

North East India

Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Nagaland, West Bengal

'Thank you brother for the support for our children's education. Due to your project initiatives many of us received the widow's pension and old age pension. God bless all of you,' a village elder commenting on the Sunderban Community Development project in West Bengal



Promotional Work

'Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful,' Hebrews 10:23



Face painting at Kingsway Middle School to raise funds for TLM New Zealand

Sep-Oct Week 39

Top right: TLM gave Dipnarayan from Muzaffarpur a small loan to start his rickshaw business

Mon 26 September

Staff: Pray that the students at **Bill Edgar Vocational Training Centre (VTC)** in Bankura, West Bengal, will enjoy good health and will be able to complete their courses; the students have either had leprosy themselves or a member of their family has. Pray also for the new staff members at the VTC – the principal, business manager and placement officer.

Tues 27 September

Self-care: In Bihar state many people are illiterate. This includes many of the leprosy-affected people that **TLM's Muzaffarpur Hospital** serves. Pray that the leprosy patients at the hospital who are unable to read or write will understand the importance of self-care (looking after insensitive hands and feet), and that staff will find creative ways to communicate this with them.

Weds 28 September

Strategy: **TLM's Premananda Hospital** in Kolkata is intending to improve its outpatient services this year by providing diabetic and general medical care. Pray for staff involved in this as they develop a strategy and open up the hospital to more residents of the surrounding communities.

Thurs 29 September

Elderly: **TLM's Hospital** in Purulia

runs a Snehalya (care home for elderly leprosy-disabled people). Pray that God will use Sylvia Nanda and Ajay Mishra, two counsellors who work with the residents, to bring healing. Pray also for the ophthalmologist and nurses who look after the blind patients who live here.

Fri 30 September

Integration: **Saldoha Leprosy and General hospital** in Jharkhand works to improve the lives of poor and needy patients in the area. Pray for the staff, the patients and their families, that all will be aware of God's presence in this hospital. Pray too for the success of a new initiative to follow up leprosy patients once they have returned home to see how well they are integrating into community life.

October

Sat 1 / Sun 2 October

Poverty: The **Sunderban Community Development Project** aims to uplift the socio-economic condition of the most socially excluded and marginalised people in south Kolkata and other districts in West Bengal. Pray for Prithi Raj Chakraborty, the deputy programme manager. Pray that through the work of this project many people will be able to access resources from the government or other agencies.

October Week 40

Mon 3 October

Co-ordination: Remember today **American Leprosy Missions** as they seek to respond to a range of needs and project proposals with limited resources. Pray for continued good co-operation and co-ordination between ALM/TLM; for new staff and leadership; and safe travels for ALM staff especially in Myanmar and DR Congo and for continued progress in vaccine research.

Tues 4 October

Church Partners: For some years **TLM Nigeria** has been actively seeking to strengthen and expand the number of churches who pray for and support leprosy work throughout Nigeria. Pray for God's blessing and guidance on this church initiative; it depends on TLM supporters within each church for its sustainability and effectiveness – pray that God will motivate each one today.

Weds 5 October

Networks: In **India**, prayer groups, volunteers and friends of TLM Chapters are an important way of raising awareness, prayer and resources. TLM India requests prayer for God's help in building up these volunteer networks throughout the country.

Thurs 6 October

Support Groups: Remember the members of **TLM support groups** in Spain, Portugal and Singapore as they seek to raise awareness, finances and prayer in their country. May they be encouraged by the power of prayer as they meet together, and find opportunities within their own networks to share about TLM's ministry.

Fri 7 October

Prayer partners: Uphold Marta Risko, national director for **TLM Hungary** and pray for God's blessing on their Board and volunteers. Just now they are translating next year's ASK into Hungarian. Pray for God's blessing on their work and ask that he will use it to raise up a multitude of new prayer partners and donors.

Sat 8 / Sun 9 October

Pray for **TLM South Korea's** nursing home for the elderly, which includes many individuals who suffer from leprosy-related disabilities. Pray that TLM Korea will be able to build up support for Andong Sung Jaw Won which is a leprosy colony with about 300 leprosy patients.



A woman's self-help group in Muzaffarpur

Photos by Georgina Cranston

Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea

'I am very happy to be able to work and help my family get some money,' Santiago, Timor Leste; TLM provided him with a small loan and he has opened a kiosk where he bakes and sells bread



Francisco is being treated at a clinic in Timor Leste for leprosy-related ulcers

South Central Africa

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe

'There are many benefits of being part of the ALEMO self-help group. Now I can share with other members, I don't feel so alone, and we can discuss what to do about our problems,' Albertina, member of ALEMO (TLM partner) in Mozambique



Artur is an ALEMO community volunteer in Mozambique; he helps to diagnose leprosy and follow up patients

October Week 41

Mon 10 October

Papua New Guinea: One of the ways that TLM makes a major contribution to the government of PNG is through training health staff in prevention of disabilities and leprosy. Pray that TLM will continue to have good relationships with the government health workers, and that those who attend the training sessions will find opportunities to practice what they've been taught.

Tues 11 October

Timor Leste: Antonio do Rosario is the **Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR)** project Co-ordinator. The project aims to enable leprosy-affected people to be fully included in their communities and to develop sustainable livelihoods. Pray for Antonio as he oversees this project and manages the CBR project staff.

Weds 12 October

Papua New Guinea: Here, TLM works closely with **Disabled People's Organisations**. TLM staff help to promote and strengthen these associations. Pray that the disabled people's groups will have strong leaders and a strong national voice.

Thurs 13 October

Timor Leste: The **Community-Based Rehabilitation** staff include: Francisco Ximenes, Delfin Guterres, Ana Vasconcelhos, Justino da Silva, Elisario Barreto and Carlito Carceres. One of their tasks is to develop enablement groups for leprosy- and disability-affected people and their families. These groups provide opportunities for training and income generation. Pray for all the CBR staff as they look to develop more enablement groups in Timor Leste.

Fri 14 October

Timor Leste: Between 2011 and 2015, people affected by leprosy and disabilities will take the lead in forming new **enablement groups**. Pray for effective training of these new leaders and for the success of this initiative.

Sat 15 / Sun 16 October

Papua New Guinea: Here, TLM raises awareness about leprosy and disability in schools, churches and communities. Staff target schools and communities in areas where there is still a high prevalence of leprosy. Pray that cases of leprosy in children will be caught early so that they do not develop any lasting disabilities.

October Week 42

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Amissina is an ALEMO group member in Mozambique

Photos by Peter Lemieux

Mon 17 October

South Africa: Give thanks for the work Erna Moller, the programme manager, is doing to raise awareness of disability. TLM Southern Africa has established an annual **Disability Awareness Sunday**. This year they are working on a resource pack for churches to give guidance on the inclusion of people with disabilities. Pray that this initiative will transform many lives.

Tues 18 October

Mozambique: Domingos Nicala is the project manager for prevention of disability and leprosy control. Pray for him as he oversees 49 **self-care groups** for leprosy-affected people in the Cabo Delgado province. Pray that these groups will function well and will be sustainable.

Weds 19 October

Zimbabwe: The greatest challenge in this country is the political instability; this prevents the restoration of a good medical delivery system which is so needed in this country. Pray that the political and economic situation will improve. Pray that, as this happens, awareness about leprosy will begin to increase among medical staff.

Thurs 20 October

Lesotho: Give thanks for Ockie Kruger who has overseen TLM's work here for many years. Pray for Ockie as he prepares to hand over the leprosy work to the Ministry of Health in 2012. Pray for Dr Maama, director of communicable diseases and Me Ntlama, TB/leprosy officer, who will be in charge of these programmes.

Fri 21 October

Mozambique: Thank God for a good team spirit in the TLM Mozambique office. Pray for all the staff here, including: Dr Arie de Kruijff, the Country Leader, Maximino Joaquim, the administrator, and Rosa Mombaça, the accountant. Pray that the team will continue to work well together.

Sat 22 / Sun 23 October

Angola: Give thanks for Jean-Pierre Bréchet, TLM Country leader for Angola. Pray too for Castelo Filipe, a rehabilitation nurse and project manager, who trains health staff in prevention of disability. Pray for him as he travels to visit the seven health units treating leprosy. May he be safe on the road and maintain a high standard of care for leprosy-affected people in Angola.



Santiago, Timor Leste

Research

Research into the causes and consequences of leprosy is a crucial part of TLM's work; the more we know about the disease, the more success we will have in eradicating it for good



A lab technician at TLM's Barabanki Hospital in India

where laboratory research is carried out (two in India, one in Nepal and one in the Philippines); all have close links with universities in Europe and North America, and increasingly also in Asia. Pray for the relationships that are being built across the world – both for the individuals involved and for the collaborative work that results.

Fri 28 October

Vaccine: 2011 will be an important year for the leprosy vaccine project, initiated by ALM and supported by TLM. Although a final product will soon be available, testing it and proving its value will take time. Pray for wisdom in the complexities of testing and licensing a new product.

Sat 29 / Sun 30 October

Staff: Pray for the medical and technical staff in TLM centres who have day-to-day contact with individuals who are recruited to the various research projects in progress. This is hard work, often taken for granted, but it is the foundation for any discoveries that are made. Pray for diligence, accuracy and integrity in their work and for them to be a joyful witness to those they serve.

Central India

Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa

'There was no hope before I came here: I know it is God who sent me to this hospital,' Niyazin, patient at TLM's Kothara Community Hospital



Top right: The pharmacy at TLM's Bethesda Leprosy Home and Hospital in Champa

Oct-Nov Week 44

Mon 31 October

Surgery: Richardson Leprosy Hospital, Miraj, Maharashtra, is a leprosy referral centre that treats and manages complications of leprosy. Pray for the reconstructive surgery camps conducted by the hospital in surrounding villages – that many people will benefit. Thank God for Dr Paul Madhale, the superintendent.

November

Tues 1 November

Training: Pray for Mr J D Chopade, the principal of TLM's **Vocational Training Centre in Nashik,** Maharashtra State. This year the VTC will be counselling parents in surrounding communities to encourage them to send their daughters for training. Pray that more girls will apply and that more parents will be enthusiastic about their daughters learning skills which will benefit them for life.

Weds 2 November

Networking: Give thanks for the work of **Kothara Community Hospital** in Maharashtra State. Pray that hospital staff will be able to network with other social organisations and local government workers so that good quality services will be provided to the community. Pray that the hospital staff will demonstrate the love of Christ to all patients and users of the facilities.

Thurs 3 November

Stigma: The **Schools Targeting Stigma** project seeks to reduce leprosy-related stigma in three districts of Chhattisgarh. Pray for Kishor Chandra Digal, the programme manager, and the three programme implementation facilitators. Pray that as this project reaches out to thousands of school children and villagers, there will be a noticeable decrease in stigma towards leprosy.

Fri 4 November

Resources: Pray for Dr Manotosh Elkana, the medical superintendent of **Chandkhuri Leprosy Hospital.** Thank God for the large numbers of leprosy and general patients using the facilities here. There are frequent power cuts in this remote area of Chhattisgarh. Pray for the smooth functioning of all the departments that are so dependent on a constant supply of electricity.

Sat 5 / Sun 6 November

Disabilities: Mayurbhanj Leprosy Home in Maharashtra State is a shelter for 70 to 100 leprosy-affected people. Praise God for the new physiotherapy unit set up to benefit those with leprosy-related disabilities. Pray that staffing needs will be met at the Home and that God will provide all the needs of the residents and staff.

October Week 43

Mon 24 October

Expertise: Give thanks for the expertise available to TLM and American Leprosy Missions (ALM) through the International Research Committee, chaired by Prof Warwick Britton. Pray for the Committee as it seeks to encourage much-needed social science research, under the guidance of the newest member Dr Pim Kuipers.

Tues 25 October

Clinical trials: Pray for the work of the Rural Health Programme at Nilphamari, in northern Bangladesh; it's one of the few remaining rural areas in the world able to conduct clinical trials in leprosy. Pray for the programme director, Dr David Pahan, as he seeks to develop new collaborations and new projects.

Weds 26 October

Funding: Funding for research comes from a variety of sources; pray for all those engaged in research as they write grant proposals – pray for wisdom and patience. Give thanks for the increasing number of projects funded in India by the Indian Council for Medical Research.

Thurs 27 October

Laboratories: There are four centres linked to ALM/TLM



Students at Chhattisgarh Vocational Training Centre, Champa