

## Country Focus: Hungary

*'I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy,'*

Psalm 140:12



### FACTFILE:

- Hungary has a population of around 10 million people
- Around 68% of the population are Roman Catholics

### About TLM Hungary

TLM Hungary has been supported mainly by the Protestant church throughout its 34 year history. Local churches of each denomination receive two newsletters with an appeal for donations each year. Many ministers motivate the members of their churches to support TLM. Women's groups and Bible groups meet regularly to pray for TLM Hungary.

Two years ago TLM Hungary made the decision to move away from purely Christian support and tried to reach secular society. Many magazines and weekly publications welcomed their leaflet inserts and gave them a discount. From each insert they get a significant number of new donors and donations.

Within two years this activity changed TLM Hungary's donor profile; 70 per cent of their income now comes from individuals who are largely non-Christian.

### Key events in 2012

- Retreat day for staff and supporters traditionally held in March, September and pre-Christmas. The goal is to nurture their engagement, share basic information and news and motivate them.
- Three to four concerts and poetry performances with well-known artists in Budapest and other central towns.
- Introduction of TLM's work at summer youth festivals and camps.

### Prayer points

- Give thanks for the faithfulness and increasing support of long-term supporters in spite of their own financial difficulties.
- Give thanks for those secular Hungarian people and a new generation who have kindly started supporting an openly Christian charity.
- Pray that non-Christian supporters will be touched by the Christian message, as well as having sympathy for leprosy-affected people.
- Give thanks for the prayer support of church groups and individuals.
- Pray for new doors to be opened for other fundraising possibilities.

#### Staff

Rev Marta Risko – TLM Country Leader

Top: Marta Risko, TLM Hungary Country Leader

## Country Focus: Mozambique



### FACTFILE:

- Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world
- It has a population of 21.7 million people, including 1.6 million orphans

### Prayer points

- Give thanks for the amazing growth of self-care groups in Mozambique. Pray that these groups will continue to spread and that members will be a blessing to each other and to the community.
- Thank God for the good relationships TLM Mozambique has with its partners in Mozambique. Pray that they will find new partners who are able to have a long-term impact on the lives of people affected by leprosy.
- Pray that the church in Mozambique will unite and increasingly reach out to the community around them in practical ways, and so demonstrate the love of God in Mozambique.
- TLM Mozambique staff often travel long distances on bad roads. Pray for the Lord's protection as they travel.
- Pray that the team will be open to the Spirit's leading and inspiration in order to have a wider and deeper impact in Mozambique.
- Pray that staff will find practical and appropriate ways to share God's love with all people affected by leprosy in Mozambique.



### About TLM Mozambique

In 2012 TLM Mozambique will continue to train and involve more community volunteer healthcare workers to look out for new leprosy cases. They are also thankful for the impact the self-care groups (aimed at preventing disabilities) are having, and they will work to extend these within Cabo Delgado province and across the country. ALEMO (a TLM partner organisation for leprosy-affected people) is working hard to help all its members get identity documents. TLM Mozambique will support them in this and other initiatives, like sustainable agriculture and savings groups, to improve livelihoods. In 2012 they will begin to explore innovative ways to share God's love with people affected by leprosy in ALEMO and self-care groups.

Top left: Basket weaving at ALEMO, a TLM partner

Top right: TLM Mozambique's team. Arie de Kruijff, the Country Leader, is in the centre on the front row

#### Senior staff

Dr Arie de Kruijff – TLM Country Leader  
 Senor Domingos Nicala – Project Manager Leprosy Control and Prevention of Disability project  
 Senor Havyarimana Thomas – Project Manager ALEMO and Iphiro Yohoolo (school scholarship) projects

# Disability

*'He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,'*

Psalm 113:7



## How is TLM involved with disability?

The Leprosy Mission works with people disabled as a result of leprosy, but in many countries we also work with people who have general disabilities. Our involvement ranges from medical rehabilitation services to ensuring disabled people are treated on an equal basis to non-disabled people.

### Key events in 2012

**3 December:** International Disability Day

#### Key staff

Jannine Ebenso – Global Disability Adviser  
 Erna Möller – South Africa  
 Bob Bowers – Bangladesh  
 Mike Griffiths – Myanmar  
 Angelika Piefer – Democratic Republic of Congo  
 Natalie Smith – Timor Leste

#### FACTFILE:

- Over 15% of the world's population is disabled, that is one billion people
- It is not known exactly how many people are disabled as a result of leprosy, but it is millions.

### Prayer points

- Pray for people all over the world who are disabled as a result of leprosy. Pray that they will find the help they need.
- Pray for The Leprosy Mission's involvement with the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) which supports disabled people and their organisations in over 200 countries.
- Pray that all Leprosy Mission countries will ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD). Pray that those countries that have ratified it will implement policies and practices that promote the inclusion of disabled people.
- Pray for the partnerships The Leprosy Mission has in many countries with disabled people's organisations and the community-based rehabilitation projects that they run together.
- Pray for the 'Welcome Mat' project in South Africa which encourages churches to actively include disabled people. The Leprosy Mission and DisAbility Connexion work together on this project.
- Thank God that The Leprosy Mission is seen as the leading disability organisation in Myanmar. Pray that the team will have opportunities to have an even greater impact.
- Pray for events all over the world to celebrate International Disability Day on 3 December 2012.

# Country Focus: Scotland



#### FACTFILE:

- Scotland has a population of around five million people
- 14% of the population speak Scottish Gaelic as well as English

### About TLM Scotland

The Leprosy Mission Scotland seeks to educate and inspire individuals, churches and groups from across the country about leprosy and the work of TLM in bringing healing and justice to people affected by the disease.

The Leprosy Mission Scotland:

- fundraises locally and nationally through direct mail, events and other activities.
- prays and encourages people from across Scotland to join in.
- visits churches and groups to spread its message of healing and justice.
- will do whatever it can to help Scots get involved in eradicating the causes and consequences of leprosy.

In 2012 The Leprosy Mission Scotland will be radically overhauling its fundraising and communication strategy. This new approach will allow supporters more say in which projects around the world they would like to support.

The Leprosy Mission Scotland is asking people to stand in the G.A.P. by Giving, Acting or Praying to be part of the work of God through The Leprosy Mission.

### Key events in 2012

- **Spring and/or autumn** – Fundraising Concert(s)
- **9 June** – Annual Conference
- **June** – Volunteers' Week
- **September** – Empower Walk

**Top:** Linda Todd, Country Leader for TLM Scotland

### Prayer points

- Pray for the introduction of a new fundraising/communications/mail structure in 2012. Pray that more people, churches and groups across Scotland will engage more deeply with those projects that appeal to them.
- Pray for local area committees and fundraising groups across the country. Pray too for successful launches of new groups in Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- The first week of June is National Volunteers' Week. Give thanks for everyone who volunteers for The Leprosy Mission. Pray that God will bless them for their commitment.
- Pray that all our fundraising activities this year will move people to respond by giving, acting or praying for our partner projects.
- Pray for more opportunities to present the work of The Leprosy Mission to churches and groups across Scotland. Pray that people will be challenged by what they hear and that they'll share TLM Scotland's passion for healing and justice.

#### Senior staff

Linda Todd – TLM Country Leader  
 Stuart McAra – Communications Manager  
 Nikki Jorgensen – Support Development Manager  
 Jill Bain – Support Services Manager

# Country Focus: Ethiopia

## FACTFILE:

- Ethiopia is Africa's fourth largest and second most populous country
- Agriculture is the foundation of the Ethiopian economy, employing 80% of the country's 77 million people



## About TLM Ethiopia

TLM's work in Ethiopia was, until last year, done solely through partners: ENAPAL (The Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy) and ALERT (The All-Africa Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Rehabilitation and Research Training Centre).

ENAPAL works through over 63 local associations and regional branches. Over 15,000 people affected by leprosy are members of ENAPAL.

ALERT is the main hospital in Ethiopia providing specialist medical care for leprosy, including reconstructive surgery, eye surgery and treatment of complex leprosy cases. It is also an international training centre.

Almost 5,000 new cases of leprosy are diagnosed in Ethiopia every year. An estimated 30,000 people are living with permanent leprosy-related disability.

TLM employed a new 'country leader' in 2011, with plans to establish an office and become officially registered as an NGO (non-governmental organisation).

## Key events in 2012

Most of ALERT's international leprosy courses are scheduled between September and November.



**Top:** Anne Roberts (centre) with members of ENAPAL at a World Leprosy Day rally

**Above:** Cattle fattening project in Ethiopia

## Prayer points

- Praise God for the appointment of Mrs Wubitu Abere in July 2011 as the first TLM country leader for Ethiopia.
- Pray that Wubitu will be able to successfully register TLM as an NGO with Ethiopia's Charities and Societies Authority.
- Pray for God's leading as a country strategic plan is developed.
- Pray that Anne Roberts (physiotherapist) will have a positive, lasting impact on the quality of leprosy care and training at ALERT.
- Praise God for the new project started in 2011 in collaboration with ENAPAL, providing sponsored accommodation for leprosy patients who travel long distances to receive expert medical care at ALERT and would otherwise sleep on the streets or nearby church grounds.
- Pray for ENAPAL as they implement their third five-year strategic plan beginning this year. Pray that everyone will have the same understanding of ENAPAL's vision, goals and objectives.
- Pray that the government will grant ENAPAL some land. Pray for funding to construct their own national offices, which can also be used for income generating activities.

## Key staff

Mrs Wubitu Abere – TLM Country Leader  
Ms Anne Roberts – Physiotherapist Advisor seconded to ALERT