

Global Fellowship



About Global Fellowship

In 2011 TLM countries celebrated their unity and shared purpose by together signing The Leprosy Mission Charter. Through this, Member countries have made a series of commitments to one another as a global fellowship. This has been both an exciting and challenging development. We are committed to building closer, interdependent relationships with one another. Respectful, loving and trusting relationships need to be at the heart of the way TLM works; those are the qualities of relationships that honour our Lord and reflect how we want to work with our supporters and with the people we serve.



Key events in 2012

March 7-11: Annual meeting of all TLM Fellowship Member countries

Top: TLM Fellowship: TLM delegates at the 2011 International Assembly in Thailand

Above: Signing of the Global Fellowship charter at the International Assembly in June

FACTFILE:

- There are 31 Member countries in the TLM Fellowship
- Around the world TLM has over 2,000 staff and implements or supports around 200 leprosy projects in 27 countries

Country Focus: Sudan and South Sudan



FACTFILE:

- More than half of South Sudan's 9.1 million population is below the age of 18 and about two thirds are under the age of 30

About TLM Sudan

Sudan underwent great changes on 9 July 2011; the South became a separate country as a result of a referendum held on 9 January 2011. People from the South who were living in the North lost their nationality and many returned to the South. This has greatly affected TLM as most of the senior staff are from South Sudan and most of TLM's work is in the North of the country.

TLM Sudan mainly supports the government in leprosy control activities, training health staff in management of leprosy, helping to build the capacity of the Disabled People's Organisation and raising awareness of leprosy.

In Khartoum State TLM Sudan's main partner is the Episcopal Church of Sudan through which they operate their main leprosy referral clinic (Aburoff).

In 2012 TLM is hoping to develop work with partners in the South.



Key events in 2012

- **29 January** – World Leprosy Day
- **September** – Leprosy co-ordinator meetings; all the states' leprosy co-ordinators meet for two days to plan next year's leprosy activities

Top: Dr Yousif Deng, TLM Country Leader

Above: Low-cost housing project in the north of Sudan

Prayer points

- Pray that God will open the way for the registration of TLM as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in the newly-formed Republic of South Sudan.
- Pray for God to open the way for appropriate partners for both South and North Sudan as TLM is short of staff in the North due to the secession of the country.
- Pray for good relationships with government staff from the National Leprosy Programmes in the North and the South.
- Pray for wisdom, patience and godly direction as a new TLM country strategy for North Sudan is implemented.
- Pray that God may lead Dr Yousif Deng, country leader, and Dr Wilson Lado Santo, programme manager, as they develop TLM's work in South Sudan.
- Pray for a good relationship between the governments of North and South Sudan; this will have a great impact on the stability of the two countries.

Senior staff

Dr Yousif Deng Riak Deng – TLM Country Leader
 Dr Wilson Lado Santo – Programme Manager
 Ms Sella Kajo Shaloka – Aburoff Clinic Manager
 Mr John Kuku – Khartoum State Leprosy Supervisor

Country Focus: Bangladesh



'I didn't know anything about leprosy. The Leprosy Mission staff diagnosed me, gave me medicine, took care of me and my family, and counselled me.'

Shahid, from Dhaka city, was rejected by his relatives when they found out he had leprosy.

Prayer points

- Pray that TLM Bangladesh's national level directors will provide effective leadership, co-ordination and encouragement to the entire TLM work force in the country for the realisation of the goal of 'A Bangladesh without leprosy'.
- Pray for an end to the ethnic conflicts in the Chittagong Hill Tracts area. The situation sometimes causes potential risk for TLM staff and project activities.
- The Chittagong Integrated Leprosy Services and Stigma Reduction project is aiming to make people aware of HIV/ Aids, nutrition and maternal-child health care. Pray that staff can efficiently handle this new challenge.
- Pray that the self-help groups in Chittagong (140 Groups with 1,100 members) receive the government registration they've applied for. Pray that group leaders are empowered to develop new ways of improving the economic situation of the group members.
- There are still many new cases of leprosy being diagnosed in Dhaka City. Pray for the patients who suffer from repeated complications, and disabilities.

Senior staff

Mr John Samaddar – Chittagong Programme Director
 Mr Rajesh Mallick – Manager, Chittagong Sustainable Development Project
 Dr Sanay Tripura – Manager, Chittagong Integrated Leprosy Services and Stigma Reduction Project
 Mr Parach Chakma – Manager, Chittagong Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Project
 Mr Johnny John Gomes – Finance Manager
 Mr Thomas Singha – Manager, Dhaka Leprosy Control Project

About TLM Bangladesh

TLM has 21 projects in Bangladesh. The TLM co-ordination office in Dhaka is responsible for overseeing the projects, for networking with secular and Christian non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and building relationships with government health staff.

In the Chittagong region of Bangladesh TLM has three key projects. These are:

Chittagong Sustainable Development project: Based in Chittagong city, this project aims to improve the quality of life of leprosy-affected and disability-affected people through self-care and self-help groups.

Chittagong Integrated Leprosy Services and Stigma Reduction project:

The goal of this project is to eliminate leprosy-related stigma in Chittagong so that more leprosy-affected people will come forward for treatment.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation project:

The Hill Tracts area is one of the few mountainous areas of Bangladesh. Many tribal groups live in remote villages that are difficult to access due to the hilly terrain. Most women and children in this region suffer from malnutrition. TLM is working here to improve the health and economic situation of leprosy-affected people, people with disabilities and those who are marginalised.

(For more information on TLM's work in Bangladesh, see pages 37 and 59)

Top left: Rupa (right) experienced stigma when she was diagnosed with leprosy, but TLM Bangladesh educated her community about the disease and now she is more accepted

Top right: Shahid (left) was helped by TLM after his relatives rejected him because he had leprosy

Country Focus: England and Wales



FACTFILE:

- London is the largest city in Europe
- England is the largest constituent part of the UK, and accounts for 83% of its population

About TLM England and Wales

TLM England and Wales's role is primarily fundraising, generating prayer support and working with field partners to ensure effective implementation of TLM programmes. This includes providing support for project development, monitoring projects and capacity development. They are also involved in national and international advocacy activities.

(For more information about TLM England and Wales's work, see page 40).



Key events in 2012

- **29 January 2012** – World Leprosy Day
- **March 2012** – Trek for Treatment, Nepal
- **August 2012** – Festival of Flowers

Senior staff

Peter Walker – TLM Country Leader
 Keith Nicholson – Director of Finance and Administration
 Sian Arulanantham – Head of Programmes Co-ordination
 Jean Jones – Head of Fundraising
 Rosalyn Palmer – Head of Marketing and Communications
 James Greig – Regional Co-ordinator, North
 Allister du Plessis – Regional Co-ordinator, Midlands/South West
 Mike Griffin – Regional Co-ordinator, East

Top: Peter Walker, Country Leader for TLM England and Wales

Above: Newent Brownies raised £145 for TLM from a sponsored silence

Prayer points

- Pray for TLMEW's World Leprosy Day (29 January) materials which focus on TLM's work in Mozambique. Pray for a good response to the materials sent out to churches and supporters.
- Pray that individuals will be inspired to join TLMEW's Trek for Treatment to Nepal in March 2012 and for success in raising much-needed funds for Anandaban Hospital.
- Give thanks for the Board of Trustees who give so generously of their time and expertise. Pray for wisdom, creativity and guidance as they seek to develop TLMEW's 10 year vision.
- Pray for the success of TLMEW's various appeal mailings for 2012, including the *New Day* magazine appeal on 20 January and the Easter appeal on 9 March. Pray that the materials will capture the hearts of supporters.
- Pray for TLM England and Wales's Leprosy Out Loud campaign which is calling young people to sign a leprosy charter and become human rights defenders for people affected by leprosy.
- TLM England and Wales is beginning to develop relationships with corporate donors. Pray for Christine Fraser, corporate partnership officer, as she makes links with companies and encourages them to support TLM's work.

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
Mrs Wenhua – Bless China International (TLM partner), Diqing Prefecture, Community-Based Rehabilitation Project
Mr Abo – Bless China International, Xishuangbanna, Community-Based Rehabilitation Project
Dr Berry Ding Handa – Eyesight Saving Project
Ms Meizi Handa – Yunnan Socio-Psycho Rehabilitation Project
Ms Amy Huang – Handa (TLM partner), Guangdong and Guangxi provinces, Socio-Psycho Rehabilitation Project
Ms Lorraine Yiu – CEDAR Fund Leprosy Awareness and Church Mobilisation Project

Top: One of TLM's partner projects provides wound care for a leprosy-affected person



Prayer points

- Pray for opportunities to identify more Christian partners with similar vision and values as TLM in the strategic provinces in China.
- Pray that local Christian communities will be mobilised to support leprosy work in TLM China's new leprosy awareness project.
- Pray for new leprosy work to be developed by international or national non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
- Pray that TLM China will smoothly implement its new country strategy and will have support from the government and other NGOs.
- Pray for Xishuangbanna Community-Based Rehabilitation partner project team as they empower leprosy-affected people to develop sustainable livelihoods in Xishuangbanna Prefecture.
- Pray for strength and wisdom to recruit appropriate staff for TLM China.
- Pray for the development of new partnerships with CBM China (a Christian charity) and CEDAR Fund (Christian Education, Development and Relief).