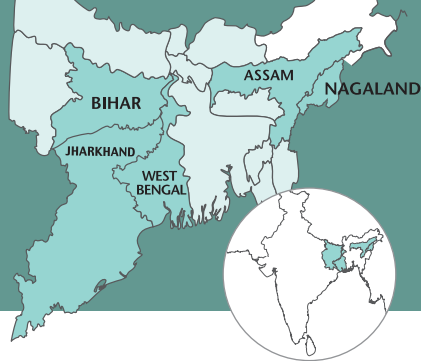


North East India

Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand,
Nagaland, West Bengal

'My family members are very happy and give thanks to TLM for not only helping me through training but also by arranging a good placement opportunity,' Mira, a student at TLM's Bill Edgar Memorial Vocational Training Centre, Bankura



Apr-May Week 17

FACTFILE

IN BIHAR, 90% OF
THE POPULATION OF
LEPROSY-AFFECTED
PEOPLE LIVE BELOW
THE POVERTY LINE



A nurse and patient at
TLM's Premananda
Memorial Hospital,
Kolkata

Mon 25 April

Finances: Give thanks for the good financial stability of **Makunda Christian Leprosy and General Hospital**, a TLM Partner in Assam. Pray for Dr Vijay Anand Ismavel, the medical superintendent; pray that God will give him a clear vision for the future of the hospital.

Tues 26 April

Training: At the **Bill Edgar Vocational Training Centre** (VTC), Bankura, West Bengal, 140 students are trained every year in different trades. Pray for the placement officer who arranges work placements for the students. Pray also for Mr Sanjib Das, the placement assistant, who follows up the graduates and raises awareness of the VTC in remote areas.

Weds 27 April

Finances: Give thanks for the work of TLM's **Premananda Leprosy Hospital** in Kolkata, West Bengal. It is the only leprosy hospital in Kolkata that specialises in reconstructive surgery. Pray for Dr Jerry Joshua, the superintendent and surgeon of the hospital – ask that God will guide him as he and his team take steps to make the hospital more financially self-sustaining.

Thurs 28 April

Surgery: TLM's hospital in **Muzaffarpur, Bihar**, is a major referral centre for reconstructive surgery. Give thanks for the hospital superintendent Dr Mrs A Kerketta. Pray that many leprosy-affected people will benefit from reconstructive surgery and will experience improvements to their life and self-esteem.

Fri 29 April

Staff: TLM's **Hospital in Purulia**, West Bengal has a good reputation for quality of leprosy care and for general medical care. Pray for Dr NK Nanda, the medical superintendent, as he manages the hospital and staff. Pray that any staff vacancies will be filled quickly. Also, remember those leprosy patients who come to the hospital with complications – ask that they will have their hope and dignity restored.

May

Sat 30 April / Sun 1 May

Healthcare: **Makunda Christian Leprosy and General Hospital** runs a school of nursing – give thanks for the 50 nursing students who received high-quality training last year. There is an urgent need for more doctors at the hospital. Pray that God will bring people who are dedicated to serving leprosy patients to the hospital.

Promotional Work

'And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people." For this is what the high and lofty One says – he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite," ' Isaiah 57:14-15



ALM: Vacation Bible School at Collins United Methodist Church, Mississippi, where the children were taught about leprosy

Indonesia

'Now I am happy because my family can accept me, I am now a person they are proud of. Now I am working for YTLI Kupang as assistant administrator also I am going to college to study economics and management and am in the sixth term,' Yakob Taosu, who experienced stigma from his friends and family when he was initially diagnosed with leprosy, now he is working with YTLI (a TLM partner)



May Week 18

Mon 2 May

TLM India's great challenge is to overcome the misconception that leprosy is eradicated in India. Pray for the promotional team as they develop more media campaigns, information and material in different languages, and promote TLM's leprosy programmes and successes despite regional, cultural and language barriers.

Tues 3 May

TLM Southern Africa asks for prayer to find innovative, effective ways of growing their support base. Pray too that God will continue to give their field team lots of energy and enthusiasm. They often have to travel vast distances. Thank God for the quality care and the knowledge and skills they impart to nursing staff and volunteers in the primary health care system.

Weds 4 May

Pray for **TLM Nigeria's** Support and Promotions staff, especially Timothy Ayam, as they organise a fundraising dinner in Abuja this month. The Promotions office moved from Minna to Abuja in 2010 to build and strengthen relationships with donor agencies. Pray for good contacts, for favour in engaging with donors and for a highly successful fundraising dinner.

Thurs 5 May

Thank God today for support groups in **Spain, Portugal and Singapore**, who pray for and raise resources for TLM's work. May God encourage them in their fundraising efforts and open new doors into churches, community groups and companies who will join them in supporting justice and dignity for leprosy-affected people everywhere.

Fri 6 May

In 2010, **American Leprosy Missions** restarted successful leprosy work in Liberia and Somalia; years of unrest had left many people affected by leprosy untreated. Pray for God's protection on and guidance for staff and clients. At this time of continuing uncertain economic factors in the US, pray for increased resources for all programmes and projects.

Sat 7 / Sun 8 May

TLM Zimbabwe: Pray today for Pastor Dan Izzett and Council members, asking for God's protection as they seek to raise prayer and finances to enable much-needed leprosy work to continue at this difficult time in the country.

May Week 19

Mon 9 May

Staff: Uphold the staff and Board of **YTLI**, an Indonesian NGO working to bring an end to leprosy in Indonesia. Pray especially for field staff as they network with churches and grassroots organisations, developing more advocacy and community rehabilitation projects. Ask God to bless them as they seek also to serve the spiritual needs of many poor and needy Christians.

Tues 10 May

Stigma: The **Bekasi Community Health Project** works in an industrial area outside east Jakarta, where there are many untreated cases of leprosy. Pray for Blanche Zalukhu-Harun, director of YTLI, and her team as they seek to overcome the barriers of leprosy stigma in the community and provide diagnosis and treatment to new cases before disability occurs.

Weds 11 May

Protection: Pray today for Kalep Manikari, co-ordinator and supervisor of the **Village-Based Comprehensive Rehabilitation Project** in West Timor and East Flores Island. This programme helps many vulnerable and leprosy-affected people achieve financial independence through small-business initiatives. Pray for God's protection on this work and all involved in the programme.

Thurs 12 May

Advocacy: Uphold **PerMaTa**, the national association for people affected by leprosy. Discrimination against leprosy is still strong in Indonesia. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders as they advocate for the rights of leprosy-affected people. Pray too for YTLI's role in supporting PerMaTa, for wisdom and guidance.

Fri 13 May

Challenges: Pray that difficulties with the supply and distribution of anti-leprosy drugs in Indonesia will be overcome, and that people affected by leprosy will have access to the medical care they need. Pray too that leprosy-affected people will see the benefits of self-care and be motivated to regularly check insensitive feet and hands to prevent further disability.

Sat 14 / Sun 15 May

Micro-loans: Village-Based Comprehensive Rehabilitation projects aim to improve the quality of life for people affected by leprosy and disability, by encouraging enterprise and independence. Micro-credit loans are provided to encourage small businesses to start up. Pray that staff and beneficiaries work together with openness and mutual trust.

Promotional Work

'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like?... It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade,' Mark 4: 30-32

Global Partnership

Global Partnership, or Global Fellowship, describes the way of working that we want to see in The Leprosy Mission. Supporting countries and implementing countries are partners who choose to work together in a covenant relationship. Each member of the TLM body is not independent of the rest: we are dependent on one another. In June all country leaders, national Chairs and



other representatives will be meeting in Thailand to discuss and consider signing a charter which outlines how TLM will work in the future.

May Week 20

Mon 16 May

Volunteers: National Volunteers Week is the first week in June and **TLM Scotland** will be celebrating the achievements of their volunteers and giving thanks for all that they accomplish. They ask us to pray for the continual recruitment of new volunteers across the country to support their work through prayer, fundraising and speaking in local churches and groups.

Tues 17 May

Uphold **TLM Australia** as they seek to fulfil their mission to resource and empower the global mission of TLM financially and respond to requests from implementing countries for appropriately skilled personnel and expertise. Pray against any obstacles that prevent them implementing their new strategy. Ask God's blessing on their busy programme of supporter events and fundraising initiatives.

Weds 18 May

TLM Trading's summer sale catalogue goes out this month. General manager Tim Hunt has asked us to pray that they are able to maintain sales levels and find more ways of attracting new customers cost effectively, especially online. Pray for staff at this busy time, that they continue to offer outstanding customer service.

Thurs 19 May

Pray today for God's guidance and wisdom for **Lepra-Mission Germany** – especially that their Board will take the right decisions for their future. The annual German Church Festival will be held from 1-5 June in Dresden and a small team will represent TLM. Pray that they can reach and inspire many people to pray and support leprosy-affected people.

Fri 20 May

Praise God for **TLM Canada's** new International Programme team headed by Dr Dorothy Nyambi. The team has brought in a spirit of encouragement and good morale to the entire staff. Pray for TLM Canada's Board and staff as they carefully consider the proposed TLM Global Partnership. Pray for discernment, good understanding and his leading in all decisions.

Sat 21 / Sun 22 May

Give thanks for Klaus Leonhardt, national director for **TLM Denmark**. Praise God that in spite of the global economic crisis, donor income has not decreased. Pray that TLM Denmark's strategy for growth and for being a strong partner in the global partnership will be finished and put into action.

May Week 21

Top right: All delegates at the International Assembly in Canada in 2009



Discussion about Global Partnership at the 2009 International Assembly



Country Leaders discussing Global Partnership at the TLM Forum in London 2010

Mon 23 May

Meeting: TLM's International Assembly, held once every two years, meets next week in Chiang Mai, Thailand. TLM representatives from all around the world meet to share experiences, celebrate TLM's achievements and work together on issues and problems. Many have found the Assembly to be a transforming experience. Pray that all those attending will be re-energised in their work for the Mission.

Tues 24 May

Travel: Pray for safety for those travelling to Chiang Mai for the International Assembly. Pray especially for those who are travelling abroad for the first time or have never been to such meetings before – that they'll quickly adjust and feel able to contribute from their wisdom and experience.

Weds 25 May

Passion: All TLM country leaders will be staying on after the International Assembly for two extra days together. Thank God for each of them. Pray for strong relationships, mutual trust and respect, and a passion to serve together in working towards a world without leprosy.

Thurs 26 May

Unity: Next week's International Assembly marks the end of a long period of dialogue throughout the Mission about the 'shaping' of TLM as a global partnership. All TLM countries are being invited to sign the TLM Charter, a document which sets out commitments we make to one another about how we will work together. Pray that this will be an occasion for joy and unity throughout The Leprosy Mission.

Fri 27 May

Board: The TLM International Board meets today and tomorrow. Thank God for chairman David Parry, and for all 16 trustees, who come from 11 countries. Pray for discernment as they tackle strategic issues affecting the whole of TLM. Pray also for wisdom for the Members who will be electing new Board Members to replace those who are completing their terms of service.

Sat 28 / Sun 29 May

Fellowship: Next week's meetings will involve people from more than 40 countries. Thank God for this rich tapestry that makes up the global TLM fellowship. Ask God for ears to listen and hearts to understand one another, especially those from a different cultural background.



Roger Hamlet, a student from Scotland, volunteered with TLM and worked at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal for two months in 2010. He took with him a prosthetic hand for one of the patients

Programmes and planning

'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,' Romans 15:5



TLM Country Leaders met together at the TLM forum in London in June 2010

May-Jun Week 22



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Mon 30 May

Meetings: The **International Assembly** started yesterday in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Many delegates will have been there for a few days of meetings already. Pray that the delegates will be refreshed at the start of a new week. Give thanks for Heather Smith who has done much of the organisation for the meetings and for Jade Phillips, Geoff Wame's PA, also involved in the logistics.

Tues 31 May

Global Support: Pray that the Lord will enable the **Global Support Co-ordinators**, Elvis Rashirai (based in South Africa) and Cindy Norfor (based in Singapore) to provide appropriate support to the countries in the areas of TLM Connect, finance and human resources.

June

Weds 1 June

Leadership: Pray for Alan Gray, the director for operations and finance in Brentford. Pray for wisdom and strength in this demanding role. Pray also for Piet Both, the country development director, who has a variety of roles – one is to build links between TLM, WHO and ILEP partners. Pray that it will be of mutual benefit to TLM and partners.

Thurs 2 June

Country Support: Chris McDonald, Clara Volpi and Rey Coloma are the country support facilitators. Chris and Clara are in Brentford and Rey is in Manila. Pray that they will provide effective support to implementing countries as they implement and monitor the new country strategies. Pray too that they can adjust their roles to suit the needs of the implementing countries in this changing time of Global Partnership.

Fri 3 June

Funding: Anna Foxley is the institutional funding advisor based at the international office. Pray that she will be an effective advisor for the countries she assists. Jill Simpson is the operations co-ordinator. Pray for enthusiasm and diligence in her co-ordination role.

Sat 4 / Sun 5 June

Operations: The **Operations Team** has a week-long meeting starting on Monday next week. This is a good opportunity to develop ideas, share learning and to strengthen the team. Pray for an edifying and productive meeting, and for safe travel to and from the meeting.