

Myanmar and Thailand

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand,' Isaiah 41:10



Democratic Republic of Congo

'He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honour,' 1 Samuel 2:8



February Week 6

FACTFILE
PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS ARE TO
BE HELD IN MYANMAR
IN 2010



Beneficiary at Hlaing Thayar Disability Resource Centre



Rapid Response Team staff supervise community based sub-centres

February

Mon 1 Feb

Staff: Pray for Dr Mike Griffiths, TLM's Country Leader for Myanmar and Dr Zaw Moe Aung, the Country Operations Manager, as they continue to guide the work of TLM in Myanmar. Pray for the **7-up Advocacy Project**, with technical input from U Mg Myint, that it will change people's perception of disability.

Tues 2 Feb

Witness: Thank God for the work of **McKean Rehabilitation Centre** in Thailand. Pray for Somchai Obboon, the Director of McKean, for Trevor Smith the Medical Superintendent and Heather Smith who is involved with training schemes for staff and patients. Pray that churches established through McKean's work will flourish.

Weds 3 Feb

Leadership: Pray for God's continued blessings on **Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital** so that it can be of great service to people with leprosy and disability. The Medical Superintendent is retiring this month. Pray that they will find a new leader whose heart is loyal to God and who will lead the hospital at a

time of potential change in the management, financial and organisational aspects of the hospital.

Thurs 4 Feb

Dignity: A new referral system is being developed in Thailand to integrate patients from government leprosy services into McKean Hospital's holistic rehabilitation services. Pray that it will be an effective way of enabling leprosy-affected people to live lives of independence and dignity.

Fri 5 Feb

Disability: The **Mawlamyine Disability Resource Centre** (DRC) reaches out to disabled adults and children. Pray for this centre and the workshop which produces wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Thank God also for the DRC in the Dry Zone. Pray that this project will become well established in the area.

Sat 6 / Sun 7 Feb

Safety: In Myanmar, cluster managers supervise TLM's project work across large areas of the country. Pray for safety in travelling, and wisdom as they deal with staff issues and local authorities. Pray for Ko Sai as he helps keep all the logistics running smoothly.

February Week 7

FACTFILE
46% OF THE
POPULATION OF
DR CONGO ARE BELOW
THE AGE OF 15



A girl in DR Congo who has benefited from a TLM micro-credit loan

Photo by
Georgina Cranston

Mon 8 Feb

Strategy: Thank God for his protection on staff from the **Congo Co-ordination office** in Kinshasa as they travel to visit projects in different States. Pray for Martin Ndombe, the Country Leader, as he oversees the work here. This year, DR Congo is developing a strategic plan for the next five years. Pray for God's wisdom in planning for future needs.

Tues 9 Feb

Disability: In the **Bas Congo West** region, TLM encourages integration of leprosy-affected people back into their communities through community-based activities. Pray for a physiotherapist to join the team as there is a high incidence of leprosy-related disability in this area.

Weds 10 Feb

Training: The TLM team in **South Kivu** is hoping to extend its community-based rehabilitation initiatives into new areas this year. Many of these communities and leprosy-affected individuals will be introduced to micro-credit loans for the first time. Pray for effective training and a good understanding among community members about how micro-credits work.

Thurs 11 Feb

New cases: The number of new leprosy cases in **Sankuru** has increased in five health zones, and disability due to leprosy is visible in old and new patients. Pray that TLM's prevention of disability and socio-economic development activities in this region will reach those patients who need it most.

Fri 12 Feb

Care: Praise God for JC Okoko, a physiotherapist who joined the team in **Sankuru** last year. This is enabling the prevention of disability work to develop. Government health staff do not always recognise leprosy symptoms or complications. Pray that the physio will make a difference to the quality of care received by leprosy patients.

Sat 13 / Sun 14 Feb

Income: Thank God for TLM's work in **Maniema**; many leprosy-affected people now have a livelihood and an income thanks to the micro-credit loans they have received. Pray for Alphonse Ilambo, TLM's Socio-economic development officer in Maniema.

Promotional Work

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up,' Galatians 6:9



East Africa

Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda

'I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you,' Isaiah 46:4



February Week 8

FACTFILE
IN 2008*, OVER
£230,000 WAS
GENERATED
THROUGH THE WORK
OF TLM TRADING

*LATEST FIGURES
AVAILABLE



Step up: TLM Australia supporters at the finish line after a 50km walk

Mon 15 Feb

TLM Canada asks for God's wisdom as they seek greater compliance with regulatory bodies in Canada. Pray too that God may open the doors to increased church support; and guide them in recruiting the right volunteers and staff to help their communication and promotions grow effectively.

Tues 16 Feb

TLM England and Wales is planning a supporters' visit to India in the spring. Pray for God's blessing on the participants as they see for themselves the impact of TLM's work with people affected by leprosy – may it motivate them to raise more awareness and support for leprosy work.

Weds 17 Feb

Uphold **TLM Australia** as they undertake a comprehensive strategic review to help achieve their ambitious centenary goal – to raise \$10 million for TLM's work by 2013. Pray that the leadership may discern God's direction in their decision making and that new plans will be implemented to the benefit of the Mission.

Thurs 18 Feb

Praise God for an increasing interest shown by young people

Event: Peterborough Football Club and local school children support World Leprosy Week 2009

in Northern Ireland in visiting and voluntarily supporting TLM's work in India and Africa. Pray for **TLM Northern Ireland's** Youth Advisory Council as they seek new ways to engage young people and involve them in promotional and advocacy initiatives.

Fri 19 Feb

TLM Scotland thanks God for growth in prayer support – especially through the Lenten Prayer series. Pray for increased volunteer and financial support from young people. Especially uphold the volunteer speakers throughout Scotland who represent TLMs – pray for creative energy and infectious enthusiasm.

Sat 20 / Sun 21 Feb

On 1 January, **TLM Trading** made a major change in its warehouse operations, outsourcing the processing of its mail orders to an outside company. Uphold Tim Hunt and his team at this time, praying that the transition will continue to go smoothly and that all orders to customers will be processed and mailed effectively and quickly. Pray for a recovery in orders back to pre-recession levels.

February Week 9

FACTFILE
IN TANZANIA OVER
1.3 MILLION PEOPLE
ARE INFECTED WITH
HIV/AIDS AND MORE
THAN ONE MILLION
CHILDREN ARE
ORPHANED



Traditional dancers in Tanzania



Above: A leprosy- and disability-affected people's organisation in Ethiopia operates a business managing toilets and showers for the community

Mon 22 Feb

Staff: Praise God for Tammy Williams – a TLM Occupational Therapist based at **ALERT** (All Africa Leprosy, TB, Rehabilitation and Research Training Centre) in Ethiopia. Tammy is very busy, balancing a high demand for her OT skills with management and policy development demands.

Tues 23 Feb

Strategy: ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy) is a grassroots association with 15,000 members. At the end of 2009, ENAPAL drew up a new five year strategic plan. Pray for wisdom for all Board members and staff as this is implemented. Also ask for success in developing new projects in Ambo, where leprosy-affected people have previously been neglected.

Weds 24 Feb

Uganda: Kumi Hospital, which is supported by TLM, focuses on leprosy, disability and general health care. Thank God for the valuable work this hospital is doing in this rural area. Pray that the on-going needs for equipment, resources and staff will be met.

Thurs 25 Feb

Health: The Hombolo Hospital Community Health Education

programme in Tanzania has greatly benefited from a new Land Cruiser which TLM Northern Ireland donated. The vehicle has enabled the team here to provide education on leprosy, TB, and HIV to over 6,000 villagers. Praise God for this. Pray that those who have had a preliminary diagnosis of leprosy but have not yet attended a medical facility will be motivated to do so.

Fri 26 Feb

Teaching: Pray for Anne Roberts, a TLM physiotherapist based at **ALERT** in Ethiopia, as she continues to strengthen the teaching and clinical skills of ALERT's physiotherapy staff and others who are involved in delivering ALERT's training programmes. Thank God that Anne was able to complete her Masters in Health Science (Education) last year.

Sat 27 / Sun 28 Apr

Income: ENAPAL aims to improve the socio-economic status of leprosy-affected people in Ethiopia. Income generating projects – such as brush making, coffee roasting and metal work – are underway in some areas. Pray for more sales opportunities for these products and services.