Country since Ethiopia in 2018 – and it was encouraging to see the important work that goes on in the field as well as sharing fellowship with the TLM Nepal Board. Last year was also an important one in the development of our new Strategy, which will take us from 2025 until 2030, and I would like to thank each and every one of you who were involved in this process. I believe it gives the Mission a strong base as it moves forward towards its goal of a world without leprosy.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this ASK Prayer Diary 2025, learning more about the Mission's work and praying for all those involved throughout the world.

With every blessing,

**Colin Osborne**  
Global Fellowship Board Chair



## OUR VISION

Leprosy Defeated,  
Lives Transformed

## OUR MISSION

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission works with persons affected by leprosy, partners and supporters towards a world where leprosy is defeated and there is healing, dignity, inclusion, and life in all its fullness.

## OUR VALUES

Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value

- Compassion
- Justice
- Integrity
- Inclusion
- Humility
- Collaboration

**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?



**L**eprosy 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 with no sensation. Leprosy is curable with a treatment known as Multi Drug Therapy (MDT), but if it goes untreated the consequences can be severe.

*M.leprae*, the bacillus that causes leprosy, 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 diagnosed with leprosy. Reactions cause

### KEY LEPROSY FACTS:

- Globally, 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, with the right commitment and resources, we can be the generation that ends the transmission of leprosy
- Leprosy is reported in 124 countries and 78% of all new cases occur in India, Brazil, and Indonesia. (2022 data)

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 ones. 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.

# A LEGACY THAT LASTS FOR GENERATIONS

**150 years ago, an Irish couple called Wellesley and Alice were called by God to minister to people suffering with leprosy.**

In faith they started The Leprosy Mission. But they couldn't do God's work alone. They needed people like you to stand with them, and with people affected by leprosy.

Since then, thanks to the compassion of people who have left gifts in their Wills, millions of people are living completely transformed lives. But sadly the fight is not over. Kamal is just seven years old and has leprosy. His face bears the tell-tale marks of the disease.

Kamal and the next generation of people with leprosy still need you. When you have provided for your loved ones, would you consider leaving a gift of 1% in your Will to The Leprosy Mission?

**Wellesley and Alice's legacy is still felt today. What will your legacy be?**



**For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact your local TLM office**

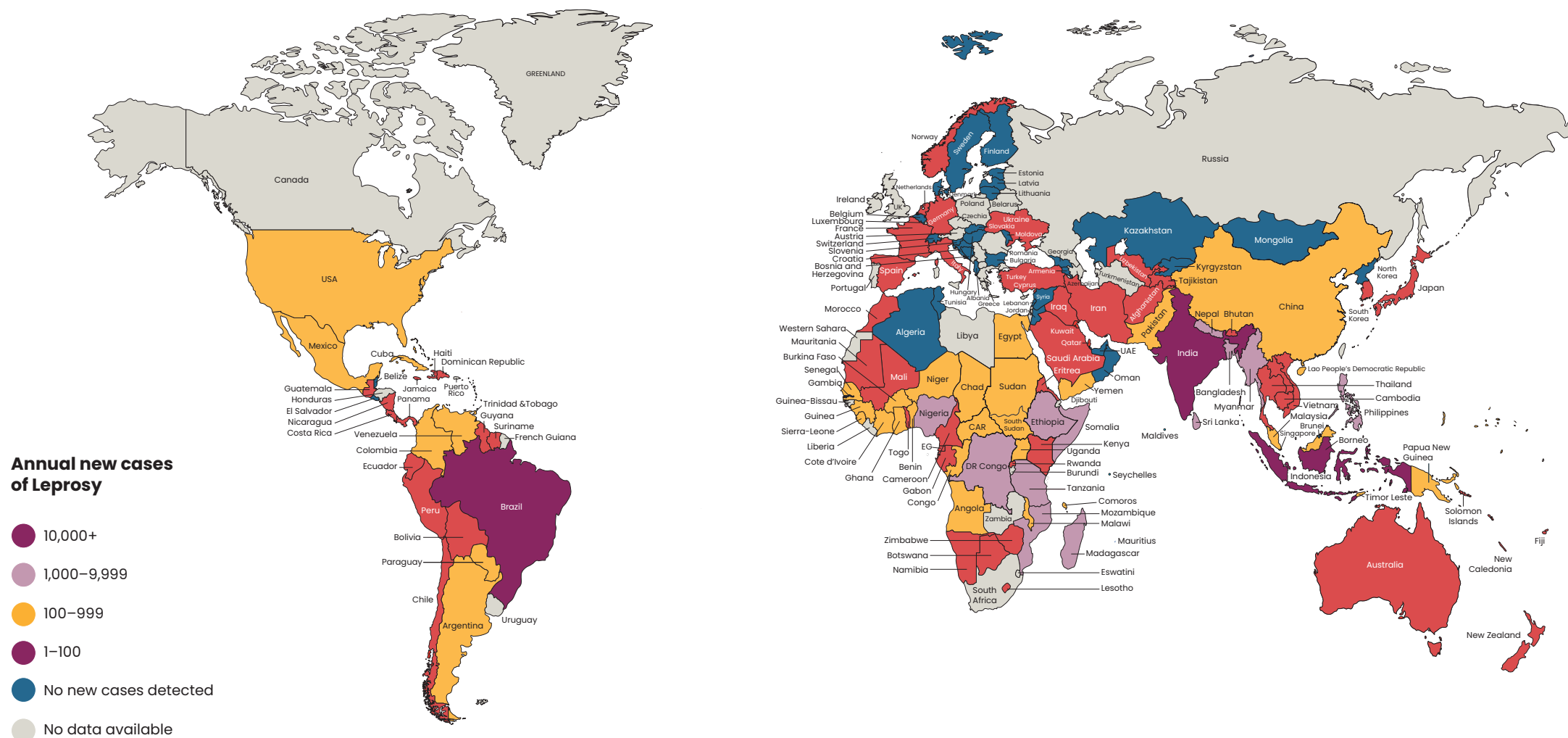
**Find out how to give a gift in your country on page 82**



## WHERE LEPROSY IS FOUND TODAY

For a map of the countries where  
TLM works see page 84

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 2023

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



Wherever and whenever you feel inspired to pray for persons affected by leprosy, you can now follow The Leprosy Mission via the PrayerMate app for the latest updates and prayer points.

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

[praynow4.org/leprosymission](http://praynow4.org/leprosymission)



## TLM'S GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

1-5 JAN



**T**he Leprosy Mission is an international Christian leprosy-focused organisation and a key player in the fight against leprosy. We are a Global Fellowship comprising Members from 27 different countries. It is this Global Fellowship that we pray for this week.

Each of these 27 countries has committed to working together as one to defeat leprosy. We have made commitments to be mutually accountable, to contribute to the shared life of TLM, to uphold our common purpose and identity, and observe financial stewardship.

Christ is at the centre of this Global Fellowship. Whether we are small countries or large, leprosy endemic or non-endemic, we all believe that Christ has called us to finish what he started and bring an end to leprosy. Wherever you are and whatever your connection to The Leprosy Mission, you are a part of that.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Between now and 2030, the direction of our work as a Global Fellowship will be defined by a global strategy that we launched in November 2024. These words on paper will be meaningless if we do not bring them to life and let them guide us towards a world without leprosy. We pray for the Holy Spirit to animate this document through us so we can achieve the goals we have set in serving persons affected by leprosy.

**TUE:** Being a Global Fellowship means that we work together as different country teams in relationship with one another. As with any relationship, we must listen to one another, be patient, self-aware, and committed. We pray that we may have those things in abundance.

**WED:** Some of our teams live in fragile places, where conflict and the worst affects of the climate crisis can cause havoc. We pray for protection on our teams and that we will be able to continue reaching persons affected by leprosy in those countries.

**THU:** Throughout each year we are blessed to have moments when we can meet together as a Global Fellowship, sometimes in-person and sometimes virtually. We give thanks for these opportunities and we pray they will run smoothly in 2025.

**FRI:** The Leprosy Mission is led globally by its Global Fellowship Board of Trustees. We pray for the Board this year. For them it is a transition period as the Chair, Colin Osborne, steps down after many years of service. We give thanks for all that Colin has done and pray that the new Chair will be blessed in their role.

**SAT:** Amidst the many voices within our Global Fellowship, we pray that the voices of persons affected by leprosy will always be heard clearly and honestly. We pray that we will always respond with humility and an openness to change.

**SUN:** Christ unites us as a Global Fellowship and so we pray that we always turn to Him – in good times and bad.

**Photo:** Members of the Global Fellowship join together in prayer



## INDIA: Country Overview

**May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26



As the largest, and perhaps the longest-running leprosy-focussed NGO in India, The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) attends to hundreds and thousands of patients every year, trains thousands of young people in different trades, conducts rigorous research on clinical, social, and other aspects of leprosy, and provides training on leprosy.

Staying true to its motto, 'healing, inclusion and dignity of people affected by leprosy, other NTDs and disabilities', TLMTI is heavily invested in generating sustainable livelihoods and empowering underserved communities, especially the ones affected by leprosy.

With God's guidance, TLMTI has been able to hold the hands of people affected by leprosy during their ailing and uncertain times, not just with treatment, but also with interventions that make them financially independent and socially confident. By God's grace, we continue to reach out to more and more people to reduce leprosy cases and incidences of discrimination.

**Photo:** Members of the TLMTI team meet together

6-12 JAN

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray that TLMTI can find well-qualified staff to fill a variety of positions across the organisation.

**TUE:** Pray that new supporters come forward to fund TLMTI projects.

**WED:** Pray for the staff, that they will be able to comply with frequently changing Indian statutes.

**THU:** Pray for the Audit & Risk Management teams, as they audit and identify risks. May they give wise recommendations to manage risks and ensure the safety of TLMTI.

**FRI:** Pray that the recommendations from our audits will help in making our processes more efficient and effective in all aspects.

**SAT:** We pray for wisdom and guidance as we strive to create a work environment that reflects our organisation's values, promoting unity, respect, and compassion among our staff and stakeholders.

**SUN:** We pray for the well-being and safety of our staff, that they may be empowered to serve with excellence, integrity, and dedication, ultimately contributing to the fulfilment of our mission.

### COUNTRY LEADERS

Dr Premal Das – Executive Director  
Dr DPN Prasad – Board Chair

## NEW ZEALAND

13-19 JAN



The Leprosy Mission New Zealand (TLMNZ) is deeply grateful for the unwavering love and support of our dedicated community. Our supporters not only sustain our mission through financial and prayerful contributions but also volunteer their time and advocate for us in churches and community groups. Over 12,000 New Zealanders actively back our efforts, and we strive to engage even more to achieve our global goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035. Thanks to our supporters' commitment, we transform lives and bring hope to families affected by leprosy in countries like Bangladesh, PNG, Bougainville, DR Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, and Timor-Leste. TLMNZ collaborates with The New Zealand Aid Programme (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), the Autonomous Bougainville Government, NLR (a Dutch leprosy NGO), and local grassroots organisations. Together, we are curing, caring for, and restoring those affected by leprosy to full and healthy lives.

**Photo:** Gillian Whitley (Country Leader), with Hon Minister of Commerce & Tourism, Bootii Nauanorganisations, signing a memorandum of understanding between the Kiribati Government and TLMNZ to work on a new Preventative Health Programme

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for wisdom and creativity as we navigate the potential abolishment of the postal system in New Zealand. Ask God to guide us in finding new and effective ways to communicate with our wonderful supporters ensuring that our connection remains strong and our mission continues to thrive.

**TUE:** Lift up the New Zealand Programmes Team as they design and develop initiatives in the Pacific. Pray for God's wisdom, creativity, and guidance in their work. May their efforts be fruitful and bring positive, lasting change to the communities they serve.

**WED:** Praise God for reconnecting young hearts to our Youth Advocate Scholarship (YAS) Programme 2025. Pray for these young advocates as they commit to making a meaningful difference for those affected by leprosy.

**THU:** Pray for our faithful older supporters who have supported the Mission over many years. Ask God to bless them with health and peace. Also pray that future generations will be inspired to continue their legacy, carrying forward their passion and dedication to the cause.

**FRI:** Praise God for new opportunities as we partner with the government for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment (PHACE) Programme in Kiribati. Pray for the successful rollout and significant impact of this project on the lives of those affected by leprosy.

**SAT/SUN:** Please pray for our media partners and humbly ask for divine guidance and favour in our relationship with them. Strengthen the bonds of trust and mutual support between us.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Gillian Whitley – TLM Country Leader  
Martin Malkaney – Finance Manager  
Leanne Ryburn – Marketing & Fundraising Manager  
Jasleen Kler – International Programmes Manager  
Andre Stuart – Board Chair

## WORLD LEPROSY DAY

20-26 JAN



**O**n Sunday of this week, we will mark World Leprosy Day. This is an important day for many people. It is a day of pride for persons affected by leprosy, as we mark their distinctive contributions to their communities.

It is also a day to raise awareness of leprosy. We do this for three reasons: so that all those at risk will be aware of the symptoms, so that people in endemic countries will be aware of the discrimination that persons affected by leprosy face, and so that more people can learn how a world without leprosy is possible and recognise the role they have to play.

The day is acknowledged both online and in person. Online, the campaign happens under #WorldLeprosyDay as people and organisations work hard to raise awareness. In person events include media events, engagements with political leaders, and community celebrations.

**Photo:** TLM's Ethiopia team and the Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL) take on media duties for World Leprosy Day

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We pray for all those who are making final arrangements for their World Leprosy Day events. May God bless all these plans.

**TUE:** We pray that World Leprosy Day in 2025 will reach those who would benefit from knowing the signs and symptoms of the disease.

**WED:** Many of our teams will have media engagements this World Leprosy Day. Please pray that God will guide the speakers during their media engagements this week.

**THU:** World Leprosy Day is a moment in the year that moves many people to give money. Please pray that many people will be moved to give this year.

**FRI:** Please pray for Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy, who will play a crucial role in celebrating this Sunday. May each one of their members feel a sense of pride.

**SAT:** Leprosy is a Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD). World NTD Day will take place next week on 30 January. Please pray for all the activities surrounding that campaign and that the voices of persons affected by leprosy will be heard and reflected on that day.

**SUN:** Today is World Leprosy Day! Pray for a successful World Leprosy Day, that many will be moved to take action—whether by giving, raising awareness, volunteering, or seeking help for symptoms.

## THE LEPROSY MISSION SHOP

27 JAN-2 FEB



**T**he Leprosy Mission Shop exists to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy by trading responsibly and in line with our Christian ethos, enabling us to raise the profile of The Leprosy Mission and recruit new supporters, as well as raise money through Gifts for Life and donations.

**Photo:** Anju from Nepal has been given a wheelchair so that she can move around and continue to look after her grandchildren. She features in the new Gift for Life "A Life-Changing Wheelchair"

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Please pray for our key aim to acquire many new customers who can become future supporters of The Leprosy Mission.

**TUE:** Digital marketing and social media campaigns are cost-effective ways to sell our products and raise money through Gifts for Life. Please pray for success.

**WED:** Give thanks for our Board who offer their talents and experience voluntarily.

**THU:** The generosity of our customers and supporters is critical to our work. Please pray that our warehouse and customer service team will provide excellent service.

**FRI:** After a couple of challenging years, please pray for a bumper year of sales, especially in the peak run-up to Christmas.

**SAT:** Give thanks for our small staff team of eight. May they have joy in their work.

**SUN:** As we develop our strategy, please pray for wisdom, especially as we consider a possible new warehouse.

### SENIOR TEAM

Stuart Green – Chair  
Amanda Norman – CEO  
Jan Arden – Head of Operations  
Felicity Garratt – Head of Product Marketing  
Aaron Scott – Head of Digital



# The Divine Timing of God

**P**salms 37:7 encourages us to place our trust in God and continue living without worrying, regardless of what happens around us. When we discuss waiting for God's timing, it reminds me of the story of Job. His deep faith and patience in waiting for God's timing is a powerful example for us. Despite enduring severe trials and even being urged by his wife to curse God and die, Job's faith remained steadfast. We should strive to remain calm in God's love, no matter how challenging the situations may be. When we remain calm, God sees our faith, and He speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. When we consider God's timing, patience becomes crucial. When we entrust everything to God, we will experience peace.

Looking at the situation in Myanmar following the military coup that took place in February 2021, I remember that many thought it wouldn't happen, even though there were rumours. Then when it happened, there was anger and desperation and a loss of hope kicked in amongst a generation of young people who had come to enjoy freedom. Peaceful protests began to encourage a return to civilian government, but these fell on deaf ears and ultimately they were cruelly crushed with violent force.

This revolution has extended beyond our expectations. Human rights violations persist, justice remains elusive, and incidents of theft and robbery have risen across the country. Humanitarian organisations face restrictions on their ability to provide aid as freely as before and conditions are deteriorating.

Thousands of families have been forced to leave their homes due to ongoing conflict, resulting in homelessness and separation of families. These challenging circumstances

have disproportionately affected our most vulnerable people. Even our daily activities aimed at supporting those affected by leprosy are increasingly difficult. Beyond physical assistance, there is a growing need for psychological support.

The announcement of the conscription law on February 10, 2024 deeply shocked young people and families, doubling their concerns. The mandatory recruitment of soldiers has begun, leading to arrests. In response to this declaration, many young people, including myself, have begun leaving the country through both official and unofficial means. Witnessing the challenges faced by Myanmar citizens abroad and the unjust treatment of those remaining in the country, I found myself questioning why God allowed these events to unfold and doubting His timing.

After a few weeks in a foreign land, I participated in our church's noon service via Zoom. During this service, a phrase shared by the pastor deeply touched me: "God's timing surpasses that of scientists and the greatest project planners in this world!" This reminded me to remain calm and patient while awaiting God's timing. Reflecting on the perfect timing of God throughout my life, I realised the importance of building my faith on a solid foundation, much like Job, and believing that blessings will come when His timing arrives.

Therefore, the key is to find solace under the shadow of His wings. As it is difficult to find solace alone, we, families, colleagues, and church communities, must encourage one another, strengthen our resilience, and support those in need, knowing that God's timing is always perfect.

**Saw Soe Lin Naing**  
Safeguarding Officer, TLM Myanmar

**Rest in the LORD,  
and wait patiently  
for him: fret not  
thyself because of  
him who prospereth  
in his way, because  
of the man who  
bringeth wicked  
devices to pass.**

Psalm 37:7



## DENMARK

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

2 Timothy 1:7



In defeating leprosy, we focus on human rights, poverty reduction and equality. In an increasingly competitive Danish funding market, we do not fear but seek God's guidance to fund sustainable solutions that transform people's lives.

We are proud to stand on the shoulders of a 150-year history of people dedicated to following God's calling to reach out to fellow human beings affected by leprosy. In this first year of the new Global Strategy, we acknowledge the importance of The Leprosy Mission continuing to fund research and implement health projects, vocational training and community-based developments towards social, economic and political inclusion.

Building local leadership within Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy to advocate for themselves in their communities, National Leprosy Programmes, and towards the UN is, perhaps, the most significant intervention to achieve sustainable systemic changes. This includes interrupting leprosy transmission, securing access to treatment and rehabilitation, and promoting inclusion.

**Photo:** Based on microcredits in her SHG, Menoka Rani has developed a sustainable agricultural business. Through her participation in a district association, she has become a leadership role model and trainer for other women. "The Leprosy Mission has made me see opportunities rather than limitations. It has given me strength to help other vulnerable people."

3-9 FEB

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** In 2024, we renewed our partnership agreement with TLM Bangladesh. Pray that this mutual, long-lasting commitment will deepen the trust in our relationship, promote project innovation and liberate creativity.

**TUE:** Several Board members have worked at the DBLM Hospital in Bangladesh for many years. Pray that the sustainability plan to position the hospital as a centre of excellence in treating complicated leprosy cases will become a role model for public-private partnerships.

**WED:** In 2024 we entered a partnership agreement with TLM Ethiopia and started implementing an ambitious project development strategy. Pray that our collaboration will lead to stronger OPLs capable of advocating for accessible and qualified public leprosy treatment and rehabilitation services.

**THU:** Although a very small organisation within TLM, we try to lift above our weight by promoting advocacy as a significant intervention at project, national and international levels. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in this endeavour. (see more about advocacy within TLM on p.39)

**FRI:** Leadership development is key to strengthening the voices of people affected by leprosy. Pray that our community projects will emancipate women to become self-advocating role models in their communities and beyond.

**SAT:** Since its inception, TLM's Nordic Hub has explored different avenues to build an effective collaboration. Pray that our partnership will succeed in building capacity to secure institutional funding.

**SUN:** As a praying Global Fellowship, we worship God for his unconditional love, and we praise Jesus Christ for being our redeemer, saviour, healer, advisor and friend.

### SENIOR STAFF

Hans-Jørgen Knudsen - Country Leader  
Jørgen Andersen - Chairman of the Board

## BANGLADESH: Country Overview

10-16 FEB

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

Jeremiah 29:11



TLM Bangladesh has entered into a new era: it is now registered as a local organisation called 'The Leprosy Mission Trust Bangladesh' (TLMTB). This means that the organisation is no longer governed by TLM International, but by a Board of Trustees in Bangladesh. This is an exciting and profound moment for our work in Bangladesh, as local people take ownership of local problems.

The Bangladesh programme is divided into four thematic areas: 1) Healthcare; 2) Research; 3) Inclusive Development; and 4) Advocacy. Each thematic area contributes to our goal of 'A Leprosy-free Bangladesh' through stopping transmission, reducing disability and ending discrimination.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for Senior Leadership Team as they lead during a time of significant organisational changes in Bangladesh. Pray for them as they strive to achieve the local and global objectives.

**TUE:** Pray for all the dedicated staff of TLM Bangladesh, for God's rich blessings in their lives and for their families. We pray they will remain committed to our vision of 'leprosy defeated, lives transformed'.

**WED:** Pray for stronger partnerships and collaboration with NGOs, churches and community groups as we work together towards achieving 'zero leprosy by 2030' – Bangladesh's national target.

**THU:** Pray for the team as they take on new challenges to communicate our mission as a locally-led organisation. Pray for all those in our team who are responsible for communicating our messages.

**FRI:** Pray for the Bangladesh team as they explore opportunities for fundraising that have opened up as a result of being locally registered.

**SAT:** TLM Bangladesh wishes to have their own office building. Pray that God provides the way and required resources.

**SUN:** Pray for the Board members of TLM Bangladesh, for God's wisdom, sound health and good governance.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Salomon Sumon Halder - Executive Director  
Suma Reverio - Head of Human Resources and Safeguarding  
James Taposh Adhikari - Head of Finance and Administration  
Jiptha Boiragee - Head of Operations  
Dr Benedict D'Rozario - TLMTB Chair

**Photo:** The newly appointed Board of The Leprosy Mission Trust Bangladesh with TLM International Director, Brent Morgan



## SRI LANKA



Over the last 10 years, our work has expanded from supporting a few self-help groups and livelihood projects in a handful of communities to working across 18 districts. We partner with district, provincial and national government health programmes, as well as with religious leaders, civil society, and branches of the Leprosy Peoples' Association.

Our efforts include a strong focus on new case detection, raising awareness, and reducing stigma (often using art and drama). We also work on improving nutrition, providing water and sanitation, and strengthening agricultural livelihoods, which involves adaptation to the impact of climate change.

**Photo:** Women from an island off the coast of Sri Lanka that had been confirmed as leprosy free. After climate change affected the island's fishing industry, women began to travel to Colombo for work where they contracted leprosy and brought it back to their island. Photo Credit: Jolene Molloy

17-23 FEB

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray that TLM and its partners would be able to support district, regional and national Ministry of Health programmes to improve leprosy services.

**TUE:** Pray that our case-detection projects would be successful in finding more cases of leprosy and equipping communities to support this work.

**WED:** Pray that planned training for surgeons and physiotherapists would successfully lead to the provision of leprosy reconstructive surgery and aftercare.

**THU:** Thank God for the expansion of the Leprosy Peoples' Association to many new districts in Sri Lanka. Pray that they would become strong and self-sustainable as they provide peer support and contribute to national and local leprosy interventions.

**FRI:** Pray for the success of the 'Act 2 Prevent' national leprosy awareness campaign, run in partnership with the Government and involving celebrity influencers.

**SAT:** People affected by leprosy are being increasingly affected by climate change-related impacts. Pray for efforts to enhance climate resilience and mitigate disasters.

**SUN:** There is a very high number of children being diagnosed with leprosy in Sri Lanka. Pray that we can find these cases early, so they can be cured and have a future without disability.

### KEY STAFF IN OUR PARTNERS

#### Alliance Development Trust

Godfrey Yogarajah – CEO

#### Kaveri Kala Manram

Rev Santhanapillai – President

#### Leprosy Association of Sri Lanka

Mr Manjula Amarasingam – President

## NIGERIA



TLM Nigeria (TLMN) works in collaboration with the Government of Nigeria to support the control of leprosy, Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), and the consequences of these diseases on people across Nigeria.

TLMN ministers to over 33,850 persons living with leprosy and disabilities in various communities spread across 24 states in Nigeria. Last year, Nigeria recorded about 2,000 new cases of leprosy, including children.

TLM Nigeria supports the Federal, State, and Local Governments across leprosy, NTDs, tuberculosis, disabilities, stigma-reduction, dermatology, mental health, gender mainstreaming, and communications. We also raise funds for our important work while finding new ways to learn more about leprosy through research.

**Photo:** Abdullahi Bala and Shehu Bello, are community health workers in Kebbi state. Persons affected by leprosy are often found in low-income communities in hard-to-reach areas. Community health workers like Abdullahi and Shehu play an important role in finding persons affected by leprosy in these communities through targeted case finding activities

### SENIOR TEAM

Dr Sunday Udo – Country Leader

Mr Pius Ogbu Sunday – Head of Programmes & Operations

Mr Obinna Anagboso – Head of Finance

Mr Terver Anyor – Head of Resource Mobilisation

Mrs Orowo Stephen – Head of Human Resource and Administration

Mrs Omotunde Johnson – Internal Auditor

24 FEB-2 MAR

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray that God inspires TLM Nigeria with innovative ideas and creative solutions to defeat leprosy and support those affected by the disease.

**TUE:** TLM Nigeria partners with other NGOs, health workers, communities, and government officials in implementing projects. Pray that we will continue to build strong and effective partnerships so that we can all have bigger reach and more impact.

**WED:** Pray for God to provide mental and emotional strength to those affected by leprosy, as well as to the staff and volunteers, helping them to cope with stress, stigma, and any psychological challenges they may face.

**THU:** We ask for God's guidance for TLM Nigeria's Board and Senior Management Team. May they lead with wisdom, integrity, and a servant's heart, making decisions that align with God's will and the organisation's mission.

**FRI:** TLM Nigeria has set up a Call Centre (Wellness Connect) that caters to the psychosocial needs of persons affected by leprosy and other disabilities. Please give thanks for all who contributed to this project and pray for the staff of the Wellness Connect.

**SAT:** The dedicated staff who work in leprosy-affected communities often face immense challenges. Pray for these staff members, that they may find renewed strength and resilience through the message of Lent and Easter. Ask for God's guidance and support as they provide care. May they see the fruits of their labour and be encouraged in times of fatigue or discouragement.

**SUN:** Ask for God's blessings on initiatives and programmes aimed at improving the lives of those affected by leprosy, bringing about lasting positive change.



# CLEMENTINA AND ELISA'S STORY

**C**lementina is the mother of Elisa, a 5-year-old girl who has leprosy. They now live in Murrocue, Mozambique. Clementina's family used to live in a different village, but they had to flee when insurgents attacked their village in June 2022. They lost everything but were thankful to escape with their children.

When they arrived in Murrocue, TLM-trained volunteers helped them diagnose Elisa's condition. Elisa had spots on her skin for three years, but in their old village, there was no one to help. The volunteers in Murrocue took Elisa to the hospital, where she started treatment.

Clementina is grateful they fled, as it led to Elisa's diagnosis. Despite losing everything, they found out about Elisa's leprosy and could start her treatment. Clementina explains that in their experience, it was volunteers, not health workers, who identified leprosy cases. In a low-resource country like Mozambique, these volunteers are on the front lines of finding new cases of leprosy.

**"We just fled with the clothes we had on, we lost everything our house, all our things."**



Photo credit: Ricardo Franco

## GREAT BRITAIN

3-9 MAR



The Leprosy Mission Great Britain family is spread far and wide across England, Scotland, Wales, The Channel Islands and The Isle of Man. We support nine countries across Africa and Asia, working together to transform communities affected by leprosy.

Christ is at the centre of everything we do. We meet every morning to seek God's leading in our work. We also pray for people affected by leprosy and our wider family of faithful supporters, volunteers, and colleagues overseas.

**Photo:** CEO Peter Waddup chats to Rambhai, a woman affected by leprosy in eastern India, as he cleans her ulcer

### SENIOR TEAM

Peter Waddup – CEO  
Sian Arulanantham – Head of Programmes and Policy  
Armina O'Reilly – Head of HR  
Louise Timmins – Head of Fundraising and Communications

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** As we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, pray that we will see His guiding hand in everything we do and each decision we make. Please pray that the Lord will inspire us with His wisdom and energise us when the work is challenging.

**TUE:** Thank God for our faithful supporters, and their outpouring of love to rebuild staff quarters in hospitals across India. Please ask that Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides, will equip us to finish this important work together.

**WED:** Praise God for our dedicated volunteer speakers, who share God's love for people affected by leprosy with churches in Great Britain. Pray that the Lord will raise new volunteers so that together we can inspire more communities to come together to end leprosy.

**THU:** Give thanks for all the partners we work with to transform lives. Pray that they will grow in faith and strength as they follow Jesus' example to serve others. May His love shine through them, even in the most challenging situations.

**FRI:** Please pray for our partnerships with universities in the UK. Ask God to inspire scientific breakthroughs and raise up researchers dedicated to ending leprosy. Also, pray for an early diagnostic test, so we can find and cure people quickly before the disease causes permanent disability.

**SAT:** People affected by leprosy are so often ignored. Pray that the UK government will do its part to support marginalised communities across our world. Pray too that the aid budget will reach those most in need, and that our applications for government funding will be successful.

**SUN:** As we raise awareness about leprosy, pray that we will touch even more hearts through the stories of people affected by the disease. Please ask that the Lord will continue to inspire us as we speak to communities, supporters, and the media. May strangers to our work quickly become friends.

## ETHIOPIA

10-16 MAR



TLM Ethiopia engages with the Ethiopian government, other NGOs, and ENAPAL (Ethiopia's Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy). Together we use our expertise and capacity to reduce transmission of leprosy in Ethiopia, to prevent and care for leprosy-related disabilities, and to amplify the voices of persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability.

Our current work includes increasing leprosy knowledge amongst health professionals in the high-endemic area of Woredas so that we can identify new cases. We are also working on campaigns to end stigma and discrimination and programmes that can provide viable, sustainable livelihoods for persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability.

### TLM ETHIOPIA TEAM

Beletshachew Tadesse – Country Leader  
Solomon Getahun – Programme Coordinator  
Birhanu Engida – Finance and Admin Coordinator  
Abebech Lemma – Finance and Admin Officer  
Gudeta Ayele – Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Officer  
Natnael Mesfin – Project Coordinator  
Dr Ruth Likassa – Advisory Board Chair

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Please join us in placing the safety and security of our beautiful country in the hands of God.

**TUE:** We pray for better livelihoods for persons affected by leprosy in Ethiopia and that our programmes might help to make that possible.

**WED:** We pray that we will find ways to access new funding opportunities so that we can narrow the big demand for leprosy services in Ethiopia.

**THU:** We pray for the laws that protect the rights of persons affected by leprosy to be well implemented and that we will make good use of these legal protections in our work.

**FRI:** We pray for our partnerships with the government, other NGOs, faith-based organisations, youth volunteers, and academics. We pray these partnerships will grow in strength.

**SAT:** We are a team that always wants to grow our expertise and skills. We pray that we will have opportunities to do that in 2025.

**SUN:** We pray that the government will move forward with a programme to distribute rifampicin, an antibiotic that can prevent leprosy.

**Photo:** The TLM Ethiopia team receive TLM's 150 baton, who is named Barry. Barry the Baton travelled the world throughout 2024 to celebrate TLM's 150th anniversary



## MYANMAR: Zero Leprosy Transmission

17-23 MAR

**“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

Deuteronomy 31:8



**T**LM Myanmar works to find new leprosy cases early so that we can end transmission of the disease in Myanmar. Our presence is in Taungoo, Mandalay, Sittwe, Pakokku, Hpa doh and Chaungzon and the country office is based in Yangon.

We aim to improve leprosy knowledge and capacity across the country so that cases are detected early. To do this, we work alongside MAPAL, the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy. More people are encouraged to come forward for leprosy treatment when they hear the stories of persons affected by leprosy, so the MAPAL members are our most powerful assets in the effort to find new cases.

Whilst there is conflict in Myanmar, it is also hard for us to reach some communities, which means that MAPAL members are sometimes our only way to access the communities that need our support.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for our Board Members and our Senior Leadership Team as they serve and govern TLM Myanmar. Pray for wisdom from God. Pray for TLM Myanmar Staff as they commit to serving the community.

**TUE:** Please pray for new funding opportunities in 2025, that we will be able to reach persons affected by leprosy across the country.

**WED:** Please pray for health and safety for all staff and volunteers who are working in different field offices in this extreme weather. Please pray for the health and safety of our teams while serving in hard-to-reach areas; may God protect them from violence and harm amidst the conflict.

**THU:** Please pray for the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (MAPAL). Pray for the association to become stronger. Pray that each member will be a blessing to their community.

**FRI:** Pray for the political situation in Myanmar. Pray that Internally Displaced persons can return to their homes to live peacefully. Pray for a better nation, for order, justice, and peace. All of these things will make zero transmission of leprosy easier to achieve.

**SAT:** Churches help us to search for new cases of leprosy within their communities. Please give thanks for the church members who give their time to support this work. Please pray that we will have fruitful partnerships with them.

**SUN:** We pray for our country's future, that one day we will reach zero transmission of leprosy in Myanmar.

### SENIOR 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 Resources Manager  
Dr Hla Hla Aye – TLM Myanmar Board Chair

**Photo:** The team at TLM Myanmar's Yangon office

## ORGANISATIONS OF PERSONS AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

24-30 MAR

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** There are many great leaders within Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy. We give thanks for their courage in speaking truth to power and their ability to inspire others to join them.

**TUE:** In November 2024, The Leprosy Mission launched a new global strategy. This strategy will define how we work in the years running up to 2030 and partnership with OPLs is one of the core themes of the strategy. As we begin to implement our plans, we pray that our efforts to increase partnership with OPLs will be fruitful and well balanced.

**WED:** Some OPLs are well-established and well-connected, but others are newer and still finding their way. We pray for those newer organisations, that they will grow from strength to strength and that The Leprosy Mission can play a positive role in their growth.

**THU:** Jesus so often listened to the marginalised voices and picked out the smallest voices in the crowd. We give thanks that there has been movement in that direction across the world, as our cultures have become better at listening to those with lived experience of discrimination. We give thanks also that this trend has found its way into our sector. Because this follows Jesus' example, our world is better for it.

**FRI:** We pray that, as our partners, OPL leaders will always feel they can be open with The Leprosy Mission's teams and that we will take criticism with humility and an openness to change.

**SAT:** We pray for the influence that OPLs have within their communities. We pray that they will have a positive influence and that other community leaders will not treat them with discrimination but with openness.

**SUN:** We pray for the new generation of leaders within OPLs. We pray they will find spaces to have their voices heard and that we will hear the voices of women, children, and the most marginalised break through.



**I**n recent years, the prominence of Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy (OPLs) has grown within the leprosy world. This has been an overwhelmingly positive thing.

These are grassroots organisations whose membership is entirely comprised of people with lived experience of leprosy and their family members. The organisations work to provide for the needs of their members and they speak on behalf of their membership in a variety of ways: when working with NGOs like The Leprosy Mission, when advocating with policymakers, and when engaging with the wider network of Organisations of Persons with Disability.

Thanks to the collective voice of OPLs and their ongoing work, NGOs like The Leprosy Mission are in a better position to serve persons affected by leprosy. Over the coming years, we intend to further strengthen these partnerships so that we can defeat leprosy and transform lives together.

**Photo:** Amar Timalisina, an OPL leader from Nepal, speaks at the United Nations in New York



# On Earth as it is in Heaven

**T**om Holland (the academic, not the Spider-Man) has written a book called *Dominion*, which traces the impact that Christianity has had on the world we live in. He argues that, on a civilizational level we are all Christians, whether or not we believe Jesus was God. This is because Jesus and his followers changed civilisation so much that it would be unrecognisable to the people who came before Christ. We all live in that inheritance now.

The Greco-Roman world was savage. When an unwanted child was born, it would often be dumped in a sewer or drain and left to die. Slavery was pervasive and the head of the household had total rights over all of his property, whether that property was flesh and bone or not. He could abuse them because that was his right.

The gods of antiquity were a vicious and capricious breed who would happily intercede in the lives of men to inflict pain. One approached them with trepidation and fear.

Greco-Roman rulers, meanwhile, were quite content to keep 'the plebeian classes' in servitude and poverty, as that was the natural order of things.

Entering into this milieu was a bizarre teacher from somewhere on the political fringes of Roman civilisation. He lived in a way that is recognisable to people of the 21st Century, but was different to the point of absurdity for citizens of the Roman Empire. What he did went on to change not just the Empire, but everything that has happened since.

I'm not sure I will ever fully grasp what a paradigm shift it was when Jesus spoke to these people of the intrinsic value of every life. It makes sense now, but did it then? Especially for a non-Jewish audience?

In time, they came to understand that he was in fact God Himself. And this was no volatile Roman god, no deified Caesar. He did not intercede in battle to bring victories; instead, he ministered to women who were forced into prostitution, people with disabilities, widows, and infants. His friends were not senators or philosophers; they were foul-mouthed, smelly fishermen. Eventually he was subjected to the shame of crucifixion. He had not won a battle for or against the Empire; he had died as a man at the lowest rung of it. When this is how your God acts, how much does that change your approach to everything?

As Tom Holland explains, it is possible to trace the origins of modern human rights all the way back to how Jesus and his followers changed how we understand the value and freedom of each person.

As part of The Leprosy Mission today, we each stand in this inheritance. The legacy of a man who saw people, their anguish, their powerlessness, and their hope, and he acknowledged it. He made them feel loved in a society that said this was the last thing they should expect.

And this is not a love that he limits according to a person's power, their gender, their faith, their politics, their job, their sexuality, or even whether or not it is easy to like them! He looks at each person and sees someone he made; he sees someone he loves, someone longing to be loved.

It brings me great joy to live out that legacy at TLM. I hope you feel the same, however it is that you contribute to The Leprosy Mission and the building of God's Kingdom on Earth.

**Timothy Burton**  
Global Communications Lead

**All are heirs to the same revolution: a revolution that has, at its molten heart, the image of a god dead on a cross.**

*Dominion*, Tom Holland





# RESEARCH

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3



For over 70 years, we have researched leprosy and its complications.

Our main programmes are in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal, with a growing initiative in Nigeria.

We operate globally recognised laboratories: Stanley Browne Laboratories in India and Mycobacterial Research Laboratories in Nepal.

Over the next five years, our research will focus on:

- 1. Diagnostic tools – for both leprosy and leprosy reactions
- 2. Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) – antibiotics to prevent leprosy developing in contacts of newly diagnosed individuals
- 3. New drugs for leprosy and leprosy reactions. Reactions are inflammatory responses in the skin, nerves, eyes, and other parts of the body.

While we will explore other research areas, these priorities will be our focus in terms of time and resources.

Collaboration is central to our efforts, and we partner with universities and research groups across basic, clinical, operational, and social research fields.

## RESEARCH LEADS

Bangladesh – Dr Rishad C Robin  
India – Dr Joydeepa Darlong  
Nepal – Dr Indra Napit  
Nigeria – Dr Paul Tsaku  
Great Britain – Dr Bahadır Celiktemur

31 MAR–6 APR

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Multiple organisations and countries are developing field-friendly diagnostic tests for leprosy. Pray for the success of the '2B or not 2B Study' in Bangladesh and Nepal. If these tests work, they could change our fight to defeat leprosy by helping us diagnose it quicker.

**TUE:** In 2025, we're checking in on 161,000 people in the PEP++ study. The current PEP is a single dose of rifampicin, but we hope PEP++ (a mix of different antibiotics) will be better at stopping leprosy from spreading. Pray for the PEP++ team in Bangladesh as they tackle this tough job.

**WED:** Leprosy reactions are the main cause of disability for those affected. Researchers worldwide are looking for better tests to catch reactions early and for drugs that work better, with fewer side effects. Pray for their success.

**THU:** Stigma and discrimination remain an issue for persons affected by leprosy. Pray for the study in Niger aimed at understanding and reducing stigma among health workers. Pray the findings help change attitudes in Niger and beyond.

**FRI:** Leprosy can cause mental ill-health, not just physical ill-health. Pray for our research teams as they seek ways to improve mental health in persons affected. May the results of their work translate into positive change for persons affected by leprosy.

**SAT:** Pray for the building work happening at our Mycobacterial Research Laboratories building at Anandaban Hospital, that it will be completed successfully. Pray for our other laboratories as they improve infrastructure and install new equipment.

**SUN:** Publishing scientific papers and presenting at scientific and other conferences is key to disseminating our research findings. Pray for those preparing to attend the International Leprosy Congress in Indonesia (5–9 July).

**Photo:** Participants of the TLM Global Research Workshop 2024, which was held in Kathmandu, Nepal

# FRANCE

7–13 APR

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



The TLM France team primarily targets a Christian audience. We firmly believe that churches are particularly sensitive to the plight of people affected by leprosy. Our mission is to inform and mobilise the French public to actively contribute to the elimination of this disease.

Our team, made up of two part-time employees and dedicated volunteers, focuses mainly on improving our communication channels, including our website ([missionlepre.org](https://missionlepre.org)) and our social media.

However, we have noticed a decrease in invitations from churches compared to the past. Despite this, we persist in our efforts to raise awareness of the cause of those affected by leprosy. We regularly organise exhibitions to share their stories and raise funds to support our initiatives.

**Photo:** Pascal Machefer, Country Leader of TLM France

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Amidst recent political turmoil in France, we pray that the French people will be blessed with wise leaders, good government and just laws, which particularly serve the most vulnerable in France and elsewhere in the world.

**TUE:** The Olympic Games have given France global visibility. Let us pray that, in turn, the people of France see the needs across the rest of the globe and that The Leprosy Mission France gains increased recognition and attracts new supporters.

**WED:** We are grateful for the support of Aaron Scott from TLM's Shop. He gave his skills to help us revitalise our digital communications. We pray that younger generations become aware of the plight of those affected by leprosy through this new approach.

**THU:** Thank you, Lord, for our Francophone Hub (Belgium, France, Switzerland), which allows us to share resources and encourage each other in our work.

**FRI:** Pray that the staff, Board members, and volunteers of TLM France can visit churches to present the work of TLM.

**SAT/SUN:** Thank you, Lord, for the two new members who have joined our Board of directors. Pray for them as they take on this new challenge.

## SENIOR TEAM

Théo Reiss – Chairman  
Pascal Machefer – Country Leader  
Carine Fotso – Secretary



## NEPAL: Community Work

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5:16



**T**he Leprosy Mission Nepal has been working in Nepal since 1957. We work in partnership with the Government of Nepal to provide specialist tertiary care and technical support for leprosy activities.

**Leprosy Defeated:** All our projects are working towards the goals of zero transmission, zero disability, and zero discrimination. This happens with support from the government, our partners and, most importantly, people on the ground. Our field officers and supervisors are working hard every step of the way. Our projects include active case finding, treatment follow up, contact tracing, training, and anti-stigma advocacy. We also work on mental health and wellbeing support across various projects.

**Lives Transformed:** Our community projects focus on sustainable livelihoods, education support, disability confident employers' movements and inclusive job portals. We also focus on individual wellbeing, which means continuing the healing process after patients have been released from treatment. All this happens so that people we support will live good lives after their leprosy diagnosis.

### SENIOR TEAM

Mr Shovakhar Kandel – Country Director  
Dr Jemish Acharya – Head of Programmes and Learning  
Mr Abidan Parajulee – Head of Operations & Finance  
Ms Geeta Gyawali – Human Resource Manager/DSL  
Mr Ashok Adhikari – Chairman of TLM Nepal Executive Board

14 –20 APR

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Kindly uphold the leaders of TLM Nepal (Country Director, Mr Shovakhar Kandel and Board Chair, Mr Ashok Adhikari). May they be blessed with God's divine wisdom and led by a discerning spirit while making decisions. Please pray for their protection and good health. May they be empowered to fulfil God's plan for their lives and the life of the organisation.

**TUE:** Please pray for the safety and security of TLM Nepal staff, who frequently travel to satellite clinics and field locations outside the Kathmandu Valley. We pray they will not encounter any harm during their journeys and that they could serve people affected by leprosy in these remote places.

**WED:** Persons affected by leprosy are sharing their stories with other vulnerable people through self-help groups. We pray that these opportunities will give others hope so all can live with freedom in their communities.

**THU:** Sustainable livelihoods are crucial for persons affected by leprosy to maintain a good standard of living. Pray for our livelihoods programmes, that they will be effective in securing income for persons affected by leprosy.

**FRI:** On Good Friday, we remember the sacrifice that was made for us. In reverence, we turn our hearts to Christ and recognise that all our work to bring Heaven to Earth is made possible thanks to his death and resurrection. Praise be to God.

**SAT:** Please pray for the TLM Nepal team. We pray for a spirit of collaboration so that we can be steadfast in working towards our goal of a world without leprosy. We pray that we will remain determined in our effort to grow together on this journey of mission.

**SUN:** On Easter Day we celebrate the most significant and powerful day in history. We give thanks and lift up all the celebrations happening across each of our countries. He is Risen!

**Photo:** The Leprosy Mission Nepal's projects help to offer livelihoods for persons affected by leprosy

## TLM'S INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

21–27 APR



**T**LM's International Office is a secretariat team that supports and connects TLM's country offices across the world. We do this across a variety of fields, including Human Resources, Operations, Finance, Communications, Fundraising, Advocacy, and more.

In recent years, our work has included coordinating the development of The Leprosy Mission's new global strategy, supporting the celebrations around the organisation's 150th anniversary, and rolling out our custom-built leadership development programme across our country offices.

Our office is in Brentford, London, but we have colleagues across Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. Our different time zones does not stop us from meeting together each day to pray alongside you for our work across the world and for each other.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Brent Morgan – International Director  
Jannine Ebonso – Head of Knowledge Management & Learning  
Gladstone Worthington – Head of Finance  
Clara Volpi – Head of Operations Support  
Jo-Anne Thomson – Head of Fundraising Development  
Damaris Villanueva – Head of People & Safeguarding

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Join us at the beginning of the week in offering a prayer of thanks. We are grateful that we are afforded the privilege of daily devotions together. We do not take for granted that we can do this freely and openly.

**TUE:** When humanitarian emergencies take place across our Member countries, our team plays a role in coordinating how TLM responds. Several of our countries are Fragile States and many are badly exposed to the climate crisis. In any emergency, we pray that we will have the wisdom to respond appropriately.

**WED:** Each year, TLM's teams across the world rely on our office to organise and facilitate global-level meetings. These can be logistically challenging and so we pray for those in our team who must work around these challenges. These meetings are also a blessing, allowing us to meet with friends worldwide and so we give thanks as well.

**THU:** This year, the Chair of TLM International, Colin Osborne, is stepping down after many long years of service to TLM in a variety of roles. We give thanks for Colin's work as a servant of God and we pray for the search for a new Chair, that we might find the right person.

**FRI:** Safeguarding is an integral part of our work. Our office and Board have an important role to play in ensuring all our teams and those with whom we work are safe. Please pray for encouragement and good decision-making among our safeguarding teams.

**SAT:** Our work sometimes requires us to travel. We pray for the safety of our colleagues when they travel and that we will always be mindful of the cost of our travel on the health of our planet.

**SUN:** We want persons affected by leprosy to be central to all of our work. We pray that we will find appropriate ways to engage meaningfully with the leaders of Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy.

**Photo:** The International Office team together in their Brentford office for a week of team meetings in June 2024

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA & BOUGAINVILLE

He will never fail you or abandon you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God: and anyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

1 John 4: 7



## Bougainville

**T**LM New Zealand partners with the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the NZ Aid Programme to run the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP). Covering 95% of Bougainville's population, this model improves health, hygiene, and governance. The Leprosy Co-ordinator focuses on finding, diagnosing, and treating leprosy, despite tough terrain and limited health services.

## Papua New Guinea (PNG)

**T**he PNG team, driven by love and compassion, works in cities and remote areas. They reach those affected by leprosy, disability, and poverty, spending days in communities to train volunteers, find cases, refer patients, and support development. They also partner with the PNG Government, other NGOs, and churches to help communities tackle economic and environmental challenges.

## SENIOR TEAM

### Bougainville

Janice Badui - Senior Trainer

Neil Toura - HR and Admin Manager

John Koi - Monitoring and Training Manager

Jaasleen Kler - TLMNZ International Programmes Manager

### Papua New Guinea

Natalie Smith - Country Leader

Larsen Neayambe - Senior Programme Manager

Dorothy Owen - Human Resource and Admin & Logistics Coordinator

28 APR-4 MAY

## PRAYER POINTS

### Bougainville

**MON:** Praise God for the grant agreement between MFAT and TLMNZ for the new phase of BHCP. Pray that over the next 5 years, BHCP achieves its goal of creating healthy, empowered, inclusive, and sustainable communities, continuing to support at least 95% of Bougainville's population.

**TUE:** Please pray for stronger collaboration between BHCP and the Bougainville Department of Health as they design and deliver health campaigns on leprosy, TB, malaria, immunisation, and child health. Pray these campaigns inspire lifestyle changes and lead to healthier communities.

**WED:** Pray for BHCP's partnership with the Bougainville Department of Community Government in delivering leadership and governance training at ward and community levels. Pray that people affected by leprosy and disability are included in community leadership.

### Papua New Guinea

**THU:** Please pray for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) and the Mud-Crab Farm Project as they move into active implementation. Pray for the team's success in eliminating leprosy in remote communities and supporting family income generation activities.

**FRI:** Pray for TLM-PNG's new Climate Change Resilient Project and SAFE Women's project, educating communities on climate change, gender-based violence, and sorcery-related violence. Thank God for the new teams and their work promoting climate resilience and safe, respectful behaviour.

**SAT:** Pray for ongoing partnerships with Provincial Government and Community Development. Pray for positive dialogue with these key stakeholders to help eliminate leprosy and promote healthy living.

**SUN:** Please give thanks to the Lord for His leading and protection. When we faced challenges, God provided help in a mysterious way.

**Photo:** The TLM PNG team together with some of their partners

# FINLAND

5-11 MAY

**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God, all things are possible with God".**

Mark 10:27



**T**LM Finland is a small team, run by voluntary Board members, with a group of volunteers who assist us in mailings and presentations at public events and church visits. We strive to raise awareness about leprosy and the needs of persons affected by the disease, as many in Finland believe that it has disappeared, and the younger generations have never even heard of it.

We have maintained a longstanding partnership with TLM DR Congo to raise funds aimed at transforming the lives of persons affected by leprosy. We regularly appeal to congregations across Finland for support through prayers and church collections. Our communication with supporters is facilitated through newsletters and a periodic magazine published in both Finnish and Swedish. Additionally, we translate the ASK Prayer Diary into Finnish and send it monthly to a dedicated group of supporters.

We work together with other Nordic TLM teams, aiming to be more effective in our work to help those affected by leprosy and to defeat the disease.

**Photo:** TLM Finland's volunteer Katri and Vice Chair Marja presenting our work at a big NGO festival in Helsinki in May 2024

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We give thanks for the Board Members who bring their time, expertise and experience to our cause. May God guide them and the whole Board to find new, fruitful ways to reach the Finnish public.

**TUE:** We thank the Lord for the volunteers who give their time and talents to enrich our work. Please pray for new, enthusiastic persons to engage in the work for people affected by leprosy.

**WED:** Give thanks for the many faithful donors and supporters in Finland, both individuals and churches, who have supported us year after year.

**THU:** Many of our faithful supporters are ageing and are less able to contribute. Pray that we can inspire younger generations to join our mission.

**FRI:** Please pray for wisdom for us to develop more fruitful fundraising methods, and to use our website and other communication channels in a way that attracts the wider public and potential supporters.

**SAT:** Please pray that God will bless TLM DR Congo and their efforts to change the lives of people and communities affected by leprosy.

**SUN:** We thank God for TLM's Global Fellowship and the extensive work done by the various teams to defeat leprosy, be it by medical care, research, advocacy, self-help groups or the many other ways the Fellowship is involved in this important task.

## KEY STAFF

Ms Ritva Pohti - Chair of the Board, National Director  
Ms Marja Aho - Vice Chair  
Ms Merja Luukkanen - Secretary



## INNER WELLBEING



Leprosy is a disease that is dreaded in many communities. In these communities, leprosy causes stigma and discrimination. Leprosy is also a disease that can cause chronic illness and severe impairments.

In this context, you can imagine that the moment of being diagnosed with leprosy can be devastating. Too many patients are forced to withdraw from their communities because of rejection, ill-health, and disability. Anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts are all too common.

At The Leprosy Mission, we aim to focus on the inner wellbeing of persons affected by leprosy. 'Inner wellbeing' refers to an individual's mental, emotional and spiritual state – how they are feeling, and how well they are able to cope with their day-to-day life, psychologically and socially. This means working to serve people holistically, so that their physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social health are all cared for.

We do this work in a number of ways. We train our frontline staff so that they are empathetic listeners with a compassionate heart and are given the freedom to take time to sit with someone who is struggling. We provide basic counselling services and ensure we have appropriate referral pathways for anyone who needs more complex care. We also work within communities to ensure that we stop the myths that surround leprosy, so that no one will face discrimination because of the disease.

**Photo:** One of our inner wellbeing leads, Ruth, sits with a patient at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal

12-18 MAY

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Being still is tough when we're anxious. Caring for people with leprosy involves emotional support too. Pray that staff have the time and resources to listen with patience and compassion, bringing calm to anxious hearts.

**TUE:** When Jesus calmed the storm, while being in a boat, he not only stilled the wind and waves but also eased his disciples' fears. As our teams face the challenges of ending leprosy, pray they always remember to see beyond the storms in front of them and recognise the inner storms in those they serve.

**WED:** O Lord, we find refuge in the shadow of your wings" (Psalm 36:7). In Matthew 23:37, Jesus compares himself to a mother hen sheltering her chicks. Pray that those caring for people affected by leprosy may be like a 'mother hen,' offering a safe place where they can share their anxieties, doubts, and fears.

**THU:** Pray for our training efforts to help teams be good listeners and offer proper support to persons affected by leprosy. May the training be effective and well-implemented. Also, pray that as these teams support others, they experience God's blessings in their own lives.

**FRI:** Please pray for our referral mechanisms. Our teams need to ensure people affected by leprosy are referred to reliable counselling and mental health services. May God guide our team developing these referral systems.

**SAT:** We pray today for communities where there are people affected by leprosy, that the community members will not treat these individuals with discrimination. We pray for the continuous efforts to put a stop to the myths that surround leprosy.

**SUN:** We pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hospitals with peace, rest, and comfort for all visitors and patients. May the Lord bring restoration to everyone working with and cared for by The Leprosy Mission.

## TIMOR-LESTE

19-25 MAY

**Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.**

Proverbs 16:3



Misaun Lepra Timor-Leste works in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, local churches, and Organisations of Persons with Disability. Together they aim to bring healing, inclusion and the restoration of dignity to the lives of persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability.

Misaun Lepra Timor-Leste is currently running two programmes. One is aiming to end leprosy transmission in Oe-cusse Ambeno (this project is called ELETRA). The other project is focused on preventative health and community empowerment in Liquica, Atauro and Bobonaro (this project is called PHACE).

**Photo:** The Board Members of Misaun Lepra with officials from the Oe-Cusse Ambeno Administrative Region.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Thank God for Misaun Lepra's Board, who are so willing to commit to supporting our work. Please pray for their health and for wisdom in their leadership.

**TUE:** Pray for the Executive Director and Staff at Misaun Lepra. We pray for God's guidance and wisdom in their work. Please pray for them as they prioritise, that they will be open to new initiatives. Please pray they will work well as a team and be inspired and full of energy.

**WED:** Pray for God's wisdom and guidance upon government officials who are overseeing leprosy work in Atauro, Baucau, Manatuto, Liquica and Oe-cusse.

**THU:** Pray for the safety and wellbeing of all our staff and those in the communities we serve.

**FRI:** Pray for the strengthening of the partnership between Misaun Lepra Timor-Leste and the government. May this collaboration be blessed and lead to positive outcomes for the people we serve.

**SAT:** We pray for the staff implementing our two key programmes. We pray that God will be present in our minds, guiding our thoughts, words and actions. May we listen to each other with respect and understanding. May God help us to communicate our thoughts and ideas effectively, so that we can work together to achieve our goals.

**SUN:** We pray for all the work we do to determine the social and environmental causes of poor health and ongoing leprosy transmission. We pray that we will be able to engage many people in this work, including health workers, local authorities, people affected by leprosy and communities.

# NAKASI'S STORY

**N**akasi lives in a remote village in the Southern Kivu province of DR Congo. Her life changed when she was 30 and she noticed some unusual spots on her skin. She was admitted to hospital and The Leprosy Mission provided her with food and the support she needed during her hospital stay.

Nakasi's husband had already been diagnosed with leprosy and so she did not face discrimination within her family. However, her community began to treat Nakasi differently.

They wouldn't allow her to fetch water from the stream running right below her house, although she had always done that before. Likewise, she was not allowed to do the washing in the stream, instead she had to go down the mountain a few kilometers away to wash the clothes. This discrimination went on during the entire time of her treatment. Nakasi kept wondering "When will this discrimination come to an end?"

When the staff from The Leprosy Mission made house calls, the neighbours started to realise that maybe leprosy wasn't as contagious as they had thought. As the staff explained to them that Nakasi no longer was contagious, they started to slowly rethink, even if it took more than a year before Nakasi was allowed to use the water from the stream.



The Leprosy Mission started a self-help group, consisting of 12 members, to provide microloans. That way she could get a loan of 5 dollars to start up her selling of firewood. Nakasi picked the firewood locally and then sold it in Bukavo.

Since these days, Nakasi has used her entrepreneurial spirit to provide for her family and find new ways to bring in money, even after her husband died. Her dream is a better life for her grandchildren.



## INDIA: Advocacy & Communications

26 MAY-1 JUN

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

Proverbs 31:8-9



**T**he Advocacy and Communications team enables The Leprosy Mission's efforts to achieve zero transmission, zero disability, and zero discrimination. To that end, the team partners with other teams within The Leprosy Mission Trust India, as well as external stakeholders, to develop and implement campaigns to raise awareness of leprosy in endemic areas and among underserved communities.

The team works closely with the state and national governments to push for repealing laws that discriminate on the grounds of leprosy. They ensure those in positions of power are aware of how stigma and discrimination create barriers to achieving a leprosy-free India. The team represents TLM in domestic and international events and contributes thought leadership to conversations and literature on leprosy and other disabilities.

They also run training programmes on the social consequences of leprosy for individuals and organisations. This training helps to create an enabling environment for persons affected by leprosy.

**Photo:** Leprosy-themed snakes and ladders, a leprosy awareness campaign for people across all ages

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for wisdom and open hearts amongst government officials, think tanks, and civil society organisations so they will be open to collaborating with The Leprosy Mission Trust India. Pray for a spirit of unity and a collective voice for persons affected by leprosy.

**TUE:** Lord, help us to find discernment and favour with state governments as they work to repeal and amend laws that discriminate against people with leprosy. May these efforts pave the way for a more inclusive and just society.

**WED:** Heavenly Father, we humbly ask for your provision as we equip ourselves. Grant us the resources necessary to effectively raise awareness and advocate for the rights of persons affected by leprosy. Pray for generous hearts and open budgets to support this vital work.

**THU:** Pray for successful partnerships that will amplify the work of TLM TI. Pray for successful collaboration that brings greater awareness of leprosy and support to the Mission's goals.

**FRI:** Father God, we pray for your miraculous power as we plan and execute national and state level events. Grant us wisdom, creativity, and resources so that we can capture the attention of the public and generate solidarity with our supporters in the fight against leprosy.

**SAT:** Pray for government leadership to create inclusive policies and practices that address the needs of people affected by leprosy. May they champion policies that promote true inclusion and justice.

**SUN:** We pray for your healing touch on the lives of those affected by leprosy. May these advocacy efforts bring hope, dignity, and a renewed sense of community for all those impacted by this disease.

### ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS LEAD

Nikita Sarah, Head – Advocacy & Communications



## HUNGARY

**Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."**

Matthew 28:7



**T**LM Hungary has been supporting people affected by leprosy since 1974, and is the only country in the Eastern region of Europe which does so. We are privileged and proud to be following in the steps of Jesus and we are committed to obeying Him in His work towards a world without leprosy.

As part of this commitment to Christ's mission, we work to raise awareness of our work among the people of Hungary. We do this through regular newsletters to individuals and churches, as well as appeals in print and through both online and secular media. We run online banner ad campaigns, maintain a social media presence, and make presentations at special events and youth activities.

Besides the staff and contractors that work with TLM Hungary, there is a large number of volunteers of all ages who play an important role. This includes church contacts, promoters, translators, advisors, online marketers, database experts, and administrative support, as well as those who help with manual tasks, such as stuffing envelopes.

**Photo:** The TLM Hungary team at a learning retreat

2-8 JUN

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Give thanks for God's faithfulness during the half-century since TLM Hungary was founded. Pray for His further guidance and wisdom for the next period, too. Pray for joyful obedience in remaining engaged as long as needed to achieve a world without leprosy!

**TUE:** Join us in giving thanks for our partners in Bangladesh, DR Congo, India, and Myanmar. Our mutual respect, Christian love and the spirit of fellowship are a blessing. Their expertise, dedication and humble attitude are an example.

**WED:** Pray for our efforts to encourage more Hungarians to join the fight to defeat leprosy. Please pray for successful publicity, fundraising appeals, charitable events, media campaigns, and event presentations.

**THU:** Pray for the many church groups that support TLM with their prayers and donations. Give thanks that they have a heart for those in need.

**FRI:** Pray for us as we tirelessly seek and find new ways to fundraise. We pray that we will make good use of all the opportunities available to us.

**SAT:** Pray for Marta, the Country Leader, and her team of promoters and advisors. We pray that all activities and relationships will remain rooted in obedience to the Lord.

**SUN:** Pray today for blessing and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon TLM Hungary! Pray for a continuous, clear vision. Pray for God's light and fire in our hearts. Pray for His mobilising power, for willingness to witness, for faithfulness!

### SENIOR TEAM

Marta Risko - Country Leader  
László Bódis - Chair of Trustees

## GLOBAL VOICE

9-15 JUN



**W**hen we speak about our Global Voice, we are speaking of our work to secure the rights of persons affected by leprosy and hold governments to account in the fight to defeat leprosy across the world.

A world free from leprosy will require governments to commit their resources to detecting, treating, and preventing leprosy. It will also mean governments providing rehabilitation and ongoing care services for those with leprosy-related disabilities. Beyond the physical consequences of leprosy, governments also have a responsibility to ensure that persons affected by leprosy do not face discrimination and can access their rights to work, education, family, and more.

We advocate for these issues at the local, national, and international level. We do this work in close partnership with Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy. Their voices add weight and legitimacy to every message we share with governments. When they make demands of governments, they do so out of lived experience and as citizens whose rights should be secure.

**Photo:** Representatives from The Leprosy Mission meet with Malta's Minister for Inclusion at the UN's annual disability rights conference, which takes place in the second week of June each year. The Maltese government have been committed partners in the fight to repeal laws that discriminate against persons affected by leprosy, starting with the law in their own country.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** So much of our work in this area relies on strong partnerships. Please pray that we will have strong partners and that we ourselves will be valuable partners.

**TUE:** When governments consult on the accessibility of their services and responses to emergencies, they do so through the disability sector. It is important that Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy have their voices heard in these consultations, so we pray for a stronger connection with the wider disability sector.

**WED:** Today we pray for our work to engage governments in our efforts to interrupt the transmission of leprosy. We pray they will be motivated to conduct active case finding activities and distribute preventative medication.

**THU:** Across the world, there are still more than 100 laws that discriminate against people on the basis of a leprosy diagnosis. Please pray for perseverance for our teams as they work to repeal these laws. We pray that in time all these laws will be repealed.

**FRI:** Many persons affected by leprosy do not have adequate rehabilitation services near where they live. Please pray that governments will find the resources to provide adequate rehabilitation services for persons affected by leprosy and the many others who need them. Pray for our teams as they engage with governments on this issue, that they may speak with wisdom.

**SAT:** We pray today for Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy, that these organisations may go from strength to strength and increasingly find their voice as they speak with decision makers.

**SUN:** The Leprosy Mission has a new working group dedicated to the issue of advocacy. We pray that the members of this group will speak with wisdom and guide the work of TLM's advocacy to even greater impact.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

16-22 JUN



The Leprosy Mission has been working in DR Congo for more than 50 years. After Algeria, DR Congo is the second largest country in Africa and is the 11th largest in the world. The Leprosy Mission is present in six of DR Congo's 26 provinces, running more than 10 projects focused on achieving zero leprosy.

The team works in partnership with the government, churches, and OPALCO (DRC's Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy). Alongside these partners, TLM Congo's 26 staff members are fully committed to the fight to defeat leprosy in DR Congo. This means finding new cases, caring for leprosy-related disabilities, and supporting persons affected by leprosy with their mental health.

### SENIOR STAFF

Christian Bulambo Bisimwa – Interim Country Leader  
Raphael Mulamba Mbuyamba – Head of Programmes & DSL  
Dr. Jacob Kadima Kabamba – Head of MEAL & Medical Advisor  
Didier Muhima Kamundu – Project Manager in South-Kivu & HR Advisor  
Pierre Omumbu Otshudi – Project Manager in Kasai

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** TLM Congo is looking to organise a local Board who will govern their work (currently they are governed by TLM International's Board). Please pray for strong collaboration between churches, the government and TLM Congo throughout this process. May the Lord assist us so that all choices and decisions are oriented and guided by the light of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

**TUE:** We pray for the Organisation of People Affected by Leprosy in Congo (OPALCO). We pray that it will become an organisation capable of improving the health system in DRC, advocating for universal health coverage, inclusion, and both physical and spiritual wellbeing. (3 John 1:3)

**WED:** We ask for God's support for the two support groups that are a part of our mental health project. We pray that the groups can manage their activities so they can become profitable and increase the income of their members. (Proverbs 16:3)

**THU:** Let us pray for the political and administrative authorities. We pray that they will be sensitive to the concerns of people affected by leprosy and those living with disabilities, especially in Kuakua in Kongo Central, where persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability are making requests for access to basic social needs.

**FRI:** Let us pray for peace and security in DRC. May the Lord touch the hearts of those who perpetuate the conflicts so that we can put an end to the cycle of violence.

**SAT:** We give thanks for people across Congo who give of their own resources to support the most vulnerable. (Matthew 10:42)

**SUN:** We pray that our team will always remember these words, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

**Photo:** A self-help group in Kaziba making soaps to sell as part of their business

## INDONESIA

23 – 29 JUN

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23



Indonesia ranks third in the world for the number of leprosy cases. The Leprosy Mission does not have staff in Indonesia, but works on three projects on the island of Java through our partner, Yayasan NLR Indonesia. This happens thanks to funds from TLM offices in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

The PEPCOM (Post Exposure Prophylaxis in Community) project (funded by New Zealand) supports the work of the local health facilities in Indramayu. This happens through three interventions: intensified efforts to search for cases, providing a preventative antibiotic to contacts of someone newly diagnosed with leprosy, and strengthening community involvement and empowerment.

Two projects, Leprosy Friendly Villages and the Urban Leprosy Project (both funded by Australia), work towards zero transmission. The Leprosy Friendly Villages project operates in Kuningan, which is in rural West Java. The project works to reduce stigma and discrimination so that we can establish villages that are supportive of leprosy diagnosis work.

The Urban Leprosy project in Bekasi works in urban, informal settlements in a district near Jakarta. The project aims to increase the number of people who are diagnosed and treated through the public and private health sectors.

**Photo:** A woman with leprosy and her family, supported by The Leprosy Mission in partnership with Yayasan NLR

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for good discussions between Yayasan NLR Indonesia and TLM Australia as they prepare to set up and implement at least one new project in the second half of 2025.

**TUE:** Pray for more churches and Christian organisations in Indonesia to become aware of the need to support people with leprosy to live lives of dignity and purpose.

**WED:** Pray for the project team as they re-establish partnerships with local governments and advocate for leprosy to be included in local budgets after the change over of government in 2024.

**THU:** Give thanks to God that successful advocacy efforts under the Leprosy Friendly Villages project have resulted in the Kuningan district government establishing a regulation that all villages must implement a leprosy control programme. Pray that more districts will follow suit.

**FRI:** Pray for Phase II of the PEPCOM project. Pray that community leaders, religious leaders, and other influential people in the society will join this initiative willingly and become advocates for the project's goals.

**SAT/SUN:** Pray for Phase II of the PEPCOM project. In Phase II, the project will identify networks of other organisations that are advocating for the inclusion of vulnerable communities. This includes minorities, persons with disabilities, persons affected by leprosy, and others. Pray that we can work together with them to help vulnerable people access their rights without stigma or discrimination.



## CHURCHES FIGHTING LEPROSY

30 JUN–6 JUL



A world without leprosy is closer than ever before because of the work of faith groups. Because of this, churches are a crucial partner for The Leprosy Mission. This partnership is so central to our operations that it has been given special mention in our new global strategy.

Churches across the world play a variety of roles in the fight to defeat leprosy. Some provide sign-posting services for persons affected by leprosy. Others give regularly and selflessly to our work. There are some that have even been trained to offer direct services to persons affected by leprosy, supporting them with self-care and rehabilitation. All follow in the footsteps of Christ.



Read about how faith communities are the secret weapon in fight to defeat leprosy

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We could start this week no better way than by giving thanks for all the churches that play a role in the fight to defeat leprosy. Praise be to God!

**TUE:** Today we pray for the individual church-goers who have given of their own time to receive training in leprosy so that they can support persons affected by leprosy. We give thanks for these individuals who generously offer their prayers, money, time and talents, and we pray that God will guide them in this work.

**WED:** Whilst churches and other faith communities across the world face persecution, we will continue to pray. Join us today in a prayer for religious freedom across the world.

**THU:** Funds from churches have sustained the fight to defeat leprosy across 15 decades. We give thanks today for every church that has ever hosted leprosy awareness events or made a donation to The Leprosy Mission.

**FRI:** Today we pray for all the members of TLM's teams whose role it is to engage with churches, and gain their support for persons affected by leprosy. May God grant them wisdom and creativity.

**SAT:** In some countries we have the privilege of partnering with other faith groups who also hope to see their communities free from leprosy. We give thanks for these partnerships and we pray they continue with mutual appreciation.

**SUN:** Since the days that Christ walked on Earth, Christians have cared for persons affected by leprosy. We pray that God will continue to inspire his people to this great work until we reach a world without leprosy.

**Photo:** Church leaders at a leprosy training in Bangladesh. Photo credit: Ruth Towell

## CHAD

7-13 JUL



The team at TLM Chad supports leprosy work in the Guéra and Salamat provinces of the country in collaboration with the national government and their partners, the Fondation Raoul Follereau. The team also provides technical support to active case finding activities in refugee camps towards the North East of the country, where over a million Sudanese people have settled after fleeing the war in Sudan.

Training, supervision and disability prevention are important aspects of the work, as well as the provision of orthopaedic appliances and walking aids (adapted shoes, crutches, prostheses, and tricycles). These interventions promote mobility and allow persons affected by leprosy to participate in community life.

The team in Chad also run small-scale community based projects that aim to increase the inclusion of persons affected by leprosy within their communities. They also support children and adults who are struggling with their mental health.

**Photo:** The TLM Chad team pose together with Barry the Baton, the Baton that toured the world during TLM's 150th year

### TLM CHAD TEAM

Geeske Zijp – Programme Manager  
Marc Djibrine – Administration and Finance Officer  
Djibrine Arabi – Human Resource Officer  
Abdel Djelil Hassane – Driver  
Hissein Dagache – Chairman of the TLM Support Committee

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Leprosy work in Chad is not an easy task. Please pray for the safety of our teams as they travel across the country to encourage nurses to raise awareness of leprosy and conduct case finding activities.

**TUE:** Disability prevention is an important aspect of TLM Chad's work. The provision of orthopaedic appliances and walking aids (adapted shoes, prostheses, crutches, bicycles, tricycles and sometimes a donkey) promote mobility and allow people to go back to school, to work, or to socialise. Please pray that more people will be able to engage with their communities thanks to these devices.

**WED:** The team in Chad work hard to help persons with disability integrate into their communities. Please pray that more and more children and young adults will be able to reintegrate into their communities thanks to our efforts.

**THU:** Pray for the physiotherapists at Mongo and Am Timan Hospital, who are taking care of patients with pain and disability. Physiotherapy is still new in the Salamat and many more patients are in need of physiotherapy so as to improve their physical health. We pray that we can reach as many people as possible.

**FRI:** Mental health is a problem in a country affected by disease and poverty. Pray for the student who is currently studying mental health in Cotonou (Benin) and expected to set up a mental health programme in the Guéra on his return in early 2026. May God bless his work.

**SAT:** Give thanks for the Organisations of Persons with Disability in the Guéra Province. Through their work, they are helping their communities access the food they need during the rainy season, the hardest period of the year.

**SUN:** Pray for the staff of TLM Chad who are living with disability. We pray that their zeal and courage may invite others to come forward and join in the work for dignity and a fullness of life.

# DALAMAR'S STORY

**D**alamar, a 50-year-old tea picker from a tea estate in Bangladesh, faced a life-changing moment when she was diagnosed with leprosy during a skin camp at her local health clinic. As the main earner for her family, her diagnosis initially filled her with fear, worrying about the implications for her family's wellbeing. Dalamar works tirelessly, often picking three times the required daily quota of tea leaves to provide for her family, which includes her husband, who is unable to work due to a hip injury, and her sons.

The timely diagnosis of leprosy allowed Dalamar to begin treatment early, preventing severe complications. She received Multi Drug Therapy and continued working, thankful for her ability to support her family and maintain her role in the community. Dalamar's story is one of resilience and community spirit; she and her friends in the tea gardens share food, support each other during work, and find joy even in challenging circumstances.

Dalamar's hopes for the future are simple yet profound: she dreams of her children having good relationships and her grandchildren receiving a good education and better job opportunities.

**"As the disease was diagnosed early, and I got the treatment early, I can work and pick leaves in the garden. I can also play with my grandchildren."**

With the support of The Leprosy Mission, she is optimistic about her treatment and her ability to continue providing for her family. Dalamar's story highlights the importance of early diagnosis and treatment in managing leprosy and the vital role of community support in overcoming the challenges posed by the disease.



Photo credit: Ruth Towell



## NORTHERN IRELAND

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalms 121: 1-2



**T**LM Northern Ireland has a small and passionate team of six who work alongside over 200 volunteers. Our aim and heart is to see the voices of those affected by leprosy amplified across Northern Ireland, where many believe leprosy is a thing of the past. We strive to raise prayer support and funds to support projects and those affected in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Nigeria and Ethiopia. Through fundraising, advocating and developing partnerships, we seek to play our part in ending leprosy once and for all.

To do this we seek to nurture relationships with our existing supporters, churches, trusts, and grant funders, as well as develop new partnerships and acquire new donors. Our main areas of engagement are through speaking opportunities in churches as well as fundraising appeals, updates to our supporters and online engagement. We aim to see growth in these areas and seek new opportunities to share our message in strategic areas of influence.



To find out more visit our website.

### TLMNI TEAM

TLM NI Country Leader position vacant at time of publication

Joy Jamieson – Office & Finance Manager

Hazel Coulter – Database Administrator

Rebecca Parnell – Church Partnerships Officer

Pam Gaston – Programme Funding Officer

Stephen McCartney – Supporter Engagement Officer

Judith Carson – Board Chairperson

14-20 JUL

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Praise God for increased engagement, activity and prayer last year as we marked 150 years of TLM. It was a blessing to celebrate God's faithfulness, to thank and recognise the dedication of our supporters over many years and to look forward with expectation as God leads us towards a world without leprosy.

**TUE:** Praise God for those in Northern Ireland who have a heart and passion to care for those affected by leprosy, whether that's individuals, churches, volunteers or funders. Thank God for their faithfulness in giving and prayer. Pray for a new generation to rise against the injustice of leprosy.

**WED:** Pray for our staff team as we continue to serve those affected by leprosy. Pray for wisdom as we think of creative ways to reach new audiences across all areas of engagement. Pray for encouragement, perseverance, and unity in spirit and actions.

**THU:** Give thanks for the Godly leadership of our Board. Thank God for answered prayers, as we welcome our new Board Chair and Vice Chair. Pray for guidance in this time of transition in leadership and a leading from God's spirit as we develop a new local strategy. Pray that those affected by leprosy would remain at the heart of their decisions.

**FRI:** Praise God for multiple opportunities to travel and visit projects last year. We are thankful for the insight these trips have brought, a deepened heart connection to our cause and a renewed appreciation for the amazing staff across our projects. Pray this passion will spill into our engagement opportunities this year and inspire many to partner with us.

**SAT/SUN:** Please pray for those affected by leprosy in the projects we support. Pray that even from a distance they will feel the support, care and love from Northern Ireland.

**Photo:** TLM NI team along with Dan and Babs Izzet, two leprosy champions, and the outgoing Country Leader, Joanne Briggs

## OUR PARTNERS



### American Leprosy Missions

**A**merican Leprosy Missions is dedicated to breaking barriers to health and renewing hope for people suffering from the pain and stigma of Neglected Tropical Diseases like leprosy as we live and proclaim the gospel. Since 1906, ALM has trained, supported, and equipped Christian partners around the world to meet the needs of people affected by increasing the effectiveness of early detection and treatments, bridging research gaps, and investing in technologies to expand access to healing.

### Effect Hope

**E**ffect Hope (The Leprosy Mission Canada) is a Canadian Christian global health organisation and the only organisation in Canada exclusively focused on serving people affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) like leprosy. For 130 years, Effect Hope has worked together with affected communities and people to find innovative solutions to ensure that those living with NTDs can thrive.

**Photo:** Amudha was first diagnosed with leprosy as a child and underwent an amputation on her right foot at SIHRLC in Karigiri, India. Ever since, she's returned to SIHRLC every few years for orthotic boots that protect her feet and keep her independent. SIHRLC's new Prosthetics and Orthotics Centre will help thousands more people like Amudha! Photo credit: Tom Bradley

21-27 JUL

### PRAYER POINTS

#### ALM

**MON:** We welcome prayers for wisdom for ALM as we implement a new strategy and pursue opportunities and projects with like-minded partners.

**TUE:** Pray for new construction projects at our hospital partners: the Schieffelin Institute of Health – Research and Leprosy Centre (SIHRLC) in India and Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital in Nepal. With grants from the USAID ASHA programme, both hospitals are breaking ground for new buildings: a Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics at SIHRLC and a research and training facility at Lalgadh.

**WED:** Pray for the Phase 1b trial of the first leprosy-specific vaccine, LepVax. This clinical trial in Brazil, administered by our partner, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), will determine LepVax's effectiveness.

#### Effect Hope

**THU:** Pray for ASPIRE, our active case-finding project in Bihar, India, that is uncovering thousands of cases of leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and scabies in rural villages that would otherwise go undetected. Please pray for the project teams conducting community health checks in these villages, so that people would be receptive and open to their assistance.

**FRI:** Pray for the advocacy organisations and coalitions worldwide that Effect Hope partners with to drive policy changes, including the Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, Uniting to Combat NTDs and others. Collaboration is critical in the global fight against NTDs.

**SAT/SUN:** We thank God for our loyal supporters committed to helping people overcome disease, disability, and discrimination. Please pray that God would inspire even more Canadians to join us in this mission.

### SENIOR STAFF

Bill Simmons, CEO – ALM

Kim Evans, CEO – Effect Hope

## INDIA: Healthcare

28 JUL–3 AUG

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

Psalms 147:3



The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI)—through 15 hospitals and two clinics across nine states—provides specialised leprosy services. This includes the diagnosis and management of leprosy and its complications. All the units offer reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, protective footwear, and counselling services. The hospitals offer allied services, including dermatology, ophthalmology, general medicine, general surgery, diabetes care, dental, obstetrics and gynaecology. The hospitals also provide advanced disability management services through a range of orthotic, prosthetic, and surgical interventions.

The hospital staff are driven by their commitment to heal people affected by leprosy and other disabilities. With the Lord's wisdom and guidance, TLMTI will continue to reach out to people in need of leprosy and non-leprosy care.

**Photo:** Patients at the new ward of TLM Vadathorasalur

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Praise God for the committed staff and the good work that goes on in all the TLMTI hospitals.

**TUE:** Praise God for the miraculous healing of our patients that we experience in all our units.

**WED:** Praise God for His provision for all the resources we have to do the work we need to do.

**THU:** Pray that God will continue to raise a new generation of healthcare workers who will be committed to the cause of leprosy.

**FRI:** Pray that God will raise up leaders with vision in all our hospitals and clinics.

**SAT:** Pray that God will continue to supply all our needs so that we can serve and heal persons affected by leprosy.

**SUN:** Pray that we will continue to have wisdom and strength from the Lord in everything that we do.

### HEALTHCARE LEAD

Dr Famkima Darlong – Head of Healthcare

## BELGIUM

4–10 AUG

**Heal me, o Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.**

Jeremiah 17: 14



Since 1972, The Leprosy Mission Belgium has raised awareness among the Protestant communities in Belgium about leprosy and the issues associated with this often neglected disease. Our Belgium team consists of volunteers who visit churches and church conventions across the country to promote the work of The Leprosy Mission and generate interest and support for people affected by leprosy. They produce quarterly appeal letters and magazines in Dutch and French, as well as quarterly booklets with information about leprosy and daily prayer topics, translated from the ASK Prayer Diary into Dutch and French.

### SENIOR TEAM

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

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Give thanks and praise for the wonderful support and collaboration within the Mission's Francophone Hub, organised by the International Office's fundraising champions and with the participation of Belgium, France and Switzerland. We are very grateful for this support.

**TUE:** Please pray that we may find new ways to attract not only new donors, but also new members who are willing to serve as active volunteers and who may become Board members once they have a good sense of fellowship within the team.

**WED:** Please pray for the people affected by leprosy, their families, and their communities in DR Congo and Chad, whose projects are funded by supporters in Belgium. May they be healed and have their lives transformed.

**THU:** Let us pray for God's guidance for Belgium's team to find the right way to reach the younger generations, such as through an improved website and engaging social media that appeals to them. May they become faithful supporters who pray for people affected by leprosy and donate to the projects that benefit them.

**FRI:** Let us give thanks for the faithful donors who contribute to our work to defeat leprosy. Let us pray that they may continue to give generously so that we can raise the funds we have committed to our projects in DR Congo and Chad.

**SAT:** Let us give thanks and praise for the exceptional dedication of our treasurer, Mrs Renée Simons-Hugaerts. She has served as treasurer for over 40 years and is willing to continue to do so into her 90s as long as the Lord continues to bless her with good health.

**SUN:** Let us give thanks for the continued smooth partnership between TLM Belgium and Protestant Solidarity, through whom many of our supporters donate because of the tax benefits. We pray for continued good partnership.

**Photo:** Norbert Ngila Bampunga, secretary of the Board of TLM Belgium, participated at the 2023 annual country meeting of TLM DR Congo



## BANGLADESH: Healthcare and Research

11-17 AUG



**H**ealthcare is an essential part of the work of The Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh. Our teams search for new cases of leprosy and raise awareness of the disease across the country. Our hospital in Bangladesh – DBLM Hospital – is the nation's primary centre for managing the disabilities and complications that leprosy causes.

Scientific research is crucial in our fight to defeat leprosy. In Bangladesh, we collaborate with local academic and research institutions to develop solutions that are tailored to the challenges we see today in Bangladesh. Through our research in Bangladesh, we aim to influence health and social policies by enabling informed decision making.

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Our leprosy control teams travel across large parts of the country to search for new cases and to visit clinics and homes to follow up on registered patients. We pray for their safety and protection through all their travels.

**TUE:** In all our projects, we want to be doing the right things. Pray for robust monitoring, evaluation and learning processes across our healthcare project work.

**WED:** We know we cannot achieve zero leprosy on our own. Pray for our partnerships with local NGOs in existing and new geographical areas. Ask God to strengthen our effort to reach more people and contribute towards zero leprosy transmission.

**THU:** Pray for plans to improve facilities at DBLM hospital, including the expansion of the laboratory services, so that we can conduct PCR tests to confirm diagnosis of leprosy, and to test for drug resistance.

**FRI:** Our team in Bangladesh is involved in crucial research to determine the best combination of antibiotics to prevent leprosy. A major trial on this topic will be completed in mid-2025 and so we pray that the team will be able to enrol enough participants in the study so they can get accurate results.

**SAT:** We praise God for the emerging partnerships with Government Medical Universities in Bangladesh. Together we are able to conduct important research into how to best detect and manage leprosy

**SUN:** Please give thanks for the new, younger health and research professionals who have joined TLM Bangladesh. We pray that through their work they will provide holistic support to persons affected by leprosy.

**Photo:** A lab technician working inside the hospital laboratory, which is also a research space.  
Photo credit: Fabeha Monir

### SENIOR TEAM

Dr Benjamin Jewel Rozario – National Lead (acting): Healthcare  
Dr Rishad Choudhury Robin – National Lead: Research  
Dr Pobon Rozario, Sr. Medical Officer – In charge, DBLM Hospital

## THE NETHERLANDS

18-24 AUG

**Heal me, o Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.**

Jeremiah 17: 14



**T**he Leprosy Mission Netherlands (Stichting 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 fourteen members of staff, six Board Members and ten volunteers. We also support a Dutch cross-cultural worker: Geeske Zijp in Chad.

Our vision is to see leprosy and rehabilitation services strengthened and to enable transformational change in the lives of persons affected by leprosy in our focus countries: India, Bangladesh, Chad, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Myanmar, and Nepal. In order to make that possible, we seek support from individual donors, churches, companies and trust funds, and organise events to get people involved with the vision and mission of The Leprosy Mission.

### BOARD MEMBERS

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  
Our chair Arnoud de Jong will finish his last term in December 2024. We are recruiting a new chair

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We thank God for the loyalty and enthusiasm of our supporters. Please pray for their continued engagement and that God uses us to touch the hearts of new supporters, to inspire them to join us in our mission.

**TUE:** We are grateful for the dedication and motivation of our volunteers, ambassadors, Board and staff members. Please join us in thanking God for our team and pray for continued energy and peace as we work towards zero leprosy together.

**WED:** Next year will be the final year of the We Are Able! Programme, which strives to grow inclusion for persons with disabilities. Please pray with us that God will work through this programme to continue to grow inclusion for persons affected by leprosy.

**THU:** Please pray for guidance as we roll out our strategic choices for the coming years. Pray that we hear God's voice and take paths that bring us closer to zero leprosy. We thank God that we can trust in His unwavering faithfulness.

**FRI:** Please pray that God grants us His wisdom as we navigate the new political reality in our country, and address the challenges and opportunities this government may offer.

**SAT:** We thank God for the task set before us, that we may contribute each in our own way to His Kingdom, as a Netherlands team in collaboration with our supporters and The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship partners.

**SUN:** We are thankful for the peace and joy God gives us, please pray with us that we may continue to seek His peace and guidance in our work and personal lives, so that the Holy Spirit may renew and restore us daily as we work towards our goal to defeat leprosy and restore lives.

**Photo:** The Netherlands team visiting the Leprosy Museum in Munster, Germany

## LEPROSY AROUND THE WORLD

25-31 AUG



The Leprosy Mission works to defeat leprosy in countries across Africa and Asia. However, we do not work in every leprosy endemic country. This week we are praying for some countries where leprosy is a problem, but The Leprosy Mission does not work in these countries, the work to defeat leprosy is supported by our partners.

In Brazil, leprosy is known as Hansen's Disease and the country accounts for the second largest number of new leprosy cases (after India). There are other countries in South America where leprosy is present, such as Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, and Paraguay.

In Africa and Asia, leprosy is present in many countries, including Egypt, Angola, Tanzania, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines, Thailand, and the Maldives.

**Photo:** Natasha Cabral, immunologist at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) in Brazil, checks the centrifuge in the leprosy lab. Fiocruz and American Leprosy Missions are preparing for the Phase 1b clinical trial for LepVax, the first leprosy-specific vaccine. Photo credit: Gutemberg Brito/Oswaldo Cruz Institute (IOC/Fiocruz)

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** In October 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognised the Maldives as the first nation in the world to have achieved interruption of transmission of leprosy. Thank you Lord for this great achievement! We pray for the end of leprosy transmission in many more countries soon.

**TUE:** Leprosy control is primarily the work of national governments. Today, we pray for national leprosy programmes and anti-leprosy organisations as they seek to defeat leprosy in countries across the world. May God lead them to where they need to be.

**WED:** Sometimes a person is infected by leprosy in a leprosy endemic country and then moves to a non-endemic country. Because leprosy takes a long time to develop, it may be many years before they display symptoms. In most non-endemic countries, doctors are not familiar with leprosy, causing delays in diagnosis. We pray for situations like this, that God may lead doctors to the right diagnosis quickly.

**THU:** Some countries are very close to interrupting leprosy transmission. However, because there is a low caseload of leprosy in these countries, there is often not much leprosy expertise in their health system. The WHO and ILEP (see page 66) are working to connect these countries with leprosy expertise elsewhere. Please pray for these endeavours so that we can see the end of leprosy in more countries in the years to come.

**FRI:** Please pray for Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy in the countries we are praying for this week. May their organisations go from strength to strength.

**SAT:** Recently, there have been a few new leprosy cases in the USA, however the media has taken this as an opportunity for scaremongering and scapegoating. Please pray for those who have been unnecessarily scared by these headlines and that those who need information about leprosy will find it from reliable sources.

**SUN:** Today we pray simply for a whole world with no leprosy.

## MYANMAR: Disability Work

1-7 SEP

**For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.**

Corinthians 3:9



TLM Myanmar works to ensure persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities can participate in and influence Myanmar's society.

TLM is one of the leading organisations in Myanmar that empowers and enables persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities. We work with partners - including many churches - across the country to ensure that their work is disability-inclusive and that persons affected by leprosy are included throughout their work. These partnerships allow us to reach the most remote parts of the country.

Through our workshops, we also provide assistive devices including prostheses and protective footwear, which are difficult to find within local healthcare systems. Sadly, since the start of the conflict in Myanmar, there has been more and more need for prostheses as the fighting injures so many people.

### SENIOR 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

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for the health and safety of the rehabilitation workshops team members. They are spread across the country and are often close to conflict areas.

**TUE:** Churches act as Disability Resource Centres. This means offering basic rehabilitation services and sign posting for more complex needs. Please pray for our work with these churches, that we will have clear communication and fruitful outcomes for all involved.

**WED:** We are partnering with an increasing number of organisations who would like to receive our disability inclusion training. Please pray that this will ensure leprosy and disability inclusion within their services.

**THU:** We focus on improving access to quality leprosy and disability services through three orthopaedic and disability rehabilitation centres (workshops) in Taungoo, Sittwe and Pakokku. Please pray for the new dormitory for service users in Taungoo, that it will run smoothly and be a blessing to those who stay there.

**FRI:** Following on from Thursday's prayer for our workshops, we pray that we will continue to be able to provide prostheses and orthopaedic shoes through these workshops amidst the challenging situation in our country.

**SAT:** Please pray for TLM's involvement in a number of consortiums who are responding to the crisis situation in Myanmar. We pray that our work in these consortiums will ensure persons affected by leprosy and disability are included in the emergency responses of humanitarian organisations.

**SUN:** We pray that persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability across Myanmar will one day be fully included within their communities.

**Photo:** Work at our rehabilitation workshop in Sittwe



## SPAIN & SOUTH KOREA

8-14 SEP



### South Korea

In recent years, there has been an increasing number of cases of foreign labourers from Southeast Asia being diagnosed with leprosy in Korea. TLM Korea is praying and working hard to find effective ways to provide quick diagnosis and treatment for new foreign labourers entering the country.

Jesus Hospital, part of TLM Korea, cares for over 400 leprosy patients, elderly people suffering from disabilities caused by leprosy, and their families every year through outpatient treatment in the Leprosy Village around Daegu. Once a month, TLM Korea staff visit the Leprosy Village church to promote good fellowship and faith.

### Spain

TLM Spain works 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. Their wonderful supporters have continued to show their love and support towards persons affected by leprosy throughout the difficult years of the pandemic and the economic challenges that have followed.

### KEY TEAM

#### South Korea

Ki Hyo Bae – Chairman of TLM Korea  
Nan Hee Kim – Medical Director  
Allun Cho – Administrative Assistance

#### Spain (all volunteers)

José Manuel Carballo  
Vivian and Samuel Calderón  
Miguel Torralba  
Jose Real

## PRAYER POINTS

### South Korea

**MON:** Recently, the number of foreign labourers coming from Southeast Asia with leprosy has been increasing in Korea. This year, several cases of patients were discovered and are being treated at Jesus Hospital of TLM Korea. Pray for people from Southeast Asian countries who have entered Korea to receive quick detection and appropriate treatment.

**TUE:** Even in Korea, which is rapidly becoming an ageing society, the number of elderly people who do not receive adequate economic and emotional protection from the government is gradually increasing. Please pray that there will be no mistakes in caring for, protecting, and treating disabled elderly leprosy patients who need help and care.

**WED:** Pray that the directors and members of the TLM Korea Board of Directors, as well as all staff at Jesus Hospital and the Elderly Nursing Home, are granted the strength to work diligently toward the goal of ending leprosy in Korea.

### Spain

**THU:** We pray for Jose Manuel Carvallo, that the Lord may grant him wisdom in his leadership in the church and in his work as a doctor, as well as protection and health for his family.

**FRI:** Let's pray for Miguel Torralba, that God may give him wisdom to balance his work and service in church, and bless his family, his wife, and his daughters.

**SAT:** Pray the Lord to strengthen Jose Real and his wife with health and energy, and to bless their children and grandchildren.

**SUN:** We lift up our prayers for Vivian and her family, for her business, asking for wisdom in administration, success in new projects, protection for her daughters in the new school year, and provision for her personal needs.

**Photo:** Brent Morgan, International Director, visited TLM Korea and met Mr Allun Cho, Mr Ki Hyo Bae, and several other staff members in TLM Korea

## AUSTRALIA

15-21 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



Inspired by Jesus in all we do, The Leprosy Mission Australia lives according to God's purpose. Partnering with Australians, we ensure people affected by leprosy across the world get the cure, care, and restoration they need to live life in all its fullness.

Our vision of a leprosy-free world is shared by our supporters through passionate prayers, and kind-hearted, loving financial support. Together with God, we support projects alongside The Leprosy Mission and other organisations in Nigeria, Timor-Leste, Nepal, India, and Indonesia.

God's provision and timing are always good, joining with donors, volunteers, churches, shoppers, and local organisations to bring healing and dignity to people affected by leprosy, discrimination, and disability.

The Leprosy Mission Australia looks towards the future, confident that we can bring about transformation, breaking the chains of leprosy, showing God's love, and extending the hand of 'mateship'.



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### KEY STAFF

Dr Greg Clarke – Chief Executive Officer  
Geraldine Toh – Chief Financial Officer  
Andrew Newmarch – International Programs Manager  
Paul Andrews – Fundraising and Communications Manager  
Supa Thejan – Social Enterprise Manager  
Sean Dostal – Strategic Relationships Lead  
Angeline Carr – Customer Service Coordinator  
Nerida Collard – Operations & HR Manager

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Give thanks for our faithful Australian supporters who continue to support the work of The Leprosy Mission Australia. Pray that God will continue to inspire and move supporters to show compassion to those affected by leprosy, discrimination, and disability.

**TUE:** Pray for our partnerships with Nepal Leprosy Fellowship and Yayasan NLR (a Dutch-based leprosy organisation) in Indonesia. Pray these relationships will be fruitful, unified in purpose, and effective in bringing about sustainable change.

**WED:** Give thanks for our weekly times of devotion, prayer, and sharing. Pray staff will be refreshed and encouraged by these times. Pray staff will continue to build relationships and collaboration between teams as we reach out into the community.

**THU:** Our volunteers, support Groups, and auxiliaries continue to show compassion and love by raising awareness and funds for our projects. Pray for renewed energy, new members, and new opportunities to share with churches, groups, and the wider community.

**FRI:** Give thanks and pray for opportunities to engage with new supporters that opened up during events to commemorate the 150th anniversary of The Leprosy Mission in 2024. Pray for these ongoing relationships and the building of more new partnerships.

**SAT/SUN:** Give thanks for the increase in new churches and community groups impacting the mission through prayer and fundraising. Pray that all our churches and community groups will continue to raise awareness of the needs of people affected by leprosy and help us make significant steps towards making leprosy a thing of the past.

**Photo:** CEO Dr Greg Clarke (right), Board Chair Jenny Ward (left) with Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel, at the Sydney 150th Anniversary Dinner.  
Photo Credit: Jolene Molloy

## FUNDRAISING

**You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.**

2 Corinthians 9: 11-12



**T**he great privilege of raising funds is that money is not the end goal. The goal is to honour God, by serving persons affected by leprosy and our amazing supporters. Fundraisers in The Leprosy Mission delight in their relationships with donors, and in the passion the donors show for serving people affected by leprosy. It is humbling to see how responsive donors are to requests for their hard-earned money, for them to volunteer to speak in churches and to hold events to raise awareness. The Leprosy Mission's fundraisers devote their time to honouring these precious relationships with donors, and the Lord blesses the hands of their work with generous, loyal donors and supporters, which results in us giving thanks and praise to God.

**Photo:** Lawal with Pius of The Leprosy Mission Nigeria. Lawal says, "They are taking good care of us and we are happy. You see my prosthetic limb, this is the third one I've received and all was done here for free. How can I not be happy? That an old man like me is being taken care of and I thank you, and all the doctors and donors"

22-28 SEP

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Let us give thanks for the many loyal, generous supporters who give sacrificially of their time, money and talents to be co-workers with Christ, serving persons affected by leprosy.

**TUE:** We thank and praise God for persons affected by leprosy who generously share their stories & photos, time & talents to help support and encourage others affected by leprosy in their communities

**WED:** We pray that money used to fund medical care is transformed into showing the love of Jesus. Please pray that Jesus' love is evident in every care, treatment or surgery given to patients with leprosy.

**THU:** Please pray for enough funds to provide the best care for leprosy patients, and that the money will stretch to give medical staff, carers and counsellors a fair wage and housing.

**FRI:** Despite crises such as political instability and climate change, let us pray that the Lord will always provide ways to get funds, love, treatment and care to persons affected by leprosy.

**SAT:** We pray that governments and institutions will be responsive to the plight of persons affected by leprosy, and provide funds to finance the innovations and trials that will end leprosy transmission.

**SUN:** Please pray for the many churches and speakers stirring the hearts of God's people to serve persons affected by leprosy, raising awareness and funds.

## GERMANY

29 SEP-5 OCT



**T**he Leprosy Mission Germany is a small association that operates mainly in southern Germany. The work is carried out by the Board, newly elected in 2024, which consists of eight members, and the Country Office, which has two part-time employees. TLM Germany thrives on personal contacts. We maintain partnerships with different churches, communities, organisations, and foundations, and have a large circle of supporters among them.

In recent years we have seen an increasing desire to contribute to the vision of zero leprosy by 2035. This desire has seen donations grow. To achieve this goal, the office receives support from the Fundraising Advisory Board, which includes members of TLM's Global Fellowship (see week one).

**Photo:** TLM Germany members meeting, including Gabi Hettler (leaving), Katharina Kraufmann (new), Dr Vera Kömpf (new, Chair), Dr Johannes Schäfer (Vice Chair), Ines Böhret (new)

### SENIOR TEAM

Dr Vera Kömpf – Chair of the Board  
Dr Johannes Schäfer – Vice Chair of the Board  
Bettina Merz – Country Leader

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We pray for our new Board. Help them to find the right way and the right direction to develop the strategy of TLM Germany. Help them to find the right speech to encourage people, to touch people and to bring our concern forward to help people affected by leprosy and disabilities. Guide us so that we can be a blessing to others.

**TUE:** Give thanks for the faithful support of our donors. We pray for new donors and for the success of our campaigns and activities to reach new ones.

**WED:** Heavenly Father, thank you for every organisation, church and foundation supporting the work of The Leprosy Mission in Germany with their time, creativity and money. Thank you for all the people who are working with these partners, for all the knowledge and advice they share with us.

**THU:** We pray for the office team at TLM Germany. Please help us, Heavenly Father, to expand the office team with people who are inspired and moved by people affected by leprosy and disability. Please help us to take the necessary steps to improve the organisation, making it stronger and less vulnerable. We pray for wisdom in our work, for setting the right priorities, and for inspiration and energy.

**FRI:** Good God, thank you for our wonderful colleagues in our project countries. Please protect and bless them, and help them make the right decisions to move forward and achieve the goals of their projects. Give them open doors and receptive hearts in their partnerships with local governments and leprosy coordinators, so their work will be fruitful. Give them strength, love and health to go on.

**SAT/SUN:** We pray that German foundations and institutions will continue to support the projects of TLM Germany and increase their commitment. We are grateful for all the help we have received over the years. Thank you for the people working in key positions. Give us the right words to inspire them to get involved and to support people affected by leprosy.



# Walking by Faith

**T**he focus is on Corinthians 5:7, a verse that succinctly captures the essence of the Christian life: walking by faith. This powerful principle encourages us to prioritise our faith over what we can physically see. It reminds us that our belief in things beyond the material world is a guiding force in our lives. Living by faith means trusting in God's plan even when circumstances seem uncertain or challenging. (King David instructs us in Psalm 37:5 to give our plans to the Lord: "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act").

It is a reminder that our spiritual perspective can provide a deeper understanding of life's meaning and purpose going beyond what our eyes alone can perceive.

Walking by faith is not the absence of worry; rather it is walking out on God's word knowing that God is working in the unseen world.

Walking by faith requires profound trust in God, believing that he is leading us even when we cannot see the next step. In other words, you don't need empirical evidence to start walking out in divine confidence. The inconsistencies we face in our jobs, our purpose, our passion, our family, the ups and downs of life, they don't allow what you see to make you second guess what God has already said.

Faith requires us to act like it happened before it happens; you need to know I ain't faking it, I am faithing it and because I am faithing it, I can face it.

It is believing in our heart what we have yet to see with our eyes. This kind of faith is not passive; it's an active journey, a continual stepping out into the unknown, confident that God is guiding each move.

This word 'sight' in the original language meant to know or to remember. So in the original text it would read, 'for we walk by faith and not by what I remember or what I know.'

God will create an environment that you don't know so he can stretch the faith you did have.

As we experience God's faithfulness in uncertain times, our trust in His unseen guidance grows, helping us to walk more confidently by faith in the future.

This concept of walking by faith also impacts how we interact with others and how we handle situations in life. It calls us to be people of hope and courage, to encourage others who are struggling with doubt, and to live in a way that reflects our trust in God's good and perfect will.

## Let us pray

*Heavenly Father, help us to trust deeply in Your unseen hand guiding our lives.*

*Strengthen our faith to walk by it and not by our limited sight.*

*May our lives reflect Your Glory as we rely on You completely. Amen.*

## Jacinta Marqueza

Monitoring and Evaluation at TLM Mozambique

**For we walk by  
Faith and not by  
sight.**

2 Corinthians 5:7

## SWEDEN

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind ‘; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself. ‘ ”

Luke 10:27



The Leprosy Mission has been active in Sweden since the mid-1970s. Based in Kumla, The Leprosy Mission Sweden works to raise awareness about leprosy and to give support to people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

Through fundraising among individuals, organisations, corporations and churches, TLM Sweden works to fulfil its vision. A monthly magazine, with challenges and reports from our projects, is sent all over the country. A number of presenters and preachers raise awareness and money in churches across the country. Information on leprosy is shared with Christian groups, churches and schools.

Through membership of The Swedish Mission Council, funds from the Swedish Government are available to our programmes. Through TLM's Nordic Hub, TLM Sweden also has contact with our neighbouring Nordic countries so we can share resources and knowledge.

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

**Photo:** Johan and Thandi in India hearing the story of a leprosy champion called Suman

6-12 OCT

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Thank God for our partners in Asia and Africa, for the fantastic work they are doing.

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

**WED:** 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.

**THU:** Pray for well-developed and strong partnerships between the TLM organisations in the Nordic Hub – Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

**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:** Pray for increased support and partnership with churches, organisations and corporations. Thank God for the work of the presenters and preachers who support our work all over the country. Pray for new inspiration and open doors.

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

### SENIOR STAFF

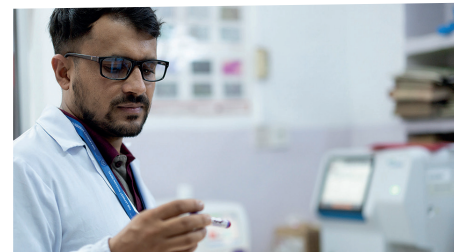
Johan Bäckrud – Country Leader  
Thandekile Moyo – Programme Coordinator  
Ulrica Sternmo Wittler – Administration, Finance  
Shelley Lado – Finance (Consultant)  
Allan Ekstedt – Chairman of the Board and Nordic Hub Coordinator

## NEPAL: Anandaban Hospital, Mycobacterial Research Lab and Training Centre

13-19 OCT

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrew 6:10



Anandaban Hospital, located in southern Lalitpur (on the outskirts of Kathmandu), receives a large number of leprosy referrals from all over Nepal and from over the border in India. Its outpatient department is renowned for quality orthopaedic, dermatology and paediatric services, which serve the general community of southern Lalitpur and beyond.

The Mycobacterial Research Laboratories are situated in the grounds of the hospital. The laboratories provide clinical laboratory services as well as conducting important leprosy research. Construction of a new building for the lab started in 2024 and will continue throughout 2025.

TLM Nepal's Training and Technical Support Centre is equipped with a residential training facility. The Centre provides extensive training in leprosy and other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD). Through this training we build the capacity of Nepal's Government health staff, national and international medical students, doctors, and community level volunteers.

### STAFF

Dr Mahesh Shah – Medical Director, Anandaban Hospital  
Dr Pradip Sapkota – Medical Superintendent, Anandaban Hospital  
Mr Sher Gurung – Hospital Administrator  
Dr Indra Napit – Research Director  
Dr Jivan Shakya – Head of MRL  
Mr Sushil Khatriwada – Finance Manager

**Photo:** The Clinical Laboratories at Anandaban Hospital are tasked with conducting Skin Smear tests, which is how leprosy can be effectively diagnosed in patients

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Kindly pray for the health care team of Anandaban Hospital. May their hands be blessed to heal and perform miracles. We pray they will protect the dignity of each patient, provide holistic care, and remain faithful to all who are entrusted to their care. Pray for the sustainability of all the services.

**TUE:** Please pray for the patients enrolled in research studies at Anandaban Hospital, especially those experiencing ENL reactions (an inflammatory response that leaves patients in long-term, serious pain). We pray that our Methotrexate and Dovramilist trials will provide more effective treatment options.

**WED:** Please pray for plans to develop our training centre into officially becoming a Centre of Excellence. Pray for the team as they develop a long-term business plan for the training centre.

**THU:** Please pray for our research work. We pray that we will have the resources we need to discover new, innovative treatments, find improved ways to diagnose leprosy, and create opportunities to improve the quality of life for persons affected by leprosy.

**FRI:** We give thanks and glory to God for the new self-care unit at the hospital, which has started its services in a brand new building. Please pray for the self-care team. We pray that they will be able to educate patients in a way that encourages them to continue with self-care once they return to their homes.

**SAT:** Please pray for all the patients at our hospital who are undergoing reconstructive surgery. Let their wounds heal without any complication. Please pray for our surgeons and the team who perform the surgeries. May this work help to make the patients' lives better.

**SUN:** Pray for the work to build a new building for the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory. We pray for a smooth process and a building that is a blessing to our researchers.



## NIGER

**And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**

Philippians 1:6



**T**he Leprosy Mission Niger works in six regions in Niger: Tilabéri, Niamey, Tahoua, Dosso, Zinder, and Maradi. We work with the National Leprosy Control Programme, health professionals in the health system, CSL Danja Hospital, and IDEA-Niger (an association of persons affected by leprosy) among others.

Our key activities include:

- **Leprosy services:** raising awareness of leprosy, active case finding, training and supervision of health workers
- **Community Development:** providing grants and micro credit for income-generating activities such as agriculture and business, a housing project for homeless people affected by leprosy, provision of drinkable water, building of ventilated latrines and promoting hygiene to prevent water borne diseases
- **Support to CSL Danja Hospital:** building the capacity of their multi-disciplinary team so they can prevent disability, provide ulcer care and restore hope, dignity and function
- **Support to IDEA-Niger:** through training in advocacy, empowerment and creating community awareness

### TLM NIGER TEAM

Iro Sani – Board Chair  
Bunmi Oluloto – Country Leader  
Ichaya Garba – Head of Finance and Administration  
Abdou Yohanna – Head of Programmes and Research  
Raissa Lompo – Monitoring & Evaluation Officer  
Saratou Barage – Programme Manager, Leprosy Control  
Sani Hassan – Project Officer  
Abigail Lawali – Office Assistant  
Daouda Maouni – Driver and Logistics

20-26 OCT

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Pray for peace in Niger, especially in the Tillabéri and Tahoua regions. The insecurity in the surrounding countries, with terrorist activity in the west, is a threat to people living in the nearby communities. Many people have been displaced from their homes and farms as a result.

**TUE:** TLM Niger is developing a new country strategy this year. Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and guidance to the team and their partners, to know what to focus on.

**WED:** Please pray for the restoration of diplomatic relations between Niger and both neighbouring and Western countries. The lack of diplomatic relations has placed many Nigeriens in increasingly vulnerable positions, with reduced access to food and jobs, as well as an economic downturn.

**THU:** Pray for success in detecting new leprosy cases through TLM Niger's collaboration with health workers and the National Leprosy Control Programme. Pray also for CSL Danja hospital and IDEA-Niger, who are crucial partners in our work in Niger. May these partners be blessed with good leaders.

**FRI:** Life is tough in Niger due to poor rainfall, a very hot climate, insecurity, a high cost of living, irregular electricity supply, and the impact of the coup. Pray for good rain and relief from the oppressive heat. Pray for wisdom for the government and its partners. Pray for relief for the people of Niger, especially people affected by leprosy who are among the many vulnerable people.

**SAT:** Pray for the TLM Niger team: Bunmi, Ichaya, Yohanna, Raissa, Saratou, Sani, Abigail, Adamou and Daouda. May God grant them wisdom to do their work and be faithful stewards of His grace.

**SUN:** Praise God for the commitment of TLM Niger's Board members. Pray God's blessing and good health for Iro Sani, the Chairman of the Board.

**Photo:** TLM Niger Team from left to right: Ichaya, Sani, Abigail, Yohanna, Raissa, Saratou, Daouda & Bunmi

## SWITZERLAND

27 OCT-2 NOV

**Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.**

James 1:17



**I**n 1905, Hanna Meyer founded a missionary circle to support the work of The Leprosy Mission after she had learnt about the organisation during her time as a teacher in England. This missionary circle knitted, sewed and

prayed. Hanna wrote articles, organised benefit concerts and bazaars. That was the beginning of The Leprosy Mission Switzerland.

In the 120 years since Hanna's first steps, The Leprosy Mission Switzerland has grown and grown. Today we are a small, modern and professional non-profit organisation. The world we live in today is also much different from Hanna's; progress in technology and science has opened possibilities that we dismissed as utopian just a few decades ago. We must also recognise that we humans have not learnt much from history; today we are confronted with many conflicts and enormous problems worldwide.

Yet one thing has not changed, our heart's desire and our vision: leprosy defeated, lives transformed. In Switzerland, we support this vision in DR Congo, Niger, Bangladesh, Nepal, and India.

Every time we support a person affected by leprosy, we hope that their whole world will change. That is never just a drop in the ocean - no, it is everything.

### SWISS TEAM

Markus Freudiger – Country Leader  
Helen Woldu – Leader for French Switzerland  
Esther Kuny – Finance  
Daniel Gerber – Fundraising and Communications  
Nadja Klarer – Institutional Fundraising  
Lotti Appenzeller – Programmes  
Christine Schneeberger – Administration  
Bitania Fessahazion – Assistant Administration  
Jan Kuny – Chairman

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We are grateful that we can rely on very good partnerships with our colleagues in DR Congo, Niger, Bangladesh, Nepal and India. This is despite the major challenges posed by politics and the security situations in some of the partner countries we support. Give thanks to God for all the teams we work with and pray for their safety in moments of crisis in their country.

**TUE:** Pray for a good team spirit amongst our staff. Pray for wise, strategic discernment for the Board.

**WED:** Wonderful donors have given generously over the past years and some even over decades. Most of them are elderly people who have compassion for supporting people affected by leprosy. We ask God to bless them and we ask God for new donors to step in and take over their commitment. We are looking for new initiatives to attract new donors. Pray for the Lord's guidance.

**THU:** Over the last two years we have been blessed by supporters leaving extraordinary gifts in their Wills. We are very grateful. It is a huge blessing for people affected by leprosy and we give thanks to God.

**FRI:** We give thanks for many inspiring and wonderful conversations with donors, which often bring a lot of encouragement for our work. Pray that we will always find the right words when talking to our donors on the phone.

**SAT:** The work of The Leprosy Mission is made possible by collections and donations from churches and institutions. Pray for blessings on their contributions and for further support.

**SUN:** We are aware of our great responsibility towards our donors and partners. However, cybercrime is becoming increasingly insidious. We ask for protection and constant vigilance for ourselves and also for our partner companies and organisations.

**Photo:** Switzerland's current and former Country Leaders cut a cake to mark The Leprosy Mission International's 150th anniversary

# LAWAL'S STORY

**T**his is Lawal from Nigeria. He is in his seventies and has 10 children. He first became aware that he had leprosy when he was preparing for his marriage.

"One day I was working on my farm, and I noticed some boils on the back of my hands. I became totally devastated and stopped going to the farm. My in-laws aborted the marriage plans due to my predicament, I cried, and I was sad about it. I left everything to God and accepted my fate when I was taken to a village for treatment. I started getting better and responding to treatment, and came back to the city of Abuja to continue with my treatment and I got healed."

Since his first encounter with leprosy, Lawal has received care from The Leprosy Mission, including three prosthetic limbs.

"How can I not be happy? That an old man like me is being taken care of. Thank you to all the doctors and donors.

"I can't say anything but show my gratitude as you can see, I don't go out begging for alms. I am self-sufficient by the grace of God. I farm to the best of my strength and I trade in firewood, and people transport firewood to me and I sell it."

**"How can I not be happy? That an old man like me is being taken care of. Thank you to all the doctors and donors"**

In this photo, Lawal is with Pius from the TLM Nigeria team. Thanks to your support, we are able to offer this care to Lawal and many other persons affected by leprosy in Nigeria. Thank you.





## ILEP/GPZL

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another**

Proverbs 27:17



**I**LEP and GPZL are two major global leprosy networks through which The Leprosy Mission contributes to the fight to defeat leprosy.

### International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)

ILEP is a consortium of 14 international not-for-profit organisations, including The Leprosy Mission, with a shared desire to see a world free from leprosy, a goal that none of us can achieve on our own. Through the programmes of its member associations, ILEP spans more than 60 countries and 1,000 project locations worldwide. Most of the global expertise in leprosy resides in ILEP's members and their in-country partners.

### Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy (GPZL)

GPZL is a global coalition whose members represent most of the world's stakeholders that are involved in leprosy work. They include the World Health Organization, organisations of persons affected by leprosy, the pharmaceutical company Novartis (which supplies anti-leprosy drugs), ILEP members (such as The Leprosy Mission), and other not-for profits and individuals who share our vision of a world without leprosy. We help to coordinate leprosy work in three areas: accelerating research, partnering with government leprosy programmes, and increasing advocacy to mobilise resources.

### SENIOR TEAMS

#### ILEP

President – Brent Morgan  
CEO – Geoff Warne  
Administrator – Monty Mukhier

#### GPZL

Leadership Team Chair – Peter Steinmann  
Executive Director – Dr Ritu Ghosh

3-9 NOV

## PRAYER POINTS

### GPZL

**MON:** Dr Ritu Ghosh, who is based in India, was appointed as Executive Director of GPZL in late 2024. Pray for Ritu as she brings her skills in advocacy and resourcing to this new role.

**TUE:** Last year, GPZL hosted a symposium to better understand the gaps and challenges in the work to end the transmission of leprosy. Thank God for continuing advances in scientific understanding and pray for researchers focusing on the priorities identified at the symposium.

**WED:** GPZL wants to see all leprosy-endemic countries increase their use of the tools that are available to prevent leprosy. Pray for the work going on to support and encourage national governments to do this and to generate the needed funds.

### ILEP

**THU:** This year, a newly appointed ILEP Technical Commission is starting its term in office. Please pray for this eight-person Commission, who are embarking on an ambitious work-plan to tackle some of the big technical issues in leprosy.

**FRI:** Thank God for positive relationships between ILEP members. Pray for good results from current, innovative joint projects and ongoing enthusiasm to work collaboratively towards a world without leprosy.

**SAT:** The ILEP Advisory Panel is a group of persons affected by leprosy who offer advice on how ILEP's work can be more inclusive. Please pray for them as they link with other persons affected by leprosy to encourage them to speak out about their rights.

**SUN:** The WHO recently published a leprosy elimination framework that has rekindled a desire to see countries with a few cases of leprosy reach the ultimate goal of no new leprosy cases. Pray for ILEP members who are working with WHO to make this happen.

**Photo:** Members of the ILEP Panel of persons affected by leprosy visit the UK Parliament for an event in the House of Lords.

## INDIA: Community Development and Vocational Training

10-16 NOV

**Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will stand before kings; they will not stand before obscure people.**

Proverbs 22:29



**S**tigma and discrimination against persons affected by leprosy creates a disabling environment for them, affecting their socio-economic conditions and their self-esteem.

Through our community-based rehabilitation projects we focus on different age groups, genders, and geographies. Besides working towards financial independence, these projects empower communities to become change agents so that they can raise awareness amongst local leaders on topics such as leprosy, gender equality, human rights, and inclusion. In a country increasingly on the frontline of the climate crisis, TLMTI also has to work with communities to increase their resilience to climate disasters.

We also have six Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) which enrol students from households affected by leprosy as well as other disabilities and marginalised communities. Along with job-oriented technical skills, our VTCs provide holistic education through life skills, disability prevention, and management programmes. Besides providing residential training facilities to help students learn and grow in an enabling environment, each VTC supports its students in getting job placements.

### LEAD FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND VTCs

Tina Mendis – Head of Sustainable Livelihood and Community Empowerment

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We pray that God will open doors of opportunity! Pray that the vocational education programme will effectively reach out to young persons affected by leprosy and other disabilities, equipping them with the skills and training they need for successful employment.

**TUE:** Pray for the organisations of people affected by leprosy and other disabilities. Grant them the capacity they need to function as strong advocates for good mental wellbeing, early detection and inclusive community development.

**WED:** Pray for the communities we work with. Help them to understand and recognise the benefits of inclusive community development. We pray they will offer their full support in including families affected by leprosy within their communities.

**THU:** We identify and empower persons affected by leprosy who become 'Champions'. Today we pray these Champions will become strong advocates. May they raise their voices effectively and address the stigma and discrimination that surrounds leprosy.

**FRI:** We pray that our community programmes will be successful in bringing about holistic change in the lives of people affected by leprosy. May they experience healing, inclusion, and dignity.

**SAT:** Pray that our Vocational Education Programme will effectively raise awareness about the right to work for persons affected by leprosy and persons with disability, as well as the value they can add to the workplace. May our graduates find employment in inclusive workplaces, especially those that promote fair labour practices.

**SUN:** Pray that more individuals, corporations, and institutions will be moved to support The Leprosy Mission's life-changing vocational training endeavours.

**Photo:** One of the community members associated with the TLMTI's sustainable livelihood interventions

## THE LEPROSY MISSION AUSTRALIA SHOP

17-23 NOV

**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

2 Corinthians 9:8



**O**ur supporters love to shop! They also shop to love! Each purchase gives marginalised individuals a dignified source of income and a transformed future.

We are one of the largest fair traders in Australia, offering a beautiful range of handmade artisan products from around the world through fair trade practices. We also work with Australian suppliers to boost local businesses, prioritising ethical and sustainable sourcing to ensure every purchase supports communities and the environment.

Adhering to the Modern Slavery Act, The Leprosy Mission Australia Shop maintains high standards throughout the supply chain.

By buying our products or making a Gift of Love donation, supporters show compassion to those impacted by leprosy, poverty, and disability in India, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria and Timor-Leste.

Inspired by Jesus, our goal is to cure, care for, and restore lives impacted by leprosy through our shop and projects.

Shop now



**Photo:** Binda is an artisan in Nepal

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Give thanks for customers who support The Leprosy Mission. Pray their kind-heartedness will be met with abundant blessings. May they see the impact their contributions have in transforming lives. Pray they remain motivated and inspired to continue their support.

**TUE:** The Shop sources many products from artisans affected by leprosy, disability, and poverty. Praise God for their creative talents. Pray these artisans will be blessed in their work as they support themselves and their families through this income.

**WED:** Pray God will bless the warehouse workers who diligently pack and ship goods, fulfilling customer orders. May He grant them safety, strength, and a sense of purpose in their work, knowing that their efforts support the Mission and bring hope to those affected by leprosy.

**THU:** The Shop is in partnership with many Australian producers, artists, and designers. Please pray these partnerships will continue to help grow engagement with the shop and be fruitful for all parties.

**FRI:** Through a Gift of Love donation, supporters are improving the living standards of someone with leprosy. Pray that practical gifts like protective shoes, scholarships, chickens, and vocational training will support people affected by leprosy, disability, and poverty through our overseas projects.

**SAT/SUN:** Give thanks for the contribution volunteers, churches and Christian groups make through distributing Gift Catalogues, selling products, and spreading awareness of the Shop at events. Pray their ongoing efforts will continue to glorify God and bring great blessings to people affected by leprosy, disability, and poverty.

### SHOP TEAM

Supa Thejan - Social Enterprise Manager  
Louise Kelly - Product Manager  
Carlo Giletti - Inventory & Logistics Coordinator  
Crystal Nguyen - Marketing Coordinator  
Kajal Joshi - Social Media Marketing Coordinator

## MOZAMBIQUE

24-30 NOV



**T**LM Mozambique trains health workers who help in the process of screening, diagnosing and treating people affected by leprosy. In the area of community development, we aim to make communities self-reliant, resilient, and more inclusive. We want communities in Mozambique where no one is left behind.

In the area of innovation, we have media centres, which are places where community self-care groups meet to discuss and learn about leprosy and other related issues. In low resource settings, where TV and internet access is limited, these media centres are places where people can view videos about leprosy, other health topics, and information related to agriculture and anything else that is relevant to their daily lives.

**Photo:** A media centre in Chiure District, where members of the community have gathered to watch a video. Photo credit: Ricardo Franco

### COUNTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Pedro Safrão - Country Leader  
Jacinta Marqueza - Monitoring & Evaluation  
Armindo Jorge - Leprosy Control Project Manager  
Belarmino Reich - Community and Partnerships Project Manager  
Culaire Luis - Human Resources

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Please pray that we will have the financial and technical resources we need to continue our efforts to find new cases of leprosy. We pray that we can expand into new endemic areas of the country and implement our nation's plan for zero leprosy alongside our partners.

**TUE:** We pray for the creation of community-based groups that are inclusive of women, persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, and other non-communicable diseases. We pray that through these groups we can increase awareness and knowledge of leprosy.

**WED:** Pray for our partnership with the government and ALEMO, the Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy in Mozambique. We pray that we will work well together in our ongoing efforts to find new cases of leprosy.

**THU:** TLM Mozambique operates media centres where people in communities that don't have access to the internet can learn about leprosy. We are praying for God's guidance as we seek to expand this work through new alliances, funding, and technical expertise.

**FRI:** We pray for our nation's efforts to distribute an antibiotic that can prevent leprosy. We pray that we will have consistent access to this antibiotic (Rifampicin) and that this project will reach all those who need it.

**SAT:** Our efforts to end leprosy transmission are stronger when we have data that helps us to understand which areas are leprosy hotspots and which areas are seeing a decline in cases. The Ministry of Health has a new approach to capturing this data and we pray that it will have a positive impact on the work to end leprosy in Mozambique.

**SUN:** In a country where healthcare is often hard to access in rural areas, we pray that more people will be able to access the health services they need without having to travel long distances. We pray for more rehabilitation services close to leprosy endemic communities.



# FRANZISKA'S STORY

**F**ranziska is from Switzerland. She worked as a teacher before attending Wycliffe Missionary Training College in London in the 1970s. Afterwards she served with Wycliffe Bible Translators until her retirement in 2015, but her first contribution to the fight to defeat leprosy came before all of this, when she was a young child.

"Leprosy has been an important part of my life since my remarkable teacher, Hedwig Odenbach, introduced me to it in the 1950s. At that time, "Biblical History" was a formal school subject in Switzerland, but for Frau Odenbach, it was much more.

"She vividly told the story of the ten persons affected by leprosy, focusing on one who discovered white spots on his body. This led to the devastating realisation that he had leprosy, forcing him to leave his family and live in isolation. But hope came when Jesus healed him and the others.

"Our teacher told us that leprosy still exists outside of Europe and that those with the disease are still shunned. But she also mentioned an organisation that helps the sick and provides medication. She invited us to contribute to The Leprosy Mission and I made my first donation, feeling relieved that I could help. This started my connection to The Leprosy Mission at the age of eight.

"That early lesson in generosity and sharing stayed with me. As I grew up, I continued to support others, whether

**"I've realised that sharing, not just giving, is essential. It connects us and makes us equal."**

through my work as a teacher or through my time studying with Wycliffe.

"I've realised that sharing, not just giving, is essential. It connects us and makes us equal. Sharing is a fundamental part of being human, and it's something I've practised all my life. I hope we can all discover the beauty and blessing of sharing."

After first hearing about leprosy at the age of eight, Franziska was not connected with the disease again until later in life. Now, in her mid-70s, she has been supporting the fight to defeat leprosy for more than 25 years. Franziska is one of the many individuals that have given selflessly to the fight to defeat leprosy across so many years.

We extend our thanks to Franziska and to all our supporters; your gifts and your prayers are so gratefully received. We pray that your commitment to this work will one day lead to a world without leprosy.



## NORWAY & SOUTH AFRICA

1-7 DEC



### Norway

**T**LM Norway has primarily focused on raising funds for Nigeria and India this year. We also gather and receive health and medical equipment like orthotic devices and surgical instruments to support surgery and rehabilitation for persons affected by leprosy. Our plan for this year has been to send surgeons to implant hip and knee prostheses.

### South Africa

**W**e raise funds to provide a range of free services in Southern Africa for people affected by leprosy and their families. We also run RampUp, which promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in the church.

### SENIOR TEAMS

#### Norway

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

#### South Africa

Peter Laubscher – Executive Director  
Gerhard Fourie – Chairman

### PRAYER POINTS

#### Norway

**MON:** Please pray for God's blessing upon people affected by leprosy. For God's protection and wisdom for the workers and volunteers in TLMT India and TLM Nigeria. We pray that all their needs will be met.

**TUE:** Please pray for fundraising in Norway. Pray for an open door for TLM Norway to partner with governments and private organisations. Pray for more regular donors and more people who can contribute to our work.

**WED:** We thank God for TLM International and The Nordic Hub Network, for all the kind and necessary help given to people affected by leprosy and to TLM Norway.

**THU:** We thank God for the gifts of orthopaedic equipment that we have received, and for the treatment and rehabilitation of leprosy patients.

#### South Africa

**FRI:** Pray for Goodman Qhosholo (Eastern Cape), Elena van den Berg, Lucky Kunene (KwaZulu Natal) and Gundula Koethnig (Mpumalanga), who run leprosy clinics and help people affected by leprosy, which involves long trips on rugged rural roads. Pray that the national assessment of the leprosy situation during 2025 will help us understand what we need to do to improve access to leprosy services.

**SAT:** Our RampUp programme encourages churches to welcome people with disabilities. Pray for Erna Moller who leads RampUp and who helps churches to understand the importance of developing inclusive ministries.

**SUN:** Give thanks for our generous supporters. Pray for Thembi Zuma, Theo de Villiers and Peter Laubscher, who are the bridge between these wonderful people and the people we support. We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for leprosy work in Southern Africa and beyond.

**Photo:** Goodman Qhosholo took delivery of a new vehicle in June 2024. This tough off-roader helps him reach patients living in remote villages. (South Africa)

## INDIA: Research & Training

8-14 DEC

**If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.**

James 1:5



**T**he Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) conducts research in different areas – laboratory, clinical, operational and social.

The Stanley Browne Laboratory plays a vital role in the development of new diagnostic tools for leprosy and conducting studies to determine whether *M. leprae* is developing resistance to Multi-Drug Therapy. They are also studying the presence of live bacteria in soil and water to determine what role they play in the transmission of leprosy.

The clinical and social research at TLMTI encompasses clinical trials, disability studies, ulcer management, and complication management. Additionally, TLMTI collaborates with like-minded organisations to foster partnerships that support their research goals.

Through these diverse research efforts, TLMTI aims to advance our understanding of leprosy, improving diagnostic and treatment approaches, enhancing disability management, and promoting social initiatives. They have a holistic approach to combating the impact of leprosy on both individuals and communities.

**Photo:** The TLMTI Research Team at the Stanley Browne Laboratories

### PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** We give praise and gratitude for past research projects and the manuscripts that we have published from them. We acknowledge God's provision and guidance throughout the journey.

**TUE:** Pray for wisdom and discernment for researchers and leaders, so they will make informed decisions about research priorities that align with the Mission's goals.

**WED:** Pray for meaningful engagement with local communities affected by leprosy, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs addressed through research outcomes.

**THU:** Pray for ethical conduct in all research activities, that we will respect the dignity and rights of research participants and communities involved in the ongoing studies.

**FRI:** Pray for innovative ideas and solutions that can lead to new treatments, diagnostic tools, stigma prevention and mental health promotion strategies that aid in the fight against leprosy.

**SAT:** Pray for the health, safety, and well-being of researchers, staff, and volunteers who travel to far-flung areas in extreme climatic conditions for fieldwork and research activities.

**SUN:** Pray for sufficient resources, funding, and partnerships with the government and other like-minded stakeholders to support new and ongoing research initiatives.

### RESEARCH & TRAINING LEAD

Dr Joydeepa Darlong – Head of Knowledge Management





The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh supports persons affected by leprosy across a variety of crucial community interventions. This includes support with livelihoods, children's education, women's empowerment, and self-help groups. Through all of this work we aim to improve quality of life for persons affected by leprosy. There are around 1,700 Self-Help Groups that operate with support from TLM Bangladesh. These groups raise awareness of leprosy and promote human rights and inclusion. The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh are vigorous advocates for the rights and dignity of persons affected by leprosy. We aim to influence policy and legislation, educate policymakers, and partner with officials to make sure inclusive policies and sustainable solutions are designed and implemented. Through this work we aim to contribute to a nation where everyone can thrive with dignity and respect.

Photo: A leadership training session for women

PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** Please pray for the Hagar project, which provides shelter, legal support, and counselling for destitute women. Pray that the project's clients will be able to return safely to their communities.

**TUE:** Pray for the successful outcome of our project on childhood education. We pray that it will lead to a better future for persons affected by leprosy and their families.

**WED:** Pray for the advocacy efforts and awareness initiatives of the 14 partner NGOs who have been working so hard to influence local health professionals. May these healthcare professionals maintain commitment to defeating leprosy.

**THU:** Please pray that the rights of persons affected by leprosy will not be forgotten amidst the climate crisis in Bangladesh. Pray for effective advocacy and initiatives that uplift their dignity and well-being amidst threats like floods, droughts, and cyclones.

**FRI:** Thank God for our donors. Pray for blessed relationships, open communication, mutual respect, and a shared vision. Ask for wisdom and creativity in future fundraising and advocacy efforts.

**SAT:** Please pray for our Church partners, who advocate passionately for individuals affected by leprosy. We pray that through their work they will increase the legal and social rights of persons and communities affected by leprosy.

**SUN:** Pray for the self-help groups that we support, that they will always improve quality of life for their members and contribute towards zero leprosy in the country.

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In this Christmas week, as we celebrate God coming to be with us, we want to focus our attention on how the example that Christ set during his time on Earth informs everything we do at The Leprosy Mission. God redeems, renews, and restores all of our persons and communities. Jesus, during his time on Earth, showed us that he is concerned with every part of our life—our mind, body, family, employment, community, neighbourhood, wellbeing, and spirit. This is why TLM seeks to take a holistic approach to serving people affected by leprosy; firstly treating them, but also providing counselling, empowering them, reducing stigma, addressing their rights, supporting livelihoods, praying for them and seeking the complete transformation of them and their communities. This approach also extends to facilitating the transformation of those who work for, volunteer with, or financially support TLM.

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PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** TLM is an organisation rooted in prayer and integral mission. Pray we would continue to remain true to our calling to walk with Christ in healing and serving people affected by leprosy

**TUE:** As an international organisation, our global strategy informs our approach to all of our work. Pray that we would further develop our integral mission approaches through the new TLM Global Strategy, which launched this year.

**WED:** On Christmas Day, we give thanks to God for all the churches who follow in the example that Jesus set during his Earthly life. So many are involved in showing care to persons affected by leprosy, just like Jesus did. Thank you, Lord, for the example you set us all.

**THU:** Pray that God would also be active in the lives of our team members, transforming them so that they are better able to support transformation in the lives of the people, churches and communities we work with.

**FRI:** Let us be an organisation that listens to God and seeks to learn from His wisdom, so that our interventions are guided through the Holy Spirit to greater impact.

**SAT:** Pray for love and humility within the TLM Global Fellowship (see week one) that will be a strong witness to the character of Christ and build unity.

**SUN:** Please pray for our Spiritual Ministry Working Group, who guide the spiritual life of the Mission. May God guide all of their work.

Photo: Church leaders in Bangladesh receiving leprosy training so they can spot signs and symptoms in their communities. Photo credit: Ruth Towell



We have all seen the climate disasters that happen across the world each year because of the climate crisis, but what does not often make the headlines is the fact that persons affected by leprosy are among those most impacted.

Leprosy endemic areas are often hit by climate disasters, such as flooding and cyclones in Kolkata, ongoing sea level rises in Bangladesh, cyclones in Myanmar, extreme heat across much of Africa's Sahel region, drought in the Horn of Africa, and a forest fire near Anandaban Hospital in Nepal, to name just a few instances.

These disasters can be a matter of life or death for persons affected by leprosy, and can ruin homes and livelihoods. They also contribute to leprosy transmission, as climate refugees live in close-quarters, where leprosy is more likely to be transmitted.

One example of the impact of the climate crisis comes from Sri Lanka. A small island had been declared leprosy free. However, the local people saw their fishing livelihoods affected by changes to their climate and so they had to look for other employment. Some women from the island travelled to Colombo to work in factories where they contracted leprosy and brought it back to the island. Sadly, this island is no longer leprosy-free.

**Photo:** Flooding in Kolkata, a city where The Leprosy Mission has a hospital and a community outreach programme.

## PRAYER POINTS

**MON:** In Christmas week we are reminded that God's love for this planet and its people is so deep that he sent us His son to live among us. We pray that the whole world will come to see how precious this planet is and how precarious our future has become. We pray that all of us will treat God's creation with the same reverence that He does.

**TUE:** We pray for all those in The Leprosy Mission who respond to the needs of persons affected by leprosy after natural disasters. May God guide this work so that it can be as effective as possible.

**WED:** On the eve of a new year, we pray for those in positions of power. In 2026, may we see the change our planet so desperately needs. Pray radically for radical change.

# SANTOSH'S STORY



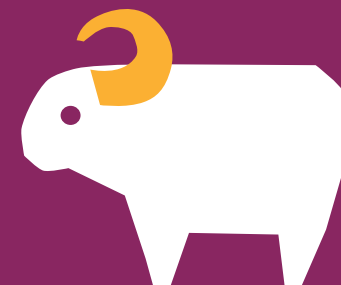
Santosh is from Southern Nepal and he has faced many challenges due to leprosy.

Diagnosed at seven, he has shown great resilience. With support from Anandaban Hospital, he received artificial legs and a new home.

Santosh tried jobs as a delivery person and shop assistant but faced difficulties due to his disability. He now plans to start a milking buffalo business with his mother to generate income.

Santosh's marriage to Manju, who has cerebral palsy, brought joy with the birth of their daughter. His new motor scooter with stabilisers has given him more independence.

He dreams of providing a stable and happy life for his family.





# Pass on the Praise

**A**t The Leprosy Mission, there have been many people who have diligently and quietly offered their lives to the service of God. We have been handed an incredible legacy and if we stop to ponder, we will probably never be able to fathom it. Each person who served has been able to see His face in those affected by leprosy. They saw the pain, rejection, loneliness, anger, sadness and chose to serve in order to make their lives a bit better and worth living.

To a newcomer in the Mission, it may seem like just another job. As King Hezekiah prays in Isaiah 38:19 "The living - they praise you as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness". For a committed person, this job transforms into a vocation, an offering of praise to the One who calls us to minister in His Kingdom.


We, who carry the torch of service, have a responsibility to pass on this spirit of praise. The newcomer may initially see the disease, disfigurement, and the social evils; we must help them foresee healing, beauty and restoration. This change of vision can happen only through praise. Jesus said (Matthew 13:13) "seeing they do not see". Something more than seeing with our natural eyes is needed. The apostle Paul said, you must have "the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know". Yes, my friends, the heart has eyes, and we need them opened. And praise is the key to open the heart's eye!

Praise unlocks barriers, breaks down strongholds and overcomes struggles. However, praise does not come easily. But as long as we are living, praise is what we ought to be doing. Isaiah 38:18 says, "For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise." Let us praise as long as we have breath. We need to pass on that spirit of praise, looking beyond, with eyes of the heart, to knowledge that enables them to find purpose in their calling.

We have experienced His faithfulness over the years, over every situation, struggles financial or otherwise, and over every decision. His promises have been steadfast and this must be passed on from generation to generation. In the same verse, King Hezekiah exhorts, "Fathers tell their children about your faithfulness". Telling is important. Let us take time to tell. Let us ensure that our praise is heard.

Father God, help us to be a praising and proclaiming generation that passes on this legacy to the generations to come.

**Dr Joydeepa Darlong**  
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**The living - they praise  
you as I am doing today;  
fathers tell their children  
about your faithfulness**

Isaiah 38:19



# How we marked 150 years of The Leprosy Mission



Chikondi Midgley and the 150th birthday cake at Christ Church Ipswich

**150**  
YEARS

In 2024, The Leprosy Mission marked 150 years since it was founded by an Irishman called Wellesley Bailey.

We wanted this to be an opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness and to acknowledge the hard work of the generations that have gone before us. We also wanted to use this anniversary to spur us on to run the last leg of the long race to defeat leprosy.

Here's a look at how we celebrated.

## Celebrating together

Throughout 2024, there were celebration events and thanksgiving services across the world. This culminated in November at an event in India, the country where The Leprosy Mission began.

Throughout these events we have sought to welcome all those who make The Leprosy Mission what it is: persons affected by leprosy, our dedicated supporters, and our partners. Whatever you did to mark this celebration – whether you baked a cake, made a card, hosted an event, or anything else – we want to thank you.

## Barry the Baton

Did you meet Barry the Baton last year? Last year was a symbolic year, as we took the baton from those who have run before us and started the last leg of the race to defeat leprosy.

Barry the Baton was a symbol of this and in an Olympic year, he took inspiration from the Olympic Torch and toured the world to raise awareness of leprosy and celebrate with our teams and supporters. Along the way he even met an Olympic Medallist called Barry; Barry Magee ran the marathon for New Zealand at the Rome Olympics of 1960 and won Bronze.



Barry the Baton in Nepal

## TLM Heroes

There have been countless heroes in the history of The Leprosy Mission. People who left their homes to serve overseas in uncertain and challenging environments. Others who have given their whole lives in service of The Leprosy Mission. Some have made enormous breakthroughs. Then there are those who have given with astounding generosity over so many years.

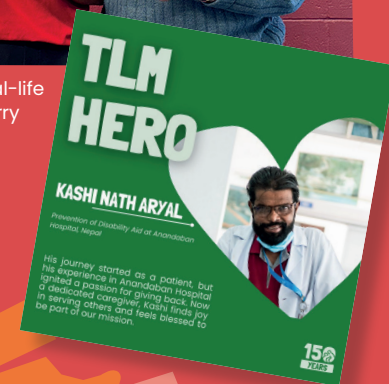
All of these people are heroes and in 2024, we had the chance to acknowledge some of these heroes through an online library of TLM Heroes. You can see them by visiting <https://bit.ly/TLM-Heroes>.

## Documenting this moment through video

We have documented this milestone year for The Leprosy Mission through a series of short films. We have an animated history of TLM, in-depth interviews, and more. You can watch those videos by scanning the QR code or visiting The Leprosy Mission International's YouTube channel.



Barry with real-life Olympian Barry Magee





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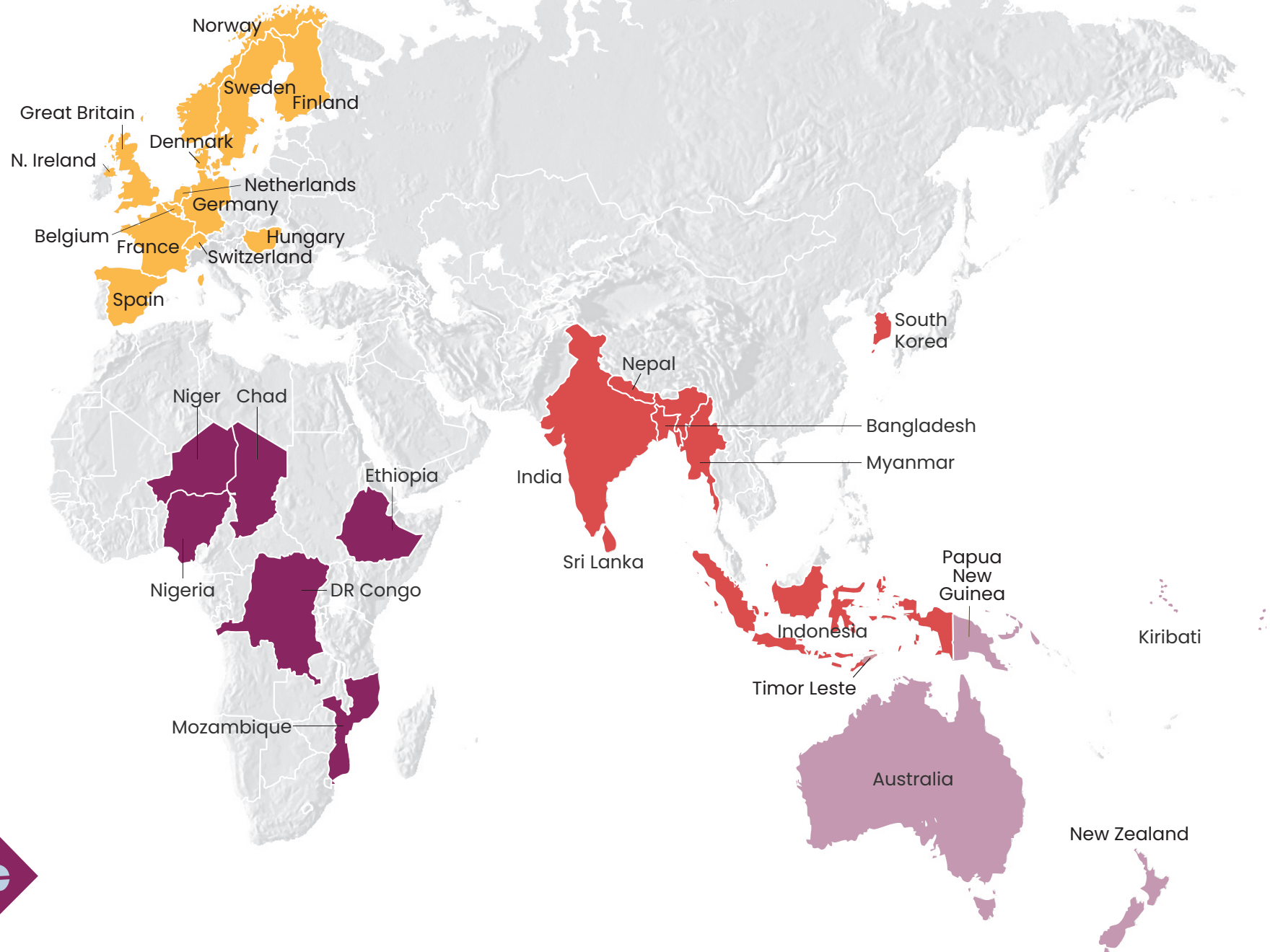
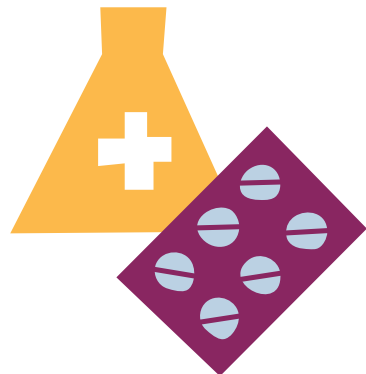
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# WHERE WE WORK

The Leprosy Mission believes that strength comes from unity, working together towards a common goal. For better readability I would suggest: We work hand-in-hand with governments, local communities, partner NGOs, local churches, WHO, Christian partners, and many others to defeat leprosy and transform the lives of those affected. Together we provide treatment and care for anyone living with the effects of leprosy in 16 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.





# 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 31 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 is having a huge impact and there are lots of volunteering opportunities in many of the countries that we work in.

## Leaving a legacy

Around 14 percent of our income comes through people who leave a legacy in their Will.

Your legacy can be a world free from leprosy, where every person affected by leprosy is cured, healed, and included.

## Shop

Visit [theleprosymissionshop.org](http://theleprosymissionshop.org) or [leprosymission.org.au/shop](http://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 82–83.**







# THE LEPROSY MISSION'S GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

**Wed 7 May 2025**

The Leprosy Mission is hosting a worldwide day of prayer.

Prayer has always been essential to what we do and so 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.82).**



## GLOSSARY TERMS

ALEMO	Mozambique Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy
ASPIRE	A partner of Effect Hope in India
BHCP Hospital	Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme
CSL Danja Hospital	Centre de Santé Léproserie, a TLM partner in Niger
DBLM	Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission Hospital, TLM's hospital in Bangladesh
DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead
ELETRA	Ending Leprosy Transmission, a project in Timor-Leste
ENAPAL	The Ethiopian Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy
ENL	Erythema nodosum leprosum, also known as Type 2 Leprosy Reaction
GF	Global Fellowship
GPZL	Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
HOLIK	Hope for Life in Kuakua, a project in DR Congo
IDEA-Niger	International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (the Niger branch of an international Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy)
ILEP	International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
MFAT	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (New Zealand)
MRL	Mycobacterial Research Laboratory, our lab in Nepal
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NLR	until No Leprosy Remains, a leading Dutch leprosy NGO

NTD	Neglected Tropical Disease
NZ	New Zealand
OPALCO	The DR Congo Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy
OPL	Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction, a method of making millions to billions of copies of a specific DNA sample rapidly so they can be studied
PHACE	Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste
PEP	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
PEPCOM	Post Exposure Prophylaxis in Community
PNG	Papua New Guinea
SAFE	Sustainable, Active, Fearless, and Empowered Communities - a project in Papua New Guinea
SHG	Self-Help Group
SIHRLC in Karigiri, India	Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre
TLM	The Leprosy Mission
TLMTI	The Leprosy Mission Trust India
USAID, ASHA	United States Agency for International Development and American Schools and Hospitals Abroad
VTC	Vocational Training Centre
WHO	World Health Organization



# Our Vision: Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed

## The Leprosy Mission Prayer

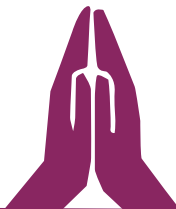
Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life.

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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