

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



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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.

North West India

Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh

'I am able to help my parents financially and my family live in a good and established position in society. I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve leprosy-affected people,' Keshaba, former student at Vizianagaram VTC and now a tutor at Wellesley Bailey VTC



Ethiopia and Tanzania

'The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him,' Exodus 15:2



June Week 23

FACTFILE
UTTAR PRADESH IS THE MOST POPULOUS STATE IN INDIA

Mon 6 June

Health: Give thanks for the work of **Bishop Conrad Memorial Hospital**, Uttar Pradesh. Pray for Dr Nalini Casabianca, senior medical officer and reconstructive surgeon, and Sister Mary Pia, who is in charge of the leprosy centre. Some of the patients stop taking their leprosy medication part way through the course. Pray that they will be motivated to complete the course and will attend follow-up appointments at the hospital.

Tues 7 June

Awareness: St Catherine's Hospital, Uttar Pradesh, provides health care for leprosy-affected people and also works in the slums in Kanpur city to try to reduce the stigma of leprosy. Pray that the field staff, Nisha Yadav, Ajay Pandey and Anil Raja, will communicate effectively with all the people they come into contact with through this project.

Weds 8 June

Students: Pray for the students attending the **Wellesley Bailey Vocational Training Centre** in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, who come from far away. Pray that they will settle in well and make new friends easily. Remember also the staff, especially the principal Mr A R Singh. Give thanks for the work they do in providing students with skills for the future.

Thurs 9 June

Services: Dr Selvasekar Abraham is the medical superintendent of **The Leprosy Mission Community Hospital**, Shahdara, Delhi. Pray for him as he and his team look to upgrade the equipment and facilities in the hospital and to promote the general medical services to the wider community.

Fri 10 June

Teamwork: About 250 patients access the services of TLM's **Barabanki Hospital** in Uttar Pradesh every day. Give thanks for Dr JP Palla, the superintendent. He and the other doctor and medical staff have a heavy workload. Pray for good team work and positive attitudes.

Sat 11 / Sun 12 June

Stigma: Give thanks for the government organisations that use **TLM's Hospital in Naini**, Uttar Pradesh, as a referral centre for reconstructive surgery and leprosy complications. Pray that there would be greater understanding in the communities surrounding the hospital about the true nature of the disease, and that people will be free of all superstitions and stigma related to leprosy.



Recipients of a low-cost house in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh

June Week 24

FACTFILE
ETHIOPIA IS ONE OF AFRICA'S LEADING COFFEE PRODUCERS



Alemnesh (second left), an ENAPAL member in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, in her new low-cost house



A World Leprosy Day march in Ethiopia

Mon 13 June

Ethiopia: ENAPAL (Ethiopian Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy) is a grassroots association supported by TLM. Pray for Leulseged Berhane, ENAPAL's chairman, and Cheru Gebre, the vice chair and all other staff as they develop new project proposals for ENAPAL members. Also pray for safety and good health as they travel throughout the country.

Tues 14 June

Ethiopia: Anne Roberts is TLM's representative at **ALERT** (All Africa Leprosy, TB, Rehabilitation and Research Training centre) in Ethiopia. Pray for success as Anne continues to strengthen the teaching and clinical skills of ALERT's physiotherapy staff. Anne is now the sole TLM staff member in Ethiopia, after Tammy Williams, an occupational therapist, moved on last year.

Weds 15 June

Ethiopia: Thank God for the enthusiasm of Demisew Yehenis, a young physiotherapist who took over as head of **ALERT's** physiotherapy department in 2010. Pray that God will guide and strengthen him. Also pray that the time Anne Roberts spends with physiotherapy staff will increase their capacity to

provide quality physiotherapy services to leprosy-affected and other patients.

Thurs 16 June

Ethiopia: TLM partner **ENAPAL's** offices are currently on land owned by ALERT. Pray that government negotiations and sponsorship by partners will enable ENAPAL to secure their own land and build their own head office building.

Fri 17 June

Tanzania: Pray for the continued expansion of mobile clinics to detect new cases. Thank God for the teams from Northern Ireland, under the leadership of John Tuff (Hon. country leader), who have been building houses in Samaria, the leprosy village associated with Hombolo Hospital. There is a great need for replacement housing for patients and their families. Thank God that there is now a well in the village.

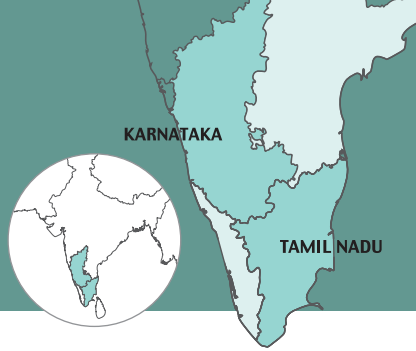
Sat 18 / Sun 19 June

Ethiopia: Give thanks for the interest shown in leprosy by younger **ALERT** medical staff and for the retention of Dr Elizabeth Bizuneh, a consultant leprologist. Pray that interest will continue and services to leprosy patients will remain at a high standard.

South India

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

'Now I am happy, even though my family had deserted me, I can stand in society and lead a normal life with dignity. I am now self-sufficient,' Rajathy, a leprosy-affected woman who is now working in St Luke's Leprosarium as a ward helper



Education and Learning

'Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow,' Isaiah 1:17



School children in Mozambique

June Week 25



Subbarami received a low-cost home after the tsunami in 2004 destroyed his home



Drying fish to sell in Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, India

Photos by Peter Lemieux

Mon 20 June

Training: Praise God for the care home that has been built for elderly and leprosy-disabled people at **Charles Pease Memorial Hospital** in Colachel, Tamil Nadu. Pray for Dr N Hyam Ravi, the chief medical officer. Pray also for Mrs Viji, a former leprosy patient at the hospital who recently completed a lab technician course. Pray for her good health.

Tues 21 June

Family: Navjeevan Leprosy Centre in Bidar, Karnataka, provides medical care, vocational training and other services for 60 leprosy-affected families. Pray for Dr Sybil Meshramkar, the director, as she oversees this project. Pray for the smooth running of the centre as it attempts to improve the living conditions of all the families in this leprosy village.

Weds 22 June

Health: Sankeshwar Mission Hospital is a TLM partner in Karnataka State. Pray for the successful completion of phase three of the building project. Pray too for the new projects that are in the planning stage: the opening of an obstetrics and gynaecology department, and home-based geriatric care. Pray for the superintendent, Mr Abraham Mathew as he oversees this work.

Thurs 23 June

Finance: The main priorities of **St Luke's Leprosarium**, Peikulam, Tamil Nadu, is to treat and rehabilitate leprosy-affected people and to educate their children. St Luke's has requested prayer for 10 of their leprosy patients who are in need of financial assistance for housing, and another 12 who need help getting their children through higher education.

Fri 24 June

Leaders: Integrated disability care and community based rehabilitation project, Viluppuram, Tamil Nadu, works with local leprosy-disabled people and those with general disabilities. The project has enabled the creation of 600 self-help groups. Pray for the leaders of these groups. Pray also for M. Ramesh, the deputy programme manager as he oversees the running of the project.

Sat 25 / Sun 26 June

The Empowering Tribal Communities project addresses the poverty and exclusion of tribal people in the Karwar district of Karnataka State. Pray for the safety and security of field staff, including field supervisors Ignatius Fallerio and Manuel Juvanu Souza, as they make long journeys deep into the jungle to conduct project activities.

Jun-Jul Week 26

FACTFILE

ABOUT 69 MILLION SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL. ALMOST HALF OF THEM ARE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, AND MORE THAN A QUARTER ARE IN SOUTHERN ASIA



Students at TLM's Champa Vocational Training Centre in India

Photos (top) by Peter Lemieux

Mon 27 June

Annual Country Learning: Pray for country leaders who will meet with their peers to review the past year in their countries. We want to be a learning organisation. May the teams be encouraged and aim higher as they look at the successes and challenges and seek to listen to the Lord.

Tues 28 June

Annual Project Review: People affected by leprosy are included in these reviews. We need to listen to their voices and help them to feel valued so they can speak out. Pray for the facilitators and staff – that they will see the review as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Weds 29 June

Staff development: TLM is committed to continuous improvement. Pray that there may be learning opportunities through conversations, reading, observing and listening to one another as well as through training courses. Pray for those involved in coaching others to do better.

Thurs 30 June

Training programmes: In 2009 TLM had 51,331 participants on their courses. Pray for the training centres and staff who work to improve knowledge and care about leprosy in their countries. Thank God for the skills of our staff and the centres of excellence.

July

Fri 1 July

Learning for change: TLM works in many ways to learn and improve practice. Pray for Natalie Smith and Cobus van der Walt who compile our annual statistics. Remember also those projects that have mid-term or end of project evaluations.

Sat 2 / Sun 3 July

Apprenticeships: Remember all the students who will be graduating from TLM's Vocational Training Centres (VTC) in India this year. Ask that they will be able to find suitable work placements quickly. Also pray that staff at the VTCs will build up good relationships with local companies, leading to an increase in the number of apprenticeships available to graduates.