

## Leading a successful life



Tun, was forced out of his village in 1995 because he got leprosy. His wife abandoned him so he was provided with a safe haven in another village in Eastern Shan State. He stayed until 2003 when he was referred to the McKean Rehabilitation Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand (which is

supported by TLM). His son also has leprosy.

His wife remarried, but soon after, her new husband also contracted leprosy and both of them were forced out from their village and they came to live in the village where Tun was living.

Tun had recurring ulcers in his feet and hands which were treated and have cleared up. He told his doctors at the McKean Centre that he was worried the ulcers would return as he would continue working, but the hospital taught him about self-care and kept checking up on him.

Tun is a hard worker and is successful with his farming and rubber plantation. He also owns two motorbikes and the village helped him to reclaim a piece of land to grow rice. He owns 200 rubber trees through the support of CLMES (Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan) and he was offered a job taking care of someone else's 2,000 rubber trees.

Tun's son is now living with his mum and helping out his father on the farm. When his son's stepfather saw him helping, he too was moved to help. With his tractor he helped Tun to transport the harvest back to the village. Tun is now saving up to pay for a new roof for his house, and his wife's new husband has also helped him with this.

When Tun found out that his wife had remarried, he was entitled to sue them for compensation as is traditional, but he decided to take another way. He forgave them and accepted the reality. Now both men have a good relationship as 'brothers'.

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Thank you Lord, that You love everyone the same because You created us in Your image. We pray Lord, that You will help us to show people affected by leprosy and other disabilities, that they are loved and cared for, that we will always listen and promote individual dignity in our attitudes and behaviour, and in turn, that they will be empowered to offer support and hope to other people affected by leprosy and other disabilities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### Support through prayer



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## Prayer diary

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*'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.' Psalm 91:14 (NIV)*

## 28 September-4 October



On 1 October, International Day of Older Persons, please pray for the residents and staff at the five Snehalayas run by TLM Trust India. Many of these elderly and disabled residents either have no family or haven't seen their family for years, due to the misunderstanding and stigma surrounding leprosy, especially in rural areas. Praise God that the Snehalayas provide for

their medical care and material needs and also a real home: a place where they feel safe, accepted and loved.

## 5-11 October

Pray that a work permit will be granted for Tanny, Acting Country Leader for TLM-Ethiopia and that she'll be able to effectively lead the TLM-Ethiopia team and take project development forward.

## 12-18 October

Ask God to make a way for the many people in Niger who are unable to travel the long distances necessary to access treatment for leprosy. Pray for the newly-diagnosed patients who have already suffered irreversible disability due to a delay in starting multidrug therapy, the cure for leprosy, or through lack of self-care.

## 19-25 October

Pray for favour on the three proposals TLMEW has submitted to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, for South Sudan, Ethiopia and Nepal.

## 26 October-1 November

Please continue to pray for TLM-Nepal in the wake of the earthquakes. Pray that the Social Mapping Team,

mobilised by TLM-Nepal, will identify locations of people affected by leprosy and their needs in 11 earthquake-ravaged districts. Pray for their wisdom and guidance so that they are able to

work together appropriately and collect necessary information that will be useful in supporting people affected by leprosy.



## 2-8 November

Pray for the success of the UK Aid-funded project which began in October, for the new staff recruited for the project, and for a good relationship with the partner NGO, Food for the Hungry. Pray for Arie, TLM-Mozambique's Country Leader, as he oversees this project and other work.

## 9-15 November

On World Diabetes Day (14th), pray for the leprosy research initiative in TLM-Bangladesh to identify (amongst leprosy-disabled people) diabetes-related information and care. Pray that the team will increase awareness and understanding, about the special problems of leprosy-affected people, amongst staff of diabetes clinics.

## 16-22 November

19th November is International Men's Day. Leprosy seems to affect more men (62.3 per cent) than women (37.7 per cent). This has a larger impact on families as they are often the main bread-winners. Pray for greater detection of women's cases, which are often more concealed.

## 23-29 November

Pray for the implementation of the peace accord for South Sudan, signed in August – that all sides will respect it and that peace and stability will prevail.

## 30 November-6 December

Pray for TLM-Myanmar as it joins with government, non-government organisations and disabled people's organisations to develop teams of policy-makers on inclusive development, disability and community-based rehabilitation. Pray that these teams will help to enhance the empowerment of people with leprosy and other disabilities and support the development of the new Disability Rights Law.

## 7-13 December

Pray for the needs of people affected by leprosy in Sri Lanka. Pray that good teaching on self-awareness and self-care practice will be effective for people with ulcers and other disabilities. Pray that God will meet the deeper needs of people in Jaffna district (relating to conflict and return of displaced people to largely war-ravaged areas. There are many damaged houses, food prices are high and many people have lost livelihood assets - mostly fishing nets and boats)

## 14-20 December

Pray for Yousif, TLM Country Leader in Sudan and South Sudan, TLM-International and TLM-England & Wales's Programmes Teams as they make decisions about The Leprosy Mission's future strategy in Sudan.



## 21-27 December

Rejoice with TLMEW and give thanks to God for the generosity of Leprosy Mission supporters, who have provided funding for thousands of people in Mozambique and across the African countries that TLMEW supports. Praise God also for the amazing response to TLMEW's emergency appeal after the Nepal earthquakes. We give Him all the glory for the exceedingly abundant resources that He has provided.

*'Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.' Psalm 100:4 (NIV)*

Thank you for supporting leprosy-affected people through prayer