

Democratic Republic of Congo

'As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,' Psalm 103:13



Woman in DR Congo who has benefited from a micro-credit loan

June-July Week 27

FACTFILE

AROUND 1.1 MILLION PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN DR CONGO



This man bought pigs with his micro-credit loan

Mon 28 June

Peace: Ongoing political problems and militia violence, mainly in the east of DR Congo have led to insecurity and severe economic problems that have lasted many years. Give thanks that TLM's work has been able to continue despite the unrest. Pray that a lasting peace will be established here.

Tues 29 June

Holistic: Praise God that the causes and consequences of leprosy and disabilities are being reduced in **South Kivu** through TLM's holistic community-based rehabilitation approach. Jean Paul Mitima is TLM's Rural Community Development Officer in this region – pray for him as he helps improve people's lives.

Weds 30 June

Treatment: In **Equateur Nord**, TLM supports projects that include medical care, prevention of disabilities, and socio-economic rehabilitation. Pray that there will be good collaboration between staff working in these projects. Pray that many more hidden cases of leprosy will be found so that people can receive treatment quickly.

July

Thurs 1 July

Guidance: In **Bas Congo West**, TLM works with leprosy-affected people to reintegrate them back into communities from which they have been rejected. Pray that this project will restore dignity to those with leprosy. Pray for Dr Richard Mbumba Ngimbi, the team leader here, that he will know God's guidance on a daily basis.

Fri 2 July

Networks: Pray for TLM's work in the **Bas Congo East** Region of DR Congo. This year, the team are hoping to partner with other non-governmental organisations in the region, and to register with the regional Council of NGOs and Development. This will enable them to reach a wider group of people, particularly those with general disabilities.

Sat 3 / Sun 4 July

Income: The team in **Bas Congo West** is working with 14 associations of leprosy-affected people, with a total of 367 members. Pray that these individuals will experience transformation in their life, particularly an improvement in their economic and social status. Pray for God's blessing on all the team here.



'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,' Hebrews 10:24

'I am a part of the community and my family and I have a responsibility towards them. I want to become more educated so that I become capable of helping others including neighbours and community,' Mukesh, 19, affected by disability and supported by TLM's Integrated Community Development programme (ICDP)



Computer students at Champa Vocational Training Centre

July Week 28

Mon 5 July

Network: Thank God for the staff and Board of YTLI (Yaysan Transformasi Lepra Indonesia) a partner organisation of TLM. Pray for the staff based in the head office in Jakarta as they network with churches, NGOs and grassroots' organisations.

Tues 6 July

Stigma: The **Indonesia Action** project encourages leprosy-affected people to advocate for their own rights, and to raise awareness of leprosy in their communities. Pray that they will have a strong voice in their own community and in government. Pray that stigma and discrimination related to leprosy will come to an end.

Weds 7 July

Income: The goal of the **Village Based Comprehensive Rehabilitation** project is to improve the quality of life for leprosy- and disability-affected people. Thank God for the good collaboration between staff and beneficiaries in the community. Through income generation initiatives, this programme is helping many vulnerable people gain financial independence.

Thurs 8 July

Impact: **PerMaTa** is a national association for people affected by leprosy in Indonesia, part of YTLI's Indonesia Action programme. Pray that PerMaTa's impact will grow to national and international levels. Pray for new research and development activity in South Sulawesi, East Java and West Timor (NTT).

Fri 9 July

Self-help groups: The **Village Based Comprehensive Rehabilitation** project requests prayer for continued good collaboration between their staff and local and religious leaders. Also pray that leprosy-affected people in the regions where this project works will recognise the benefit of joining self-help groups to raise their economic and social status.

Sat 10 / Sun 11 July

Change: **Bekasi Community Health** project in Bali aims to empower leprosy-affected people to become the catalysts of change in their own communities, thereby gaining respect and changing people's perceptions of those with leprosy or disabilities. Pray for the success of this pilot project and for leaders to be identified.



Advocating for leprosy-affected people on the streets

July Week 29

Mon 12 July

Stigma: The **Diana Princess of Wales Health Education and Media Centre** in Delhi is responsible for advocacy, raising awareness about leprosy and promotion of TLM India's work. Pray for all staff of the media centre. Give thanks for the work done here and pray that through publications and radio messages, stigma towards leprosy will decrease.

Tues 13 July

Disability: **Almora Aged Care Home and Hospital** in Uttarakhand provides comprehensive care for 45 frail and elderly patients who have nowhere else to live. It is also a leprosy referral centre for the region. Stigma towards leprosy is very high in this area. Many people are reluctant to seek help early and end up with severe disabilities. Pray that more people will be diagnosed earlier.

Weds 14 July

Sri Lanka: Pray for the **Empowering Disadvantaged Communities** project in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, as it continues to reach out to the leprosy-affected, the poor, those with disabilities and the marginalised. Pray that work will



A women's self-help group in Muzaffarpur

be able to continue, despite the sometimes tense political situation.

Thurs 15 July

Health care: **Community-Based Patient-Driven approach** is a pilot project in 14 of TLM's hospitals. It aims to ensure that all new patients who start Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) complete the full course of treatment. Pray for the patients, that God will give them a positive attitude towards their treatment.

Fri 16 July

Houses: The **Comprehensive Rehabilitation Programme** enables the building of many low-cost houses for leprosy-affected people in India. Pray for the team, that they will have success as they attempt to build more partnerships with other Non-Governmental Organisations so that more houses can be built.

Sat 17 / 18 July

Training: Pray that the volunteers trained through TLM India's **Integrated Community Development Programme** (ICDP) will assume responsibility for highlighting gender and disability issues in their community.

Myanmar and Thailand

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,' Hebrews 12:1



Bogale Rehabilitation Centre

Promotional Work

'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain,' Psalm 127:1



Hands up: The congregation of St James the Great wore a glove for the day in support of TLM England and Wales

July Week 30

FACTFILE
THAILAND'S KING
BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ,
IS THE WORLD'S
LONGEST REIGNING
MONARCH

Mon 19 July

Dignity: Dr Ya Bu Shay is the director of the **Christian Leprosy Mission**, Eastern Shan State, Myanmar. Pray for the work here among people affected by leprosy, that they may be accepted by their community and have more dignity. Pray that the work will expand into some areas where there are many people affected by leprosy who have no access to rehabilitation services.

Tues 20 July

Hope: Pray for the staff of TLM's **Nargis Special Project** as they continue to reach out to thousands of disabled people affected by the cyclone in May 2008. The Rapid Response Team supports a number of sub-centres across the whole of Yangon Division. Thank God for the many examples of transformed lives.

Weds 21 July

Income: McKean Rehabilitation Centre in Thailand has many training initiatives, such as organic farming and craft-making, enabling people affected by leprosy or disability to engage in income-generating activities. Pray that individuals who receive training will enjoy success in building up new livelihoods.

Thurs 22 July

Access: Pray that leprosy services in Thailand will reach all patients in marginalised communities and under-served areas, regardless of nationality and ethnicity. Pray for leprosy patients in low-endemic areas of the country, that they will have access to doctors and clinics with leprosy expertise.

Fri 23 July

Outreach: In Myanmar staff of Bogale Centre, part of the Nargis Special project, travel long distances to neighbouring areas to continue the search for new patients. Pray for the Pathein centre, as it has a large contingent of children with special needs. Pray for staff in Hlaing Thar Yar Centre and the outreach centre in Htantabin.

Sat 24 / Sun 25 July

Centres: Praise God for the new building for the Taungoo Disability Resource Centre (DRC). Give thanks for the new committee to oversee the work of Thaton DRC. Pray for necessary funds and permission to continue in 2010 and beyond. Remember also the work of Thambuzyat DRC. Pray that staff at these centres will reflect the love of Christ to all who come.

Jul-Aug Week 31

FACTFILE
LAST YEAR TLM
TRADING'S
CUSTOMERS 'BOUGHT'
4,000 PAIRS OF
SANDALS FOR PEOPLE
AFFECTED BY
LEPROSY THROUGH
TLM GIFTS FOR LIFE

Mon 26 July

Pray for **TLM Scotland** Director, Linda Todd and her team. In challenging financial times, pray for wisdom as they seek to increase income and decrease expenditure. May their supporters be inspired as they read their magazine, *Dochas*, and may new fundraising initiatives and events be enthusiastically supported.

Tues 27 July

Uphold **TLM England and Wales** Director, Rupert Haydock, and staff. Pray for outstanding success in all fundraising campaigns this year, for an increase in supporters, especially enthusiastic, younger people, and for new ways to develop effective church, corporate and business support.

Weds 28 July

Pray for **TLM Australia** Director, Graham Peck, the Board, staff, and volunteer ambassadors as they work together to increase prayer and financial support in Australia to resource leprosy work more effectively. As they seek to engage more churches to partner with them in supporting leprosy projects, pray for open doors and a generous response.

Thurs 29 July

TLM Trading is preparing for the despatch of its autumn and winter Catalogues – this is its busiest time of year and is the most critical for the financial success of the business. Pray for an outstanding response this year, with increased numbers and values of orders, and increased sales of leprosy 'Gifts for Life'.

Fri 30 July

Uphold **TLM Canada** Director Peter Derrick and his team as they explore new ways to communicate with and recruit donors through their website and mailings. Pray they will have courage to test new ideas and time to implement them. Pray too that as supporters receive more personal feedback on projects they will feel greater commitment to TLM's mission.

August

Sat 31 July / Sun 1 Aug

TLM Northern Ireland asks for prayer that the work of TLM will have real meaning in the Northern Ireland context as well as in the wider TLM world. Pray for Director Colin Ferguson and his small team, that all they do will bring honour to the Lord.