

Could you volunteer for us?

We are always looking for volunteers to speak about The Leprosy Mission's work, to start prayer groups or to help in other practical ways.

If you are interested, contact Marilyn Gregory on 01733 370505 or email volunteers@tlmew.org.uk



In DR Congo, an elderly woman affected by leprosy seeks treatment for her ulcerated feet (see 10 - 16 April)

Father, we thank You for the work of The Leprosy Mission worldwide, for the commitment of staff and faithful generosity of supporters. Thank You that You are bringing hope and transformation to people affected by leprosy, disability and poverty. We know, Lord, that there is still much need, and we pray that You will continue to guide The Leprosy Mission as it shares Your love in action.

We pray for all those who have leprosy today:

- for those who live in fear and are too scared to come forward for treatment, that You would give them the courage to seek medical attention
- for those who have faced rejection and loss because they have leprosy, that You would bring reconciliation and restore self-esteem
- for those who are undergoing MDT treatment and are suffering with reactions, that You would bring healing and comfort
- for those who will have reconstructive surgery, that You would restore function in hands, feet and eyes
- for those who are learning new skills, that You would bless the work of their hands

Father open our hearts to do what we can for these people, whether it is to serve, pray or give. We ask all of these things in Jesus' name. Amen

Thank you for praying

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Matthew 21: 22 NIV

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prayer diary

April – June 2011



Members of a leprosy community in China, which is benefitting from the Diqing Prefecture Community Rehabilitation project (see 15 - 21 May)

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12: 12 NIV

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Local events 3 - 9 April

Pamela Levens, area co-ordinator for the East Central region, will be leading a sponsored Walk of Hope around Rutland Water on Saturday 9 April. Ask for clement weather, that this time of fellowship will be fun and uplifting, and that the event will raise a good level of income to support The Leprosy Mission's work.

DR Congo 10 - 16 April

Please pray for the Leprosy Mission team working in DR Congo. This is a challenging and often dangerous country, so please ask God's favour and protection on our staff. Pray particularly for the recently-appointed Leprosy Mission Country Leader, Dr Louis Paluku Sabuni.

Coffee & Care 17 - 23 April

The Leprosy Mission's area co-ordinators are promoting an exciting initiative for 2011, called Coffee & Care. Churches and supporters are being asked to organise fun events to feed a Leprosy Mission hospital or vocational training centre for one day – which can cost as little as £28. Ask that many people will get involved, and that the events will be a blessing to both those participating and the leprosy-affected beneficiaries.

Easter 24 - 30 April

Join with us in thanking God for the gift of His son, Jesus Christ, and His sacrifice for us on the cross. Ask that staff all over the world will be able to share this message of unconditional love with those we meet, treat or talk to.

Update 1 - 7 May

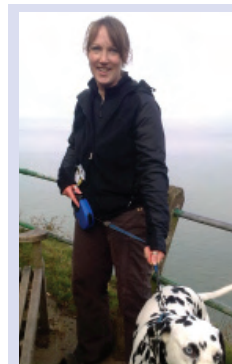
Supporters will receive our spring *Update* newsletter this week. Pray that they will feel

encouraged and inspired by what they read, and that many people will consider giving to our work.

**I know that the LORD secures justice
for the poor and upholds the cause of
the needy. Psalm 140: 12 NIV**

Local events 8 - 14 May

Natalie Husk, area co-ordinator for the South West region, will be walking the South West Coast Path in May and June. This epic trek will take her 630 miles from Minehead in Somerset to Poole in Dorset, during which time she will climb nearly four times the height of Everest! Pray for Natalie to be sustained and encouraged, and that many people will join in along the way, raising money for the Mission.



Natalie preparing for her challenge

China 15 - 21 May

Give thanks for God's continued blessing on our projects in China. Ask especially for His favour on the Diqing Prefecture Community Rehabilitation project, providing education to children from leprosy backgrounds who have never been to school before.

Legacies 22 - 28 May

Give thanks for faithful supporters who have remembered The Leprosy Mission in their Wills. Legacy gifts are currently proving vital in ensuring the viability of our continuing ministry.

Funding 29 May - 4 June

Like many other organisations, The Leprosy

Mission is finding it harder to raise money in this difficult financial climate. Give thanks for God's faithful provision throughout recent months, and ask that our income will be stable and sufficient.

Volunteers 5 - 11 June

We are so grateful to everyone who generously gives their time and energy to support the Mission's work. Thank God this week for each of our volunteers.

Nepal 12 - 18 June

Pray this week for Anandaban hospital, and for its continuing radio and media campaign which is spreading the truth about leprosy throughout Nepal. Pray that harmful myths about leprosy will be dispelled, stigma will be reduced and acceptance of those with leprosy will be increased through this groundbreaking scheme.



Rabin and his mother were both treated at Anandaban hospital

Local events 19 - 25 June

On Saturday 25 June, enthusiastic supporters will be taking part in a special event – riding a zip wire across the River Tyne! Ask that this fun and novel event will raise both funds and awareness for the work of The Leprosy Mission, and that all participants will be safe and enjoy their day.

Fundraising 26 June - 2 July

This week we are sending out a special fundraising appeal letter to raise money for Nigeria. Pray for a good response so that our vital health and social projects can continue to have a positive impact in this needy country.