Country Focus: Nepal

“The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to Him and are safe.”
Proverbs 18:10

In addition to Anandaban Hospital, CEDAR and SER, Leprosy Mission Nepal’s projects also include:

**Mycobacterial Research Laboratory**
Located at Anandaban Hospital, the laboratory carries out research in order to improve treatment of leprosy and to find ways of preventing it.

**Training and technical support**
Over 1,000 medical staff are trained annually by Anandaban Hospital. The main focus is on government health workers to enable the integration of leprosy into the government’s health system.

*(For additional information about Leprosy Mission Nepal, see page 9)*

**Other projects supported by TLM in Nepal:**

**Green Pastures Hospital**
TLM supports the ‘Action Against Reaction’ project at Green Pastures Hospital in Pokhara, Western Region, Nepal.

**RECLAIM – Eastern Development Region**
This project is run by Nepal Leprosy Fellowship (NLF) and involves ‘Releasing Energy and Capacity of Leprosy-Affected and Marginalised people’.

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**Prayer points**

**Leprosy Mission Nepal**

*Mon:* Give thanks for the expertise of staff at Anandaban Hospital to train others, especially government health workers, so that they can treat leprosy cases in their own districts. Pray that the medical staff will be motivated towards leprosy work, enabling leprosy services to be sustained long term.

*Tue:* Give thanks for the renovation of the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory. The building previously had a leaking roof and damp which damaged equipment. Praise God that these problems have been resolved and give thanks for the new equipment.

*Wed:* Stigma and discrimination associated with leprosy still exists in Nepal. Pray that Nepal will be free of leprosy-associated stigma in the near future.

*Thu:* Pray that the patients who are experiencing reaction (acute inflammation in the skin, nerves and eyes of a leprosy-affected person) will be diagnosed early to avoid disability.

*Fri:* Pray for God’s continuous wisdom and guidance for all the staff of the RECLAIM-EDR project.

*Sat / Sun:* Give thanks for the improved funding for Green Pastures Hospital last year. Praise God for pastoral care workers as they encourage and pray for leprosy-affected people in the hospital.

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**Key staff**

**LMN**
Dr Deanna Hagge – Head of Mycobacterial Research and Laboratory, Anandaban Hospital
Mr Gopal Hari Pokhrel – Training Officer

**Green Pastures**
Dr Paul Roche – Superintendent

**NLF**
Andrew Sthing – Director

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**Quiz**

True or false: Anandaban Hospital is the main leprosy referral hospital for the Central Region of Nepal (answer on page 9)?

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**TLM Trading**

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*To help provide livelihoods to leprosy-affected people.*

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**Quiz**

The Centre for Rehabilitation towards Artisans’ Fair Trade (CRAFT) is a TLM project in which country (answer on page 60)?
Country Focus: India – Southern Region

State: Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

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, Tiruvannamalai
- Trade (CRAFT), Cuddalore

Prayer points

Mon: Pray for financial self-sufficiency to enable TLM to meet all of its needs in this region.
Tue: Pray that TLM’s outreach programmes and the government referral system will enable an increasing number of leprosy-affected people to benefit from the services available to them.
Wed: Give thanks for the school and village health programmes that have been initiated by TLM’s hospitals. Pray as they reach out to leprosy-affected people and raise awareness of leprosy in communities.
Thu: Pray for the training of government health workers and nurses in leprosy ulcer dressings so that leprosy-affected people can be treated in their own villages.
Fri: Praise God for the celebrations that have taken place this year for TLM Dayapuram Hospital’s centenary year (1913-2013). Give thanks for the work of the hospital over the past 100 years.
Sat / Sun: Pray for the advocacy work which is taking place through the government and NGOs (non-governmental organisations). Pray that this will change attitudes and policies towards leprosy-affected people.

Quiz

Leprosy is still highly prevalent in some pockets of which states in Eastern India (answer on page 49)?

Senior staff

Mr M Manaksha – Principal, Vocational Training Centre, Vadathorasalur
Dr Malavinhithi Edwin – Superintendent, TLM Vadathorasalur Hospital
Dr Suresh Verghese – Superintendent, Dayapuram Hospital
Mr Jagathan – Programme Manager, CRAFT
Mr Jayalekshmi – Consultant, Disability Rights Project
Dr J R Palla – Superintendent, Salur Hospital

Country Focus: Canada, Ireland and American Leprosy Missions (ALM)

TLM Canada

For over 120 years, TLM Canada has helped raise awareness and support for people affected by leprosy. From education campaigns in Canada to partnerships overseas, TLM Canada is thankful for all its donors and the work they help to accomplish. TLM Canada is excited to follow God’s lead in the coming year as they continue to serve Him around the world.

TLM Ireland

works with leprosy-affected people as well as targeting a range of other diseases and developmental issues. They aim to reduce poverty, stigma, oppression, marginalisation, prejudice and injustice. TLM Ireland partners with governments, local communities, international agencies and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

American Leprosy Missions (ALM)

Founded in 1906, American Leprosy Missions is the oldest and largest Christian organisation in the United States dedicated to restoring the lives of people affected by leprosy and related conditions worldwide. They serve more than 500,000 people in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and South America.

Prayer points

Mon: Pray for wisdom and guidance for ALM staff as they continue to grow and strengthen the organisation next year.
Tue: Pray for success for ALM’s programmes in Nepal and the Democratic Republic of Congo which have been scaled up this year.
Wed: Pray that Answering the Call to Care, TLM Canada’s school curriculum on leprosy, expands throughout Canada and beyond. Pray that God oversees the translation of this material into other languages so that it can be used worldwide.
Thu: Pray for the continued growth of World Leprosy Day celebrations in Canada. Pray that more churches will get involved and that TLM Canada will reach their goal in raising awareness and recruiting community volunteers.
Fri: Pray for the staff of TLM Ireland. They operate in a very small team so it is important that they stay in good health. Ask that God will keep them well and give them the energy to work effectively.
Sat / Sun: Give thanks for the campaigns launched by TLM Ireland this year, including those for legacies and the business community. Pray that these will continue to bear fruit in the year ahead.

Quiz

How many countries around the world are TLM present in? (find the answer in the pull-out map at the back of this prayer guide)
Country Focus: Bangladesh

About TLM Bangladesh
TLM Bangladesh has 21 programmes with a support office in Dhaka. These include leprosy control projects which involve raising awareness of leprosy, providing quality leprosy services, conducting research, and integrating the care of leprosy-affected people with general health care provision.

Danish Bangladesh Leprosy Mission Hospital (DBLM) is based in Nilphamari. It aims to provide and develop a centre of high level holistic care, focused on leprosy patients, also including patients with general disabilities, prioritising children, women, and the poor and sharing its expertise with others. It is the only dependable specialised leprosy treatment centre in the country and also provides reconstructive surgery and assistive devices to patients. Currently 30 per cent of outpatients have disabilities not caused by leprosy.

TLM also works with a partner NGO and the Bangladesh Government on a TB control project in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh Districts.

(For more information on TLM’s work in Bangladesh, see pages 11 and 27)

Senior staff

DBLM Hospital Programme
Dr David Khan – Programme Leader
Mr David Sarker – Finance Manager
Mr Shimson Biswas – Manager, DBLM Hospital
Mr Bob Bowers – Rehabilitation Consultant
Dr Hemanta Kumar Roy – Medical Officer
Dr Md. Al Mamun – Medical Officer
Mrs Smiti Kana Samaddar – Nursing Officer

Rural Health Programme
Dr David Pahan – Programme Leader
Mr James Taposh Adhikary – Finance Manager
Mr Khunshed Alam – Project Manager
Mr Haripada Ray – Manager, TB Programme

Prayer points

Mon: Give thanks for the general outpatient department of DBLM hospital that started in October 2011. Pray for funds for the renovation of the department, which is housed in an old building.

Tue: Give thanks for the three surgery camps which took place this year under the DBLM Hospital programme. Praise God for the surgeons and for the leprosy-affected people who received reconstructive surgery.

Wed: Pray for the plans of TLM’s Rural Health Programme to increasingly focus on integration of leprosy care with government health services. Pray that the plans will be fruitful and that there will be more involvement of government staff.

Thu: TLM is chronically short of medical officers for the hospital, leprosy control project and research activities. Pray that talented Bangladeshi doctors will take an interest in leprosy.

Fri: DBLM Hospital receives more than 90 inpatients daily. Give thanks for the committed hospital team that provide their treatment and support.

Sat / Sun: Pray for the TB Control Project which is supported by GFATM (The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria). The second phase started last year and will continue until 2016. Pray for Mr Haripada Ray, Project Manager, and that more child cases will be detected.

Country Focus: England and Wales

About TLM England and Wales (TLMEW)
In addition to providing funding and generating prayer support it is envisaged that, in 2013, TLMEW will be involved in:

• New fundraising initiatives, such as with major donors.
• New donor acquisition to replace ‘lost’ donors.
• Supporting programme development, and monitoring and evaluating projects that TLMEW funds.
• Advocacy-related activities both in the UK and internationally, including lobbying mainstream international non-government organisations (NGOs) based in the UK to integrate people affected by leprosy and disability in their programmes.
• Capacity development of TLM partners using staff and volunteers. This involves improving resources, systems and skills to enable an organisation to reach its goals.
• Raising awareness of leprosy with new audiences in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Prayer points

Mon: Pray for the ongoing development of the TLM Global Fellowship and the relationship between partners. Pray for greater understanding of the varying needs and ask God for provision to meet those needs.

Tue: Pray for open doors for TLMEW’s involvement in the health education campaign and the extension of leprosy services through community partnerships in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique. Give thanks for ALEMO (a TLM partner organisation for leprosy-affected people) and its members who work tirelessly on advocacy activities.

Wed: Pray for TLMEW’s involvement with vulnerable women with leprosy in Bangladesh, who experience severe stigma and exclusion because of their gender and disability. Thank God for the provision of corrective surgery for eye conditions and other disabilities.

Thu: Give thanks for the biggest single advocacy campaign for people with disabilities in Myanmar, held in 2011. Pray for the national action plan and policy initiatives that are being developed with the help of the Ministry for Social Welfare.

Fri: Pray for the marketing and communications department as they continue to develop the Art for Advocacy initiatives. Pray for inspiration and guidance on new ways to capture people’s interest and imagination.

Sat / Sun: Pray for insight and new ideas for Emerging Streams, the working group at TLMEW which focuses on engaging with young people. Pray for a strong bond between the working group, youth groups and young adults.

Special prayer focus – Christmas

As we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, pray for The Leprosy Mission as they transform lives and help leprosy-affected people to see themselves how Jesus sees them. Pray for all those who, due to difficult circumstances, are unable to celebrate today.

Quiz

When was TLM Ethiopia established (answer on page 12)?

Top: Thanks to TLM, Zorina (second from left) received a loan to set up a small business selling clothes

Above: Muhammad started his woodworking business thanks to a self-help group loan

Top: Actress Su Pollard at TLMEW’s Festival of Flowers in Southwark Cathedral, London

Week 51: 16–22 December

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