

## 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

## Country Focus: Indonesia

*'The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song  
I praise him.'*

Psalm 28:7

### FACTFILE:

- The population of Indonesia is 245 million
- Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world



### About TLM Indonesia

In 2012 TLM Indonesia will be developing its strategy by working through partnerships to double its impact.

Indonesia has the third highest number of new leprosy cases in the world each year. For the last decade the total numbers have been between 14,000 and 19,000 per year without any significant decline.

Yayasan Transformasi Lepra Indonesia (YTLI) is a TLM partner. YTLI's Village-Based Community Rehabilitation project focuses on improving the quality of life of people affected by leprosy, people with disabilities and marginalised people.

In 2012, new projects with different partners will be developed.

### Staff

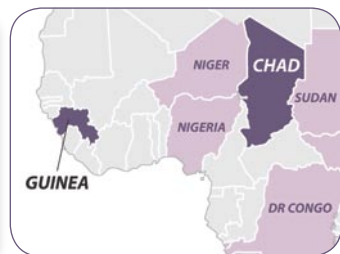
Ms Tanny Hagens – TLM Country Leader

**Top:** Fitriya (5) has been diagnosed with leprosy. Her mother works for YTLI

### Prayer points

- Pray that an Indonesian country leader will be found to lead the work of TLM Indonesia and that she or he will be able to establish good networks in the country.
- Pray for the smooth co-operation and partnerships with local NGOs (non-governmental organisations) and the government in order to integrate leprosy care into general health and disability services.
- Pray for good collaboration between other leprosy organisations like Netherlands Leprosy Relief, AIFO (Italian NGO) and The Nippon Foundation.
- Pray for the development of work in the community through partners (e.g. Primary Health Care Programme) in providing leprosy services like early case detection, treatment and prevention of disabilities.
- Pray for YTLI's Village-Based Community Rehabilitation staff as they continue to build up the capacity of community volunteers so that they will be able to motivate the community to implement their activities.
- Pray for Tanny Hagens (country leader) that she will have wisdom and insight in how to establish TLM as an NGO in Indonesia.

## Country Focus: Chad and Guinea



### FACTFILE:

- The literacy rate in Guinea is 29.5%
- In Chad 20% of children die before reaching the age of five

### About TLM Chad

TLM Chad is deeply involved in leprosy work in the Guera region. The work here involves raising awareness of leprosy among the local population. TLM is also extending its programme to include the physically disabled through distributing walking aids, bicycles, tricycles, wheelchairs, donkeys or orthopaedic appliances. TLM is encouraging the development of disabled people's organisations (DPO) in the Guera region that include leprosy-affected people. In 2012 TLM will start looking for a new Country leader to represent TLM at the national level, preferably from N'Djamena, the capital of Chad.

### About TLM's work in Guinea

TLM has been supporting work in Guinea since 1982. The goal of TLM's work here is to ensure that people affected by leprosy in the Forest Region receive holistic care. TLM supports leprosy work at Mission Philafricaine Hospital in Macenta. The work here includes providing good quality services for leprosy-affected people, prevention of disability and providing income generating activities for people in the Forest Region of Guinea.



### Key events in 2012

In Chad, visiting local religious leaders, village chiefs and state authorities to raise awareness of leprosy and distributing leaflets and posters.

**Top:** Geeske Zijp, TLM Country Leader, with Ahmat Abdel Rahman a disabled physiotherapist trained by TLM

**Above:** A meeting of the Disabled People's Organisation in Mongo, Chad

### Prayer points

#### Chad

- Pray for peace, safety and righteousness within the country.
- Pray for good relationships with the National Leprosy Programme staff and other partners.
- Pray that the newly initiated Disabled People's Organisation in Bitkine in the Guera region will develop into a strong, supportive group for people with all kinds of disabilities.
- Pray that TLM will find a local, qualified country leader for Chad.

#### Guinea

- Thank God for the leprosy work TLM has been supporting in Guinea for the last 20 years.
- Pray for the staff of Mission Philafricaine hospital in Macenta, that they will have all the resources they need to carry out their work.

#### Key staff

Geeske Zijp – TLM Country Leader  
 Mathieu Kodnguarque – Regional Leprosy Supervisor for the Guera region  
 Abdel Rahman Gantour – Disabled People's Organisation facilitator  
 Dr Eric Bafende – Hospital Director in Guinea

## Country Focus: Australia



### FACTFILE:

- Population of Australia is 21.7 million
- Nearly a quarter of the people who live in Australia were born in other countries

### About TLM Australia

TLM Australia's mission is to resource and empower the global mission to restore the lives of people affected by leprosy.

They seek to achieve this mission by: appeals, speaking engagements in churches and the wider community, programmes in schools, fundraising adventure tours, developing relationships with their supporters, volunteer fundraising events, prayer, and radio advertising.

Areas of Development for 2012:

1. Developing the programmes in schools through their Xtreme Schoolies adventure (which is aimed at students graduating from high school).
2. Responding to requests from TLM implementing countries to provide appropriately skilled personnel and expertise.
3. Providing up-to-date information to the promotions team on the progress of the work of the Mission in implementing countries.

TLM Australia supports work in: India; Indonesia; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Papua New Guinea; Thailand; and Timor Leste.

### Key events in 2012

- **April** – National Conference: a chance for National Council and Board members, staff and key supporters to meet together.
- **October** – India Awareness Tour, supporting Bankura Vocational Training Centre.
- **November** – Trek for Treatment, supporting CEDAR Project in Nepal.

**Top:** TLM Australia team. Graham Peck, the Country Leader, is third from the left on the back row

### Prayer points

- Pray for the TLM Australia National Conference from 20-22 April 2012.
- Pray for the development of new initiatives to engage younger people (15-40 year olds) in supporting the Mission.
- Pray for inspiration and enthusiasm for the promotion team staff as they promote the Mission in the Christian and wider community.
- Pray for TLM Australia's participation as they work in partnership with TLM implementing countries.
- Pray that they will discern God's direction as they review their goals for the next three years.
- Pray that they will achieve their financial commitment to TLM's global mission this year.
- Pray for Australian cross-cultural staff (Elisa Yule – Nepal; Natalie Smith – Timor Leste; Heather and Trevor Smith – Thailand) as they work to empower national staff members.

#### Senior staff

Graham Peck – TLM Country Leader  
 Helen Nixon – International Programme Manager  
 Mark Richardson – Finance and Administration Manager  
 Tim Davey – National Engagement Manager  
 Glenda Hunt – PA to Country Leader

# Country Focus: India – southern region

**States:** Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

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## About TLM's work in Southern India

In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh States, TLM works through three hospitals, two vocational training centres (VTCs), three community development projects and through NGO (non-governmental organisation) networks. TLM hospitals are community hospitals and are well known for their leprosy and dermatological services. These hospitals are recognised by the government for reconstructive surgeries and prevention of disabilities (POD) work.

### Projects include:

TLM Hospital Vadathorasalur;  
 TLM Hospital, Dayapuram;  
 Vocational Training Centre (VTC), Vadathorasalur;  
 Centre for Rehabilitation Towards Artisans Fair Trade (CRAFT), Cuddalore;  
 Disability Rights, Thiruvannamalai;  
 TLM's Salur Hospital;  
 Vocational Training Centre, Vizianagaram;  
 Empowering Communities Project, Vizianagaram.

### Key events in 2012

- Vadathorasalur VTC is planning to start an e-publishing business.
- Primary school children's hygiene clinics on a weekly basis.
- State-wide team building, networking and working together with other TLM centres and community development projects.

*'Vocational Training Centres are very important for those who are the poorest of the poor like me. My life status has improved because of TLM's VTC; it has provided real rehabilitation and social development for me. I am very grateful to TLM.'*

CLumulai (20), former student at Vadathorasalur VTC

## Prayer points

- Pray for good work placements for the physically disabled students completing their courses at Vizianagaram and Vadathorasalur Vocational Training Centres.
- Pray that local fundraising efforts to raise income for TLM India will be successful.
- Pray that the community projects will have a positive impact on the lives of people affected by leprosy, encouraging them to assert their rights and access government benefits.
- Pray that the leprosy care and health care delivered to the communities by our hospitals will continue to be of a high standard.
- Pray that the renovation of the entire inpatient facility, nursing station and kitchen-dining facility at Salur Hospital will be completed smoothly.

## Senior staff

Mr M Manaksha – Principal, Vocational Training Centre, Vadathorasalur  
 Dr Mrs Malarvizhi Edwin – Superintendent TLM Vadathorasalur hospital  
 Dr Suresh Verghese – Superintendent TLM Dayapuram Hospital  
 Mr Jaganathan – Programme Manager, CRAFT  
 Mr Jeyabalan – Consultant, Disability Rights Project  
 Dr Jay P Palla – Superintendent, Salur Hospital

**Top:** Medical records services at TLM's Dayapuram Hospital