

India – Countrywide and Sri Lanka

'My wife and I are both very happy to get the buffalo as it produces more than 10 litres of milk every day. My family and I are extremely happy and thankful to BCE and their volunteers for this support and guidance which has enabled us to have a source of livelihood and a reason to smile,' Ram, beneficiary of Bethesda Charitable Endeavours' (BCE) advocacy and awareness project.



August Week 31

Top right: TLM India provided Marthamma (right) from Salur with a micro-credit loan so she could set up her own business



A mobile eye clinic from TLM's Salur Hospital visits rural villages in Andhra Pradesh

Photos by Peter Lemieux

August

Mon 1 August

Staff: Pray for Ranjit Mookerji, the deputy director for community-based activities, Wilfred Balraj, the deputy director for corporate services, and for Dr Premal Das, the deputy director for medical services. Pray for wisdom as they juggle many responsibilities and manage staff. Ask that God will give them times of refreshment in the busyness of their working days.

Tues 2 August

Fair-trade: MESH (Maximising Employment to Serve the Handicapped) is a TLM partner organisation that works with disabled and leprosy-affected artisans, marketing their handicrafts. Thank God that last year MESH worked with 1,200 artisans providing design and fair-trade support. Pray for the executive committee as they work out how best to run MESH in the future.

Weds 3 August

Travel: Pray for the volunteers who work with **Bethesda Charitable Endeavours' Advocacy and Awareness** project. Pray for God's protection on them as they travel to remote areas. Pray that they will build up good relationships with the people they are working with in these communities.

Thurs 4 August

Artisans: Due to the economic recession, sales of **MESH** handicrafts in the West have dropped. MESH needs to develop local, domestic markets for the leprosy-affected and disabled artisans' products. Pray that MESH will have the funding to start a domestic marketing project.

Fri 5 August

Advocacy: TLM India's **Media Centre** in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, is responsible for advocacy, for creating awareness of leprosy and promoting TLM India's work. Pray for Manoj Varghese, the head of media and advocacy, as he and his team have the challenge of producing scientifically sound, socially acceptable and patient-friendly messages on health and social issues.

Sat 6 / Sun 7 August

Sri Lanka: Pray for the **Empowering Disadvantaged Communities** project in Jaffna, and the **Empowering People Living with Leprosy and Disability** project, which uses goat rearing as a means to alleviate poverty and to generate income for families and communities. Pray that these projects will make a significant difference to people's lives.

International Office

'Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms,' 1 Peter 4:10



Staff and volunteers from the TLM International office

wisdom as she faces the challenges of advising on best practice in so many different countries. Pray for Mo Lewis who provides admin support for Jenny and June Nash. Pray too for the HR staff within supporting and implementing countries who work with Jenny in improving HR.

Fri 12 August
Communications and IT: Pray for Fiona Spence, communications manager; ask for continued creativity and strength as she works on publications and the flow of information within TLM. Pray for Marco Storz, IT manager and Jonathan Tsang, intranet and IT support administrator, as they serve TLM in so many different ways.

Sat 13 / Sun 14 August
Knowledge Management: Pray for June Nash, director for knowledge management, as she retires in September. Thank God for her many years of faithful service to TLM. Pray that her successor will have a productive handover period and be equipped to take on this demanding role. Pray too for Jannine Ebenso, global disability adviser, as she continues working on the knowledge management team.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ngoy Mawala lost his family and his job because he had leprosy. Then a storm destroyed his house. TLM in DR Congo, with the help of a partner organisation, rebuilt his house. Thanks to TLM his dignity has been restored. He has even been able to get married again and is more accepted by the community.



Top right: Work being done to complete Ngoy Muwala's low-cost house in DR Congo

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DRC IS HOME TO ALMOST HALF OF ALL AFRICA'S FORESTS AS WELL AS TO EXTRAORDINARY MINERAL WEALTH THAT COULD MAKE IT ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT

August Week 32

Mon 8 August
General Director's team: Pray for Geoff Warne, general director of TLM, for wisdom, strength, guidance and integrity as he leads TLM. Pray that God will equip him with all that he needs to do his job well. Pray too for Jade Phillips, Geoff's PA and Shân Adetutu on Reception as they support Geoff.

Tues 9 August
Finance: Pray for Gladstone Worthington, head of Finance, as he balances the challenges of international finance, TLM's budgets and cashflows. Pray for Melonie Rajaratnam and other finance staff as they support Gladstone.

Wed 10 August
Operations: Pray for Alan Gray, director for finance and operations, for wisdom as he supports country leaders through the challenge of growing TLM's work in a difficult financial climate. Pray for Jill Simpson, Chris McDonald, Clara Volpi and Anna Foxley as they work as a team and support implementing countries.

Thurs 11 August
HR: Pray for Jenny Moncada, head of HR, for strength and

August Week 33

Mon 15 August
Strategy: This is the first year of DR Congo's new five year strategy – the aim is to have a more community-based focus. TLM will build the capacity of government health workers for the general leprosy work and will concentrate on community-based rehabilitation projects in selected needy areas. Pray for good team work as this strategy is implemented across TLM's projects in DR Congo.

Tues 16 August
Dignity: Dr Jean Ngoy Kitege is TLM's programme manager in **Sankuru province**. Recently he has been studying a public health course. Pray that what he has learnt will help him further develop the work in Sankuru. The projects here include prevention of disability and income generating activities.

Weds 17 August
Disability: Give thanks for the work done in the **Bas Congo West** region to reduce leprosy-related stigma through awareness campaigns. Pray for Bizeme Nicolas, the socio-economic development manager in this region. Pray for greater integration of prevention of disability work here so that fewer leprosy-affected people will develop severe impairments.

Thurs 18 August
Hospital: Pray that God will bless the work of the team in the **Bas Congo East** region of DR Congo. The project includes supporting **Kivu Leprosy Hospital**. Pray for Dr Barthelemy Dunda, the project manager, as he oversees the prevention of disabilities and community-based rehabilitation activities. Pray that leprosy-affected people will continue to benefit from the hard work of the team.

Fri 19 August
Treatment: The goal of TLM's work in **Kasai Occidental West** region is to contribute to the reduction of leprosy through early detection, and to provide prevention of disabilities and socio-economic rehabilitation services. Pray that many more hidden cases of leprosy will be found so that people can receive treatment quickly.

Sat 20 / Sun 21 August
Networks: Pray for a new collaboration of Dutch NGOs – PRISMA network – working in DR Congo. TLM Netherlands is seeking funding from the Dutch government for TLM's work here. The government requested that the Dutch NGOs form a network to qualify for funding. Pray that this network will have a tangible impact on the lives of the people these NGOs are working with.

Promotional Work

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



Top right: A group of TLM England and Wales' supporters in front of the Taj Mahal during a trip to visit TLM projects in India

South & South East India

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu

'I and all my family are very grateful to CROSS/TLM for initiating and changing our life in ways we never expected,'
Mrs Gopabai, a leprosy-affected woman who received a loan from the CROSS Leprosy, Disability, Awareness and Advocacy programme to open a small shop



August Week 34

Mon 22 August

TLM Scotland is conducting monthly Prayer Tour events around the country to raise awareness and prayer support. Pray that each event will be well attended and will act as a catalyst for new and existing supporters to seek ways to support TLM in their area. Pray that God will use fundraising efforts to touch hearts so people give to TLM's work.

Tues 23 August

TLM Sweden asks us to pray for their Board and their national ambassadors. May God open doors for them to reach new supporters in churches as well as in the general population. Pray that they will gain more prayer partners and donors so that they can increase support for TLM's work in DR Congo, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Myanmar and India.

Weds 24 August

TLM France: Pray that promotional staff will establish better communication and contacts with churches, youth groups and Sunday schools. Pray too that they will find people to help design specific material for children. Ask God to bless all their efforts to reach new supporters.

Thurs 25 August

Uphold **TLM South Africa** in a busy period. On 28 August, Disability Sunday, they will network with African Enterprise, raising awareness of the needs of physically-disabled people and encouraging churches to include them more in activities. On 11 September, Leprosy Sunday, various church services will be taken by Mission staff.

Fri 26 August

TLM Finland: Praise God for the support given by the Finnish government to TLM's leprosy projects over many years. Pray that TLM Finland's funding agreement with the government remains strong and that it may lead to other funding opportunities. Ask for God's direction for the Finnish Council as they seek guidance for the future.

Sat 27 / Sun 28 August

Thank God for **TLM Italy's** Board. Pray that new and enthusiastic people will join them this year in strengthening support for TLM's ministry. Pray that Board members will support new initiatives to promote regular giving, and will experience God's blessing as they pray and plan together.

Aug-Sep Week 35

Top right: A patient at Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital, Salur



Students at Platinum Vocational Training Centre, Vizianagaram

Photos by Peter Lemieux

Mon 29 August

Community: St Paul's Trust a partner project of TLM, works in the East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. This year the staff are planning to build more houses for leprosy-affected families. Pray for the smooth running of this initiative. Pray too that the patients with HIV/Aids that St Paul's Trust cares for will receive healing and be comforted by the Lord.

Tues 30 August

Education: Give thanks for the work of **Platinum Vocational Training Centre (VTC)** in Vizianagaram as it enables young adults from a leprosy background to learn a trade and skills for life. Pray for Mr Gabriel Pani, the principal. Ask that God will direct him and give him clear vision. Also pray that the students will adjust well to their new environment.

Weds 31 August

Health: Philadelphia Leprosy Mission Hospital in Salur, Andhra Pradesh, provides care for leprosy patients along with general health care, particularly for disadvantaged people in tribal villages and the slums of Salur. Pray that the hospital will have all the finances it needs to provide its services. Pray that staff will have success in motivating leprosy patients to stick to their prescribed treatment.

September

Thurs 1 September

Care: Pray for Samson Yama, project co-ordinator of **The Leprosy Colony Community Development Project**, Raichur, which aims to bring transformation to the lives of leprosy-affected people. Pray for government funds to be released so that the infrastructure of the leprosy colony can be improved.

Fri 2 September

Stigma: The **CROSS Leprosy, Disability, Awareness and Advocacy programme** operates across four southern States. It aims to reduce stigma towards leprosy and disability through counselling and awareness raising. Pray for director Mr S Sripatham. Pray that the children who receive school scholarships through the project will be motivated to study hard and gain a good education.

Sat 3 / Sun 4 Sep

Education: TLM supports **Brighter Future Development Trust** in Vizianagaram which provides medical, educational and spiritual support to leprosy-affected families, particularly to children. Pray that the education the children receive will make a big difference to their future prospects.