

Promotional Work

'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40



Vincent, the French Scouts' team leader, caring for a patient at TLM's Faizabad Hospital

Democratic Republic of Congo

'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3



Family life in DR Congo

Jul-Aug Week 31

FACTFILE

THE ASK PRAYER DIARY HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO HUNGARIAN, FRENCH AND ITALIAN AND HAS BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED BY PRAYER SUPPORTERS IN THESE COUNTRIES

Monday 27

TLM Hungary: Uphold the National Director and Board as they seek to recruit new volunteers and supporters. Pray for all regional and church meetings, especially those in Budapest – and for future World Leprosy Day celebrations and plans – that God will kindle hearts with passion for TLM's mission.

Tuesday 28

TLM France: Pray for ongoing support from young people, following the successful tour of India last year when a French Scout group visited

TLM projects. Ask God to open more doors like this and for more young people to be enthused by TLM's vision for 'A world without leprosy'.

Wednesday 29

TLM Belgium: Pray for greater financial support

throughout Belgium for TLM's leprosy work. Especially pray that their '12-12 Campaign', taking place from September to December will be effective in raising awareness, prayer and money from churches and individuals.

Thursday 30

TLM Sweden: Praise God that a prominent motorbike speedway in Kumla has linked up with them in supporting a TLM health-care project in India. Pray that promotional opportunities during the summer season will be effective. TLM Sweden has the chance to be present during the races, to promote TLM's work to sponsors and attendees.

Friday 31

TLM Finland: Pray God's blessing on all Council members who, as volunteers, seek to find time for leprosy work amid their busy schedules. Particularly pray for the redesign of TLM Finland's website and their promotional literature; that they will be effective tools in communicating the need to support TLM's work.

August

Saturday 1 / Sunday 2

TLM Italy: Pray for leadership and boldness for the Board as they seek new directions for the future. Ask God's blessing on them as they promote TLM's work and mission through newsletters, special appeals and regional meetings and pray for an increase in prayer support and giving.

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TLM staff in DR Congo with a beneficiary (centre)

Monday 3

Community: Praise God that in Maniema province, stigma towards leprosy-affected people is beginning to decrease. Pray for the Socio-Economic Development Officer here, Alphonse Ilambo – ask that God will give him wisdom. Pray that the project will help beneficiaries to increase their social interaction with their communities.

Tuesday 4

Disability: In the Kasai Oriental South region, more leprosy cases need to be detected and treated if the high number of people with severe leprosy disabilities is to be reduced. Due to transport issues medication doesn't always reach the health centres. They also need more protective footwear to give to clients. Pray that these needs will be met.

Wednesday 5

Development: A new SED project was established in South Kivu in 2008, operating in 12 health zones, and offering micro-credit schemes, housing improvements and advocacy. Pray for Jean Paul Mitima the regional SED officer here. Pray that this project will bring many positive changes to the lives of people with leprosy.

Thursday 6

Government: In DR Congo a fragile democratic system exists after the first democratic elections in 40 years were held in 2006. Some tensions with neighbouring countries remain, and many of DR Congo's citizens have been badly affected by the five-year long war. Pray that peace here will be lasting, and for Christians to have opportunities to show Jesus' love.

Friday 7

Relationships: Pray for God's protection on the staff in Western Kasai East province: Dr Jean Paul Kankonde, nurses and SED Officer Raphael Mulamba. Staff here travel regularly. Pray for them as they build relationships with community leaders and encounter some difficult aspects of traditional belief systems.

Saturday 8 / Sunday 9

Travel: Many TLM staff in DR Congo fly regularly because this is often the only way to reach remote parts of this vast country. Pray that the government will introduce stricter regulations on aircraft maintenance to reduce the high number of domestic plane crashes. And pray for God's continued protection on all staff working here.



One of TLM's freelance photographers in action in Andhra Pradesh, India

China, Laos and South Korea

'He Minyi was so self-confident and happy when he was told he was going to have a house built for him. He believes the new house brings him a better life and better communication with other villagers,' story from Guangxi Leprosy Rehabilitation Housing project



Villagers from Honghe Prefecture, China

Thursday 13

Growth: Staff at **Guangxi Leprosy Rehabilitation Housing Project** are hoping to expand the programme to other districts during 2009. Pray that the whole team will get excited about this vision and that there will be support from local authorities and other NGOs.

Friday 14

Stigma: Pray for the women at **Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre**; that there will be a decrease in self-stigma among them. Also pray that staff will have an increased awareness of the specific needs of people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 15 / Sunday 16

Elderly: TLM supports the **Jesus Hospital** in Taegu, South Korea. There is a very low endemic rate of leprosy here, but many former leprosy patients are now elderly and some have severe disabilities. Pray for TLM Korea as it seeks to know God's will for the future of the hospital.

Monday 10

This year, staff from the **Leprosy Medical Referral Centre** in Kunming, China, are hoping to visit two remote leprosy villages that, so far, they have not had permission to work in. Pray that they will receive a positive response from the local health authority; and that they will be able to recruit five co-workers to meet this need.

Tuesday 11

Serving: Thank God for the volunteers who worked alongside leprosy-affected families to construct new houses in Guangxi province, in co-operation with Habitat for Humanity and **Guangxi Leprosy Rehabilitation Housing project**. Pray that this will have a positive impact on all those involved.

Wednesday 12

Income: Women at the **Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre** are trained in tailoring and card making. Sales of their products are growing both in Laos and around the world. Pray that staff will remain focused on the project's vision during this time of growth and increased interest in the work.



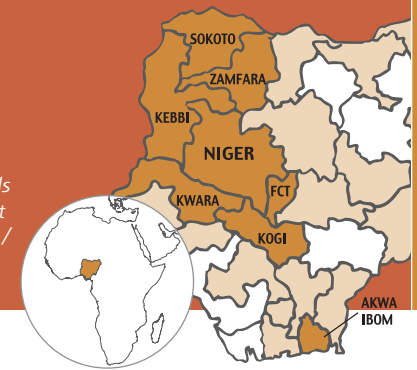
Children from the rehab villages in their dormitory at a good public school. The girl on the far right is the same girl in the photo on page 17

FACTFILE
APPROXIMATELY
800 LEPROSY
VILLAGES STILL
EXIST IN CHINA

August Week 33

Nigeria

'Even if the stars forget to shine / Flowers forget to blossom / Birds forget to sing / Nature forget to spring / Never will the Lord forget what The Leprosy Mission is doing for people affected by leprosy / May the good Lord continue to see you through,' Mrs Amina Fashona, TLM Nigeria, Ochadamu



August Week 34



This baby, held by a local pastor's wife, is wearing a jumper knitted by TLM Australia supporters

FACTFILE
70% OF THE
POPULATION OF
NIGERIA LIVE BELOW
THE POVERTY LINE



Checking for infections: a self-care group in Sokoto State

Monday 17

Thanks: Give thanks for TLM's work in **Zamfara State**. The project improves access to education and promotes equality for women in communities affected by leprosy. Praise God for the role of the State Government in recognising and meeting the needs of people with disabilities.

Tuesday 18

Blessings: Praise God for the advocacy organisation **IDEA** in Zamfara State. It has been successful in promoting efforts to work in local government areas and among people with leprosy and disabilities.

Wednesday 19

Holistic: In **Kogi State**, the rehabilitation services help to reunite families, integrate estranged people back into their communities and provide access to education. Praise God for his mercies on the work of the project – people are becoming more aware that leprosy is curable and the stigma towards people with leprosy has reduced.

Thursday 20

Tension: In Nigeria there is significant tension between different religious groups. Give thanks for the faith of the Christian staff and pray that they would continue to find strength and hope in Christ. Pray that God will bind the staff together in unity and love.

Friday 21

Finances: The **Niger State Leprosy and TB programme** focuses on leprosy control and a Socio-Economic Development project, with the responsibility of improving the social status, dignity and economic independence of the clients. Give thanks for the project's supporters, and pray that in 2009 the financial needs of the programme will again be met.

Saturday 22 / Sunday 23

Change: The **Sokoto State Leprosy Control Programme** is active in diagnosing new cases and carrying out village surveys. The programme advocates for change and this has led to the State now paying living allowances to people with disabilities. Give thanks for the departing staff, and pray for wisdom for new staff.

Nepal

'Following the operation on her foot 21-year-old Sangita can now walk without limping. She looks confident in her appearance and stature. She says that now she will be able to carry out the responsibilities of her household,' story from Anadaban Hospital, Nepal



Two children of leprosy-affected parents received 'muda' training (making traditional stools) so they can earn money to support their family

to travel long distances to reach remote villages. Add to this, the fuel shortages in Nepal and the social and political unrest, and travelling can become quite dangerous. Pray for God's peace and protection on these teams.

Friday 28

Relationships: One of the challenges for LMN is to develop services closer to where patients and those in need live, providing them with better access to health care. LMN needs the support of the Nepali government in order to achieve this. Pray for a strong relationship between LMN and the government.

Saturday 29 / Sunday 30

Peace: Nepal continues to face many challenges – although democracy has been restored, the Prime Minister has a massive task ahead of him. There are growing ethnic divisions, fuel shortages and high inflation. These tensions can make it difficult for TLM and its partners to carry out their work safely and effectively. Pray for peace and stability to be re-established.

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'O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things, things planned long ago,' Isaiah 25:1



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Monday 31

TLM Nigeria is continuing its promotional initiative across churches in Nigeria to recruit Christian supporters who will pray and donate finances. Pray for God's strength and wisdom for the team as they extend the recruitment outside Niger State and the Federal Capital Territory into Kogi and Kwara States.



A World Leprosy Day march in Mozambique 2008

September

Tuesday 1

TLM Zimbabwe: Pray for strength and encouragement for National Director

Dan Izzett and his wife Babs as they keep trusting God to supply their needs for the work to continue. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will not be forgotten in a land that is so troubled.

Wednesday 2

Thank God for support groups in **Spain, Portugal and Singapore** who raise much-needed awareness, prayer and donations in their countries for TLM's leprosy work. Ask that God will encourage them today and raise up new Board members and volunteers to carry the work forward.

Thursday 3

American Leprosy Missions:

In view of economic factors in the US, pray for ALM as they seek to increase financial resources for leprosy programmes and projects. May God grant increasing success to their fundraising appeals, and 'Deliver the Cure' campaign, through direct mail, TV and internet.

Friday 4

Uphold **TLM South Africa's** church outreach on Sunday 13 September: letters are sent to remind church leaders of the reality of leprosy. Ask for prayer support and donations, and for opportunities to present an update on leprosy work. Pray for a warm and generous response from many churches and individuals.

Saturday 5 / Sunday 6

TLM India seeks to combat the false news that leprosy is completely eradicated in India by conducting awareness campaigns in schools, churches and local communities. Pray for all events planned from September to November, as well as mailing campaigns through corporate partners – may God bless their efforts and all who take part.

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FACTFILE

ONLY 39% OF THE POPULATION OF NEPAL HAVE ADEQUATE SANITARY FACILITIES

Monday 24

Services: Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre (LLSC) aims to improve basic services for leprosy-affected and marginalised people. Pray for the health centre staff as they look at broadening the scope of their work so that they can better address priority health needs of the population, and attempt to become more self-sustaining.

Tuesday 25

Disability: About 30,000 leprosy-affected people in Nepal have some kind of disability. Pray for **Leprosy Mission Nepal (LMN)** as it looks at developing better strategies to equip and empower people with disabilities for more independent living.

Wednesday 26

Groups: Praise God that, during 2008, many self-help groups were established in and around the districts where **LMN** works. These groups are made of leprosy- and disability-affected and marginalised people; together they save money to support individual or group business ventures. Pray for the continued success of these groups.

Thursday 27

Travel: The community outreach teams from LLSC have



A young patient at Anadaban Hospital, Nepal