

Could you speak up for us?

We are always looking for volunteers to speak to churches and groups about The Leprosy Mission's work.

If you are interested, contact Volunteer Co-ordinator Barbara Robinson on 01733 370505 or email volunteers@tlmew.org.uk



Self-care group in Nigeria (see 27 February - 5 March). Group members check each other for injuries to nerve-damaged areas. They also encourage each other to take care of any wounds.

Lord, we ask that You would put Your hand of blessing on The Leprosy Mission around the world. We ask that You will provide the necessary resources for the work to be sustained and increased to meet the needs of people affected by leprosy.

Please help people affected by leprosy to access appropriate leprosy services. We also pray people not yet diagnosed will have the health information to recognise the symptoms of leprosy early on.

We ask for a change of attitudes where leprosy exists, that there will be an end to social exclusion. We pray that people affected will have the support of their communities and families.

Please bless all those working with people affected by leprosy. Give them joy and pride in their work and we ask that You will bless and protect them and all the hospitals and projects The Leprosy Mission is involved in.

Above all we pray that people affected by leprosy will know that they are valuable and that You cherish them.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. 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

January – March 2011



Residents of Hendala Leprosy Home in Sri Lanka, a partner of The Leprosy Mission (see 13 - 19 February)

I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Psalm 116: 1-2 NLT

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Looking forward 2 - 8 January

Please lift The Leprosy Mission to God as we begin a new year. Ask that we will not lack funding, despite the global economic pressures, and that this year we will gain new support and be able to continue and establish many life-saving projects.

India 9 - 15 January

At the end of the month The Leprosy Mission in India is holding a public tribunal to raise awareness of Indian legislation that discriminates against people affected by leprosy. Pray for good media coverage as people tell their stories of exclusion, and for the judiciary to recognise that laws, policies and practices must be changed.

New Day 16 - 22 January

This week we are sending out the spring edition of *New Day*. Give thanks for the positive news that we have to share, and pray that the magazine will inspire both financial and prayer support.



World Leprosy Day 23 - 29 January

Remember those with leprosy in the lead-up to World Leprosy Day on Sunday. This year The Leprosy Mission England and Wales is focusing on India, with a theme of justice and dignity. Please pray that this special event will help to raise the profile of leprosy, and that there will be a good response to our materials.

Prayer 30 January - 5 February

We believe that prayer support is as vital as

financial support. Please ask that more and more people will be encouraged to pray for us this year and that we will be able to expand our work to reach more people in need.

Trusts visit 6 - 12 February

Please pray for a visit being made by supporting trusts to our work in India. They will be visiting Kolkata hospital, Bankura Vocational Training Centre and Purulia hospital. Ask for protection over their health and travel plans, and for a time of inspiration and encouragement.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3: 22-23 NIV

Sri Lanka 13 - 19 February

Lift to God our community outreach projects in Jaffna. These projects offer a helping hand to the poorest of the poor, those with leprosy and disabilities. Pray that the work will continue, despite the often volatile political environment in Sri Lanka.

Patients 20 - 26 February

Pray for all those who will be diagnosed with leprosy this week. Ask that they will be comforted and will understand their treatment options. Pray also for their loved ones and communities, that they will not cast out those with leprosy but will accept and support them.

West Africa 27 February - 5 March

The Leprosy Mission in Nigeria and The Leprosy

Mission in Niger are working together to develop a project to address discriminatory policies and practices against people affected by leprosy. Pray for their planning workshop, that they will listen to people affected by leprosy and plan effective activities to end discrimination.



Students at Bankura Vocational Training Centre (see 6 - 12 Feb)

World leaders 6 - 12 March

Please pray for wisdom, courage and compassion for governments across the world. Pray particularly that world leaders will have a new vision to legislate for the rights of all those marginalised by disease, disability and poverty.

Staff 13 - 19 March

Please remember this week Leprosy Mission staff who are based here in the UK. Ask that their hard work will bear fruit for our many beneficiaries and that they will be refreshed in their work, whatever their role.

Zimbabwe 20-26 March

Leprosy work in Zimbabwe is especially challenging due to the country's social and political instability. Ask for a blessing on the Mission's work there, and that awareness and understanding of leprosy will increase.

Fundraising 27 March - 2 April

This week we are sending out a special fundraising appeal letter to our supporters. Pray that it will be well received, and ask for a good response so that our vital work can continue.