

TLM's Vision and Mission

TLM's 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



Photo by Georgina Cranston

India – Countrywide

'They helped us lead a happy and healthy life. We both are helping project staff educate the community to reduce stigma in society,' Sheela from Barabanki. She and her husband were supported by TLM India's Community Action Teams



Ritu has been helped by TLM India's Catch Them Young school scholarship scheme

January Week 1

January 2010

Fri 1 Jan

Focus: TLM's global goal is to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy. Throughout TLM we want to see real progress in working towards this goal. Pray for God's wisdom for Country Leaders and Boards involved in strategy and planning, that they will continue to focus TLM's finances and energies on the areas of greatest need. Pray for TLM staff in all countries who share with supporters and the public the reality that leprosy is far from eradicated and continues to damage the lives of hundreds of thousands of people every year.

FACTFILE
EVERY TWO
MINUTES ONE
PERSON IS
DIAGNOSED WITH
LEPROSY



Sat 2 Jan

Holistic health: TLM's mission is holistic: this means that we focus on the whole person – physical, mental, social and spiritual – because leprosy damages not only a person's body but also his or her self-esteem and relationships. Pray that our staff will maintain this wide focus when working with people experiencing leprosy. Pray for individuals and families

struggling with the toughest consequences of leprosy in their lives – stigma, social exclusion, rejection by their communities – and for the staff who are helping them to overcome these issues.

Sun 3 Jan

Dignity: TLM's mission speaks of upholding human dignity. Thank God for the growing emergence of organisations of people affected by leprosy, for whom the quest for dignity is a key concern. Pray that our relationships with these people's organisations will result in TLM gaining new insights and deeper understanding.

January Week 2

Mon 4 Jan

Compassion: At the start of this New Year, give thanks for the many ways God answered our prayers during 2009. Remember all that he has done for us. Pray that this year God will increase our passion for him and our compassion for others.

Tues 5 Jan

Guidance: TLM's **Community Action Teams** aim to improve accessibility to leprosy services and maternal child healthcare services, particularly for vulnerable sections of the community. Praise God that, as a result of these teams, knowledge about leprosy has increased. Pray for God's guidance for all the staff and volunteers as they work together.

Weds 6 Jan

Integration: TLM India's **Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP)** is made up of several core projects that seek to promote social integration and empower leprosy-affected people to live independently. Pray for God's strength for the communities benefiting from this programme, that they will become self-sustainable and self-reliant.



This man has benefited from a low-cost house

Photos by
Georgina Cranston

Thurs 7 Jan

Growth: Bethesda Charitable Endeavours (BCE) supports marginalised people by encouraging socio-economic development, particularly in isolated, tribal communities. Pray for BCE as it has opened its new project centre in Rampura, Uttaranchal. Praise God that the District Leprosy Centre has requested BCE to expand its work to cover more leprosy colonies.

Fri 8 Jan

Staff: Give thanks for Dr Jeyakumar Daniel, TLM India's former Country Leader who retired last year. Pray for God's blessing on him at this time. Pray for Dr Sunil Anand, India's new Country Leader. Ask that God will give him discernment as he leads TLM's work in India forward.

Sat 9 / Sun 10 Jan

Income: Thousands of leprosy-affected people and their families have benefited from TLM India's **Comprehensive Rehabilitation Programme** which has provided low-cost houses, training, micro loans, and education. Praise the Lord for the number of people who have enhanced their lives and economic status thanks to TLM's involvement.

China and Laos

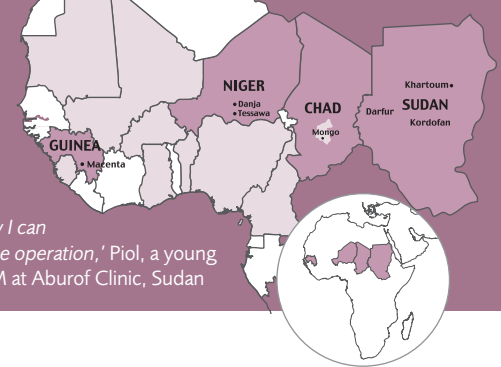
'Last year, the doctor from HANDA came and helped me with cataract surgery. The next day, when the pad was taken off, I could see immediately. I could not describe how happy I was at that moment. I thought I could go outside on my own again,' Xue, a beneficiary of HANDA Comprehensive Leprosy Rehabilitation project



Central Africa

Chad, Guinea, Niger, Sudan

'Because of my nose, I was not able to breathe properly and I sought the operation from The Leprosy Mission. A doctor did the operation for me in Khartoum and now I can breathe much better. I am more handsome now after the operation,' Piol, a young leprosy-disabled man who received treatment from TLM at Aburof Clinic, Sudan



January Week 3



HANDA organises social activities for villagers



Poma has received training in weaving at Lao and now is able to support herself

FACTFILE
ACCORDING TO WHO THERE ARE 60 MILLION KNOWN DISABLED PEOPLE IN CHINA

Mon 11 Jan

Staff: Give thanks for Yuek Ming Poon, TLM's Country Leader for China. Pray for her continued good health as she oversees TLM's projects in these countries. Ask that a full-time project officer will be recruited to assist Yuek Ming in her work. Pray that TLM will be able to connect with new project partners in other provinces of China.

Tues 12 Jan

Media: The Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre in Vientiane, Laos, provides vocational training in weaving, sewing and paper-making. A new initiative for 2010 is to use TV, radio and newspapers to highlight their work and the rights of disabled people. Pray for the success of this project.

Weds 13 Jan

Volunteers: TLM supports Bless China International Community Rehabilitation in Kunming and Yunnan. The project provides holistic care to leprosy-affected people living in leprosy villages in the region. Pray that the team can involve more local people in the work, particularly volunteers from local churches. And pray that more leprosy-affected people will be willing to receive training so they can visit leprosy-disabled people in their homes.

Thurs 14 Jan

Housing: Guangxi Leprosy Rehabilitation Housing project, linked with TLM partner Habitat for Humanity, aims to improve the quality of housing for leprosy-affected people. Pray that the beneficiaries will gain equal status in their communities, and that they will learn skills that will increase income.

Fri 15 Jan

Openness: In Yunnan province, there are two areas that are not yet open to staff from the Leprosy Medical Referral Centre in Kunming. Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of government officials to bring openness to this remote region of Yunnan, where there are some needy leprosy rehabilitation villages.

Sat 16 / Sun 17 Jan

Favour: Training of staff for the new Bless China International Xishuangbanna Community Based Rehabilitation project took place in 2009. The programme implementation begins this year. Pray that a full-time programme director will be recruited for the project. And ask for ongoing favour with government partners.

January Week 4

FACTFILE
49% OF THE POPULATION OF NIGER IS AGED 14 AND UNDER



Support: A patient at CSL Danja Hospital, Niger



A mother and child group at Aburof Clinic, Sudan

Mon 18 Jan

Niger: Pray for Australian Margot Stuart, who joined the team at CSL Danja Hospital last year as a part-time Prevention of Disability Advisor. Also remember Bunmi Oluloto, Director of the hospital. Many general cases are now also seen at the hospital, due to the expansion of the health centre, and this has increased the workload considerably.

Tues 19 Jan

Sudan: Pray that God will provide the right partners for TLM Sudan to work with in the south of the country so that more leprosy-affected people can be reached. As TLM Sudan develops its country strategy throughout this next year, remember Yousif Deng, Country Leader, and the rest of the staff; ask that they will know God's strength and wisdom.

Weds 20 Jan

Chad: TLM's partner project here is the Moustagbal Development Centre which aims to improve the living conditions of leprosy-affected and physically-disabled people. TLM also supports a Disabled People's Organisation in Mongo. Pray for God's blessing on these projects, and for a clear vision when exploring other opportunities for TLM's support in Chad.

Thurs 21 Jan

Sudan: In Khartoum TLM has a leprosy and disability care project and a socio-economic rehabilitation programme. Many leprosy-affected people come to Khartoum seeking help with quite severe disabilities. At present, there is a lack of facilities to carry out surgeries. Pray that this situation may change and that the facilities and medical staff will become available.

Fri 22 Jan

Niger: CSL Danja hospital is looking for additional staff to join the team – a medical doctor, agriculturist and a physiotherapist. Pray that these vacancies will be filled with the right people. Pray that all the financial needs of CSL Danja will be met.

Sat 23 / Sun 24 Jan

Sudan: In Darfur, TLM works with disability groups and conducts leprosy and general disability clinics. Due to insecurity in the region it is sometimes difficult to carry out the work. Pray particularly that God will open the way for TLM to access the three leprosy villages in Zalengi, Adikong and Forboranga – all in western Darfur.

Programmes and Planning

'But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations,'
Psalm 33:11



Team: Country leaders, international office staff and members of the global operations team

January Week 5



Strategy: The Implementing Country Leaders' forum, London, June 2009

FACTFILE

IN 2008*, TLM SPENT JUST UNDER £14 MILLION ON LEPROSY-RELATED PROJECTS

* LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE

Mon 25 Jan

Operations Team Meetings:

Today is the start of a week of meetings being held in London, UK, for the **Global Operations Team**. Pray that the group will not only be discerning in their discussions, but that they will also be humble and gracious. Pray also that the logistical planning for the week will go smoothly.

Tues 26 Jan

Country Support Facilitators:

Rey Coloma, Chris McDonald and Clara Volpi provide support and advice to implementing country teams across the TLM network. Rey is based in The Philippines and Chris and Clara are in the UK. Pray for safety and wisdom as they travel to various countries for meetings throughout the year.

Weds 27 Jan

Co-ordination: Alan Gray is the

TLMI Director for Operations. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as he manages his various responsibilities. Pray also for **Jill Craigie**, Operations Co-ordinator, as she seeks to support the Operations team, and for **David Mundy**, a consultant who works closely with the Operations Team.

Thurs 28 Jan

Projects: The planning process for projects is going through a major transition phase as staff start to use the **Project Cycle Management Framework**. Give thanks for this development in the complex process of planning and managing projects. Pray that it will increase the effectiveness of our work, and bring positive change to people affected by leprosy.

Fri 29 Jan

Global Team: Pray for the Operations Team members who are not based in the UK: **Piet Both** (The Netherlands), **Rey Coloma** (Philippines), **Cindy Norfor** (Singapore) and **Elvis Rashirai** (South Africa). Pray that they will feel fully included and valued as part of the team despite not being close geographically.

Sat 30 / Sun 31 Jan

World Leprosy Day: Pray for all the events taking place around the world. Give thanks for the volunteers and staff who enthusiastically work to make this day a success. Pray that those who learn about leprosy will be moved to support TLM.

A life turned around

- Cai Ping from China tells his story of how he changed from feeling hopeless to giving hope to others

In 1979 I came to Hepu leprosy village. Compared with other villagers, I was lucky because my family came to see me at times.

In 1995 I was busy running around doing some work. Somehow I hurt myself accidentally. Because of leprosy my feet were insensitive to pain. Unfortunately the wound developed into a bad ulcer. I did not know what to do. I had no idea what self-care was. Everyday I saw the wound expand and sometimes it gave off a bad smell. I avoided people. I even stopped my family from visiting me with many excuses. Several years passed and the ulcer got worse. At one point a local doctor told me that my ulcer was cureless and that I would have to have my foot amputated.

I felt hopeless about the rest of my life. I often complained hatefully, asking why life had treated me so unfairly. I lost confidence and drifted along day by day.

In 2003, HANDA (a rehabilitation and welfare association in China supported by TLM) came to our village to teach people about caring for their insensitive hands and feet, to protect and prevent wounds. I persisted in the self-care the way the doctor taught me. After a period of time I found the ulcer had become smaller. I was extremely happy. After one year my ulcer was completely healed. So far my ulcer has never recurred because I have developed the habit of doing self-care. I am aware that without the

support of HANDA, my life would never have been so meaningful.



Cai Ping (left) carrying out health care for leprosy-affected people

In 2005, encouraged by HANDA and other villagers, I became a health care worker in Beihai village. I valued this opportunity and appreciated their trust.

I used my own experience as an example to encourage villagers to join in the self-care campaign. For those who had difficulty doing self-care with their own hands, because of disability, I did the wound care for them. I want more people to be aware of the importance of self-care. I will keep doing this job; spreading what I learn and what I believe to more people.'