

Country Focus: China



'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise,'
Psalm 111:10

FACTFILE:

- China is the third largest country in the world, after Russia and Canada
- Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language with over 870 million speakers



About The Leprosy Mission China

About 210,000 people are known to be affected by leprosy in China. Some 20,000 elderly and disabled leprosy-affected people are still living in 600 leprosy rehabilitation villages.

The Leprosy Mission in China works hand-in-hand with partner organisations to run six projects.

Four partner projects in Yunnan Province focus on community-based rehabilitation to improve the quality of life of leprosy-affected people and reduce social stigma. Another two projects in Guangdong and Guangxi provinces are working on socio-psycho rehabilitation and providing eye care in leprosy rehabilitation villages.

Key events in 2012

- **January:** TLM aims to integrate leprosy work into CBM's (a Christian charity) Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project.
- **March/April:** Meetings with Yunnan Christian council for new leprosy advocacy work in Diqing Prefecture.

Senior Staff

Ms Yuek Ming Poon – TLM Country Leader
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Top: One of TLM's partner projects provides wound care for a leprosy-affected person

Country Focus: India Countrywide

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'The most precious thing to human life is sight. TLM's hospital offered me an operation that gave me the gift of life,'
Ashok, a leprosy-affected man who received surgery at TLM's Shadara Hospital in Delhi

FACTFILE:

- According to government figures, around 43% of children under five in India are malnourished
- More than 80% of Indians are Hindu



About TLM India

The long-term vision for TLM India is 'transforming communities empowered to overcome leprosy, living lives of dignity'. In order to achieve this vision, TLM India will, over the next five years, evolve from being a mainly service delivery organisation to an organisation addressing holistic development and rights of leprosy-affected people. The new strategy will involve a mix of directly implementing programmes and influencing others to work with leprosy-affected people.

TLM India currently has 14 hospitals, 26 community-based projects, six vocational training centres and supports around 40 partner institutions. The projects range from health and development to advocacy and community empowerment. TLM India works hand-in-hand with governments, local communities, WHO, other leprosy organisations, strategic partner institutions and churches to achieve its vision.

Top left: Dr DPN Prasad (left), Chair of TLM India Board with Dr Sunil Anand, TLM India Country Leader, signing the Global Fellowship charter at the International Assembly in 2011

Top right: Ashok has been able to continue working thanks to the eye surgery he received at TLM's Shadara Hospital in Delhi

Prayer points

- TLM India has a new country strategy for 2011-2015. Pray that it will be implemented effectively and communicated well around the Mission.
- Pray that TLM India will begin to raise significant income through a new fundraising strategy.
- Pray for Dr Sunil Anand, country leader for TLM India. Pray that God will give him wisdom and direction as he leads a large staff team.
- Pray for the senior staff who support the country leader and manage teams of their own. Pray that they will have energy and enthusiasm to cope with the many demands of their jobs.
- Pray that TLM India will continue to develop strong relationships with other non-governmental organisations, churches and local community groups.

Key events in 2012

- **Jan-Feb** – Annual Consultation of TLM India Leaders
- **March** – TLM India Board Meeting
- **July-Aug** – Mid-year Budget Review
- **September** – TLM India Board and Annual General Meeting
- **October** – Administrators' Workshop
- **November** – Annual Learning Review

Senior staff

Dr Sunil Anand – TLM India Country Leader
Dr PLN Raju – Deputy Director, Organisational Effectiveness
Dr Mary Verghese – Deputy Director, Programmes

Country Focus: Nigeria



About TLM Nigeria

In Nigeria there are still areas where large numbers of new leprosy cases are found, particularly in Ebonyi and Taraba States. The number of children contracting leprosy is high. Along with this there are many people with leprosy-related disabilities in Nigeria. There is discrimination and lack of awareness about the disease.

TLM's projects in Nigeria include: hospital services, leprosy control, eye care, prevention of disability, vocational training, micro-credit schemes, housing, advocacy, community awareness and research. The National Co-ordination office is based in Minna. Alongside the leprosy work, TLM Nigeria has a fundraising strategy and works with churches, individual donors and companies to raise funds for and awareness about TLM's work in Nigeria.



Key events in 2012

- **April** – Staff conference
- **September** – Fundraising dinner

Top: Sunday Udo, Country Leader for TLM Nigeria

Above: Halima (left) is part of a TLM self-help group in Sokoto

FACTFILE:

- Nigeria is home to 158 million people, but more than 100 million live on less than £1 per day
- Over 40% of the population is aged 0-14



Prayer points

- Pray for TLM Nigeria's staff conference in April, that it will be a time of spiritual refreshment and revival for staff and Board members.
- TLM Nigeria's Board meets in April and November. Pray for wisdom, grace and foresight for all members as decisions concerning the Mission in Nigeria are made.
- Thank God for the National Co-ordination Office retreat that took place in January. Pray that all members of staff will continue to be spiritually refreshed throughout the year.
- Pray for TLM Nigeria's fundraising dinner in September, as the Mission reaches out to Abuja residents and policy makers for increased support of the Mission's work in Nigeria.
- Pray for continuing peace in Nigeria and an end to sectarian violence.

Senior staff

Dr Sunday Udo – TLM Country Leader
 Dr Moses Onoh – Technical Advisor
 Mrs Elizabeth Adeniji – Finance Manager
 Mr Timothy Ayam – Support Co-ordinator
 Miss Tennessee Dioru – Internal Auditor
 Mr Terver Anyor – Project Development Officer
 Mr Pius Ogbu Sunday – IT/M&E Officer

Country Focus: Switzerland

'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



About TLM Switzerland

TLM Switzerland was founded in 1905 in Zurich. For more than 100 years it has informed the Swiss public about leprosy and raises funds for the global Leprosy Mission.

TLM Switzerland has two offices, one in the French- and one in the German-speaking part of Switzerland. In the French speaking part the Mission is called 'Mission Evangélique Contre La Lèpre' and the office is in Lonay, near Lausanne. The German-speaking mission is called 'Evangelische Lepra-Mission' and is located in Herzogenbuchsee.

The Mission has around 20,000 active donors and raises two million Swiss Francs (approx £1.4 million) every year. Most of the income (80 per cent) comes from private donors, 10 per cent from churches, the rest from foundations, companies and the government.

Key events in 2012

- **10-26 March 2012** – Trekking in Nepal together with TLM England and Wales.
- **May 2012** – Speaking tour with Nevis Mary, a leprosy-affected woman from India.

Top: TLM Switzerland team. From left to right: Markus Freudiger, Katharina Fahrni Ritz and Eric Chollet

Prayer points

- Praise God for National Director Eric Chollet's faithful service to the mission for 31 years. Eric retires at the end of February 2012.
- Praise God for Anne-Claude Jonah who has been newly appointed to represent the Mission in the French part of Switzerland. Pray that the TLM Switzerland team will function well.
- Pray for the successful implementation of the new five-year fundraising strategy of TLM Switzerland. It will focus on donor retention and upgrading.
- Pray for Katharina Fahrni Ritz and Markus Freudiger the new co-country leaders of TLM Switzerland. Pray for vision, strength, understanding and wisdom as they take over from Eric Chollet.
- TLM Switzerland is intensifying its contact with churches and establishing new contacts with secular and Christian media. Pray that phone calls, letters and press releases will be well received.
- Pray that donors' hearts will be touched by TLM Switzerland's mailings and that they will be moved to donate regularly. Also pray for new ways of reaching out to find new supporters.

Key Staff

Eric Chollet (till February 2012) – TLM Country Leader
 Katharina Fahrni Ritz (from March 2012) – Co-Country Leader
 Markus Freudiger (from March 2012) – Co-Country Leader
 Anne-Claude Jonah – Representative of the Mission in the French-speaking part of Switzerland

Country Focus: New Zealand

FACTFILE:

- NZ has more than 50 volcanoes, some of which are still active today
- In 1893 NZ became the first country in the world to give women the right to vote



About TLM New Zealand

TLM New Zealand celebrates its centenary in 2012. Support is raised in a variety of ways:

inTouch magazine; e-newsletters; Prayer and Praise newsletter.

TLM NZ raises awareness of the Mission and its work through:

- Ethnic Communities Network – LMNZ Ethnic Communities Ambassador, Michael Sheppard, is developing a network of volunteers to build relationships between ethnic communities in New Zealand with Leprosy Mission projects in their home countries.
- Regional volunteers raise local support and raise awareness in churches.
- Youth Advocate Scholarships – young adults with a passion for mission can witness the work of the Mission in Nepal.
- Running 4 Rights Team – raises awareness and finances by participating in the Auckland Marathon and other walking or running events throughout New Zealand.

Alongside fundraising, TLM NZ: accesses government funds for TLM field projects and works with implementing country staff to get the best possible outcomes for projects.

Key events in 2012

- **2012** – TLMNZ Centenary Year
- **February** – Youth Advocate Scholarship Nepal experience
- **March and September** – *inTouch* magazine
- **October** – Running 4 Rights Team in Auckland Marathon

Top left: TLM New Zealand's Running 4 Rights Team
Top right: Brent Morgan, TLM NZ Country Leader, and family



Prayer points

- This year, The Leprosy Mission celebrates 100 years in New Zealand. Pray for opportunities to promote the work of The Leprosy Mission in the public arena.
- Fundraising: pray for continual growth in fundraising from the NZ public, especially as LMNZ endeavours to convert single-gift donors to regular giving through its new 'Families for Families' programme.
- Engagement: pray for new and developing relationships with NZ ethnic communities.
- Pray for opportunities to partner with the NZ government, particularly in Pacific countries like Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for TLMNZ's relationships with the rest of the TLM Fellowship and in particular the implementing countries with which they partner.

Senior staff

Brent Morgan – TLM Country Leader
Bruce Waldin – Marketing Manager
Gillian Whitley – Donor Development Manager
Martin Malkaney – Finance Manager