

Our Vision and Mission

Our Mission Statement: To minister in the name of Jesus Christ to the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of individuals and communities disadvantaged by leprosy; working with them to uphold dignity and eradicate leprosy.



TLM Global Networks

'You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you,' Isaiah 26:3



January Week 1

FACTFILE
EVERY 20 MINUTES
ONE CHILD IS
DIAGNOSED WITH
LEPROSY

January 2009

Thursday 1

Being like Jesus: When talking about their lives, leprosy-affected people often talk about loss of dignity and their experience of social exclusion. We aim to tackle these issues. Pray that in the way we work with and talk about people affected by leprosy, we will show respect, love and honour – as Christ did when he walked this earth.

Friday 2

Resources: TLM aims to double the resources available for leprosy work between 2008 and 2012. Good progress is already being made but this goal is a real challenge for the smaller supporting countries, especially those who rely entirely on volunteers. Pray for clear vision and that new possibilities will be identified and grasped.



This child in Mozambique received help from a TLM partner

Beginning the rebuilding work after Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in 2008

Saturday 3

Integration: There is increasing integration between leprosy programmes and work with physically disabled people. The potential to mainstream leprosy services is exciting but also daunting when we focus on the skills needed and the financial consequences. Pray for wisdom in planning at project and country level.

Sunday 4

Witness: TLM's objectives include the strengthening of our Christian character and values. We aim to build stronger relationships with the church, and also to make sure our Christian staff are well equipped to express their faith in appropriate ways. Please pray for opportunities to speak to people of God's love.

January Week 2

Top: Country Leaders and support staff, England, June 2008

Monday 5

Changes: Last year TLM went through some significant restructuring. As a result, Country Leaders have additional responsibilities in decision making and leadership in their country. Pray for each Country Leader as they adjust to a new way of working. Ask that God will give them wisdom and clear thinking.

Tuesday 6

New role: Within TLM's new structure Piet Both, the Country Development Director, and Chris MacQueen, TLM's Strategic Development Advisor, provide strategic advice on global opportunities and areas of need where TLM could become involved. They both travel frequently. Pray for them as they develop their new roles.

Wednesday 7

Support: Country Support Facilitators provide advice on training and best practice and give input into the development and assessment of projects, where needed. Pray for them as they liaise with Country Leaders and project staff; pray for good relationships and communication.

Thursday 8

Strength: The Finance and Administration Support Network, consisting of Gladstone Worthington (Co-ordinator) Elvis Rashirai, Rajeev Pallakke and Wills Matthew, helps Country Leaders to build the financial capacity of their own teams. Pray for this new team, that it will be effective and instrumental in strengthening TLM projects around the world.

Friday 9

Resources: Jenny Moncada co-ordinates the new Human Resources Network, supported by Elvis Rashirai and Cindy Norfor, providing advice and support for Country Leaders on all HR matters. The members of this team are based in different countries. Pray that their working relationships will be good.

Saturday 10 / Sunday 11

TLM Connect is a new on-line tool for staff around the world, providing them with up-to-date information on projects, people, news and events, and giving them access to photos and publicity material. Pray for Loyola Ranarison, June Nash, Chris MacQueen and Marco Storz as they oversee the development and implementation of this project.

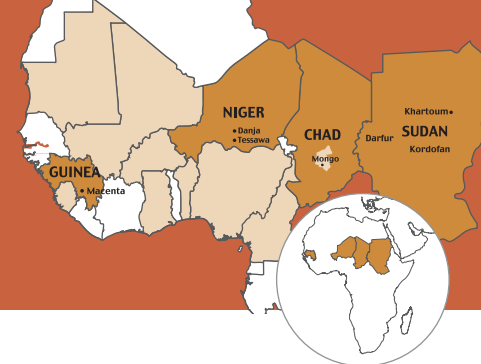
India Countrywide

Lolit says that whatever he is today, it is because of TLM's support. He was diagnosed with leprosy when he was 12. TLM gave him a school scholarship after his treatment finished. Then, with financial help from TLM, he graduated from Kalyani University, West Bengal, in 2008



Central Africa Chad, Guinea, Niger, Sudan

'I thank God for the staff here who have been so encouraging, the medicines, food, the opportunity to return to school and for a secure place to live where I feel comfortable,' Jean, leprosy patient in Guinea



January Week 3



Above: A student at work at Vizianagaram Vocational Training Centre, India

Top: A patient at TLM's Hospital in Salur, Andhra Pradesh, India

Photo by Peter Lemieux

FACTFILE
OF THE 820 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO FOLLOW HINDUISM 96% OF THEM LIVE IN INDIA

For a detailed map of where TLM works in India, see page 93

Monday 12

Disability: A Voice for the Disabled (CADIP I and II) works in 10 districts in India helping people with disabilities to lobby, network and voice their needs. Pray for the families of those with disabilities, that they will accept them and encourage their participation in society.

Tuesday 13

Trade: In three districts of India the **Economic Empowerment of Artisans with Disabilities** (EEAD) project helps craftsmen and women to achieve sustainable livelihoods. Pray for new marketing avenues to open up through the growing relationship with the Tourism Development Corporation. And ask that these artisans will see their income increase.

Wednesday 14

Access: The Communities Catching Up Project is drawing to a close in 2009. The project aims to ensure communities have access to education, clean water, and disability entitlements. Thank God for the success of this project and ask that the beneficiaries will continue to see improvements in their lives.

Thursday 15

Media: Print, audio and video material produced by TLM's **Media Centre in Noida, Delhi**, creates awareness of leprosy, stigma, disability and other health issues. Thank God for Vincent Victor, the Chief of Media and Communications here, and pray that the team will know God's guidance in their plans for this year.

Friday 16

Training: The project **Empowering Leprosy Affected People for Prevention of Further Disability**, operates in two states, and provides home-based training in preventing and managing leprosy-related infections and ulcers. Pray for the leprosy-affected people in the leprosy colonies who will be trained to repair protective footwear this year.

Saturday 17 / Sunday 18

Success: Communities Catching Up is aiming to form another 25 self-help groups and to provide job-oriented training for 100 marginalised people this year, before the project comes to a close. Pray for the success of this new initiative; that many will gain independent lives.

January Week 4

FACTFILE
ELECTIONS ARE DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN SUDAN BY JULY 2009 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE 2005 PEACE AGREEMENT



A nurse checks for sensation in a patient's hand at CSL Danja Hospital, Niger

Monday 19

Guinea: TLM supports the **Mission Philafricaine Leprosy Referral Hospital** in Macenta. It provides reconstructive surgery and physiotherapy services to leprosy-affected people. This year, pray for the hospital as it conducts leadership training for staff in management positions, as well as general training for the nurses.

Tuesday 20

Niger: Praise God for the on-going expansion work at **CSL Danja Hospital**, the only leprosy referral centre in the country. The hospital now has a new physiotherapy building, a 13-bed ward for female patients and a three-bed maternity room. A long-term physiotherapist is needed due to the increase in demand for care. Pray that the right person will be found for this post.

Wednesday 21

Sudan: Darfur Leprosy Control project has expanded to include disability care and services to displaced people within and outside the refugee camps. Praise God that despite the insecurity in this region, this project is still able to function. Also ask that job vacancies for a programme manager, logistic officer and disability care advisor will be filled.

Thursday 22

Chad: TLM provides technical support to the **National Leprosy Control programme** in the **Guera region**. In Mongo, the capital of Guera, TLM has set up a tricycle workshop to enable people with disabilities to become more mobile. Pray for the doctor from Mongo going to DR Congo this year, with support from TLM, to be trained in cataract surgery.

Friday 23

Sudan: TLM supports the **Kordufan Leprosy Control and Socio-Economic Development (SED) Programme**. Remember Dr Wilson Lado Santo, the programme manager, who is currently on study leave, and pray for wisdom and strength for the logistics officers – John Badur Kuku and Michael Awile Latiyu – as they take on more responsibilities while Dr Wilson is away.

Saturday 24 / Sunday 25

World Leprosy Day: Pray for all the ways this will be observed around the world on Sunday. Pray that stigma and injustice against people who have suffered from leprosy will come to an end.



'I'm very grateful to Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre for providing me with physical, mental and emotional support and for showing me the way to come out of my difficulties,'
Mr Gulfa Kasahi (44)

Jan-Feb Week 5



Making baskets to earn a living, Nepal

FACTFILE
IN NEPAL THERE ARE APPROX 4,500 CASES OF LEPROSY CONFIRMED EACH YEAR AND MORE THAN 80% ARE DIAGNOSED IN THE SOUTHERN TERAI REGION

Monday 26

Empowering: Nepal Leprosy Fellowship (NLF) is a TLM partner; one of its aims is to involve the whole community in leprosy prevention and control. Village Development Committees (VDCs) have been formed to empower communities to take responsibility for leprosy elimination – pray that members will continue to be positive and that the VDCs will grow.

Tuesday 27

Staff: Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre, a partner of TLM and a project of Nepal Leprosy Trust, diagnoses and treats over 1,000 new leprosy cases each year. Pray for the Chairman and Executive Committee members as they take on these new roles and responsibilities.

Wednesday 28

Development: TLM partner Leprosy Mission Nepal (LMN) operates a specialist leprosy hospital, a leprosy control unit, a training unit, a research lab and provides technical support to the government. Pray for the development of socio-economic rehabilitation programmes during this year. And remember Mr Shovakhar Kandel, LMN's Executive Director and Dr Hugh Cross, TLM's Country Leader for Nepal.

Thursday 29

Education: Pray for Nepal Leprosy Fellowship's school leprosy education programme – a new initiative for 2009. Teachers and students will form clubs that will be responsible for developing leprosy awareness programmes. Pray that this new initiative will be supported wholeheartedly by the schools and surrounding communities.

Friday 30

Health: Anandaban Hospital, operated by LMN, provides three specialist services – dermatology, orthopaedics and dental care – along with leprosy services. Pray that this specialised care may be of great benefit to the whole community as many people living in the surrounding villages are poor and do not have easy access to quality health care.

February

Saturday 31 / Sunday 1

Infrastructure: The road leading up to Anandaban Hospital is very badly maintained and difficult to drive and walk on. Please pray that local government officers will recognise the need for the road to be properly surfaced and will take action to fix the road this year.

Reconstructing Hope

● Surgery at one of TLM's hospitals helped one teenage girl to smile again

Fourteen year-old Sangita cried when she spoke to the counsellor at TLM's Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Slowly, with many tears, all the pain of the last week poured out.

Sangita lives in Kathmandu valley with her parents, two brothers and an older sister. When Sangita noticed some strange looking patches on her arm, her mother took her to a health clinic near their village. There, Sangita was diagnosed with leprosy.

Back at home, her mother's attitude towards her changed; she no longer served the family meals on one plate for everyone to share, her clothes were washed separately from her brothers and her mother would scold her for no reason. She was very sad.

A week after the diagnosis she visited the leprosy centre near her home – Anandaban Hospital. There she was able to speak to a counsellor. Sangita's feelings were so shaken by her mother's actions that she told the counsellor she wished she could have died when she was a baby.

Sangita's leprosy was not caught early enough and she developed some complications, including foot drop, which caused her foot to drag along the ground – people would treat her differently because she was limping.

But at Anandaban Hospital she was able to have surgery to correct this. Slowly, her sadness is being replaced by hope and her face is beginning to



Above: Sangita on the hospital ward

show signs of happiness. She is even talking more positively about the future and wants to put all her efforts into her studies.

Staff at Anandaban have encouraged Sangita to involve her mother in her treatment, so that she can learn more about the disease and realise that she needn't be afraid of it.

Sangita is beginning to overcome the pain and sadness she experienced when she was first diagnosed with leprosy. Thanks to the caring staff at Anandaban Hospital she feels hopeful again about the future.



Sangita Outside Anandaban Hospital