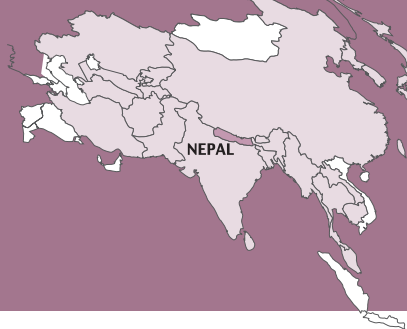


Nepal

'I am very thankful to God for his love towards leprosy-affected people and the work he has been doing among and through them. I am also very thankful for his people who put their wisdom, efforts, finances and prayers towards helping these people,' Bandana Adhikari, Administrative Manager, Lalgaadh Leprosy services centre



May-June Week 23

FACTFILE

APPROXIMATELY
46% OF THE
POPULATION IN
NEPAL ARE
UNEMPLOYED



Self-help group members in Nepal

Mon 31 May

Care: Anandaban Hospital acts as a leprosy referral hospital for Nepal providing specialist care such as reconstructive surgery and physiotherapy. The hospital's present agreement with the Nepal government is expiring in July 2010. Pray that Mr Shovakhar Kandel, the executive director of **Leprosy Mission Nepal** receives the Lord's wisdom and guidance as he negotiates with different government offices to ensure the ongoing work of the hospital.

June

Tues 1 June

Surgery: Give thanks for the increasing medical and surgical services of **Anandaban Hospital**. Dr Indra Napit, the medical director, and the team have worked hard for this. Give thanks for successful reconstructive surgical camps in western and eastern regions of Nepal. In one camp, more than 20 young leprosy-affected people received surgical care.

Weds 2 June

Groups: More than 25 Self-Help groups have been formed through the socio-economic and prevention of disability initiatives of **Anandaban Hospital**. The group members have received training and are motivated to work for themselves and for the

development of their communities. Pray that these groups will continue to develop.

Thurs 3 June

Travel: In July 2009, a five year community based socio-economic development and rehabilitation programme (CEDAR Project) was successfully launched in two districts of Nepal. Dr Elisa Yule is the project leader. Pray for the safety of Dr Elisa and other staff members who travel extensively to remote areas of the country.

Fri 4 June

New cases: In 2010, Nepal may meet the WHO (World Health Organisation) leprosy elimination target. But, leprosy detection remains difficult and there will still be hidden cases in the country. Pray that these patients will be diagnosed and treated.

Sat 5 / Sun 6 June

Research: Pray that God will give innovative ideas to the **Mycobacterial Research Laboratory** staff at Anandaban Hospital and that their collaborators in other countries will be guided by God in their work. There is need for better diagnosis, detection and treatment, especially for complicated reaction cases. Pray for Dr Deanna Hagge, the head of the research laboratory.

Promotional Work

'For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.'
2 Timothy 1:7

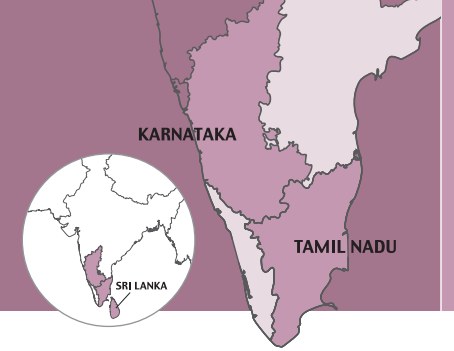


From left: Timothy Ayam, Dr Sunday Udo, and guest, at an awareness raising dinner for TLM Nigeria in Abuja

South India

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

'These trainings are placement oriented, so I will easily find a job, this training is very useful.' Nitesh, diesel mechanic student at Champa VTC



Diary

June Week 24

Weekly Prayer

TLM's Country Leaders will be meeting in London from 8-11 June. Pray for the various meetings and discussions taking place - that it will be a time for strengthening unity to meet global leprosy needs.

Mon 7 June

Huge excitement has been building up for the football World Cup in South Africa. Pray that the **TLM Southern Africa** team will continue to bring hope to people living with the twin realities of leprosy and poverty. Uphold planned events for Disability Sunday (29 August) and Leprosy Sunday (12 September).

Tues 8 June

TLM India's great challenge is to overcome the misconception that leprosy is eradicated in India. Pray for the promotional team as they develop more media campaigns, information and material in different languages, and promote TLM's leprosy programmes and successes despite regional, cultural and language barriers.

Weds 9 June

TLM Nigeria plans to hold quarterly awareness dinners in Abuja. They ask us to pray that they will recruit willing Christian partners to share in the vision and work with them in telling individuals, groups and corporate bodies about how they can make a difference to people living with leprosy.

Thurs 10 June

Praise God for the **American Leprosy Missions'** alliance with

TLMI, which enables greater inter-organisational co-ordination in implementing leprosy programmes as well as promotional work. Pray for increased resources to be raised for projects. Uphold Director, Chris Doyle and the ALM Board.

Fri 11 June

Give thanks that the number of people affected by leprosy has steadily decreased in South Korea. Pray for **TLM South Korea's** new nursing home for leprosy-affected and elderly patients, and for its mobile clinics serving leprosy outpatients and leprosy villages. May the staff share the love and compassion of Jesus for all.

Sat 12 / Sun 13 June

Thank God today for support groups in **Singapore** and **Portugal** who pray for and raise resources for TLM's work. May God encourage them and give them new opportunities for advocacy and promotion in their country. Pray that new people will join with them in making known the needs of leprosy-affected people, and in mobilizing prayer and volunteer help.

June Week 25

Mon 14 June

Homes: Last year, thanks to funding from TLM, **Navjeen Leprosy Centre** in Bidar, Karnataka, built 50 low-cost homes for leprosy-affected families. Pray for the children of these families; ask that the Leprosy Centre will be able to support them to get a decent education.

Tues 15 June

Skills: Krupa – touching, teaching and transforming lives, is a project that works with 15 leprosy colonies in Tamil Nadu. This year, staff here are planning to set up a computer centre to serve three of these colonies. Pray for the success of this project and pray that it will have a positive impact on the people in this area, particularly the young people.

Weds 16 June

Staff: Praise God for Dr Robins Theodore, the medical superintendent of TLM's **Community Hospital in Vadathorasalur** who retired in February after 24 years service with the Mission. Pray for a smooth transition in leadership and for God's guidance on his successor. Pray also for more doctors who are willing to work in this remote area.



Pondicherry, an area in Tamil Nadu where TLM provides small loans and supports self-help groups

Photo by Peter Lemieux

Thurs 17 June

Stigma: The Church of South India Village Health Centre in Karur needs a dedicated medical officer to join the team. They are also planning to start in-patient services this year. Pray for the success of this new initiative, and that through education and awareness activities, leprosy-related stigma will disappear.

Fri 18 June

Networks: The Disability Rights through NGO (non-governmental organisations) Networking project started in June 2009. Pray for good co-operation among the project team and the NGOs working in this area of Tamil Nadu, that the needs of people with disabilities and those who are stigmatised will be fully understood.

Sat 19 / Sun 20 June

Partners: Consultants from **Wanless Hospital**, Miraj and TLM's **Belgaum Hospital**, will be visiting **Sankeshwar Mission Hospital**, Belgaum, to help them set up more specialised care for leprosy patients. Pray that this partnership will be effective. Also remember the new superintendent, Dr Kingsley Gnanadurai at St Luke's Hospital in Peikulam, Tamil Nadu.

China and Laos

'Life is full of hope now. Thinking of my new house, I smile even in my dream,' Lu Qiang, a beneficiary of a low-cost house from Guangxi Leprosy Rehabilitation Housing project



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 Week 26



Right fit: Fitting protective shoes to prevent injuries at a TLM-supported project in China

FACTFILE
OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, VIENTIANE, MANY PEOPLE IN LAOS LIVE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY OR ACCESS TO BASIC FACILITIES

Mon 21 June

Disability: Praise God for the work of **Bless China International Community Rehabilitation** in **Kunming** and **Yunnan**; leprosy-affected people with insensitve limbs have now replaced farming work with raising chickens, cows or goats, tasks that are more suitable for their condition. Pray for more local people who are trained in making therapeutic footwear to protect insensitve feet.

Tues 22 June

Direction: **HANDA** is a non-governmental organisation for leprosy-affected people in China, supported by TLM. The **HANDA** committee in Guangxi is made up of a wide range of people, including many affected by leprosy. Pray for wisdom for the future direction and development of this committee, as many of the leprosy-affected population are ageing and their needs are changing.

Weds 23 June

Laos: Give thanks that graduates from the **Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre**, have begun to train other women in their villages to sew, and are looking for markets to sell their products. Pray that the centre will have increased ability to support students after they have

Team work: Volunteers building a low-cost house in China

graduated, and that there will be a steady increase in the sale of the products.

Thurs 24 June

Staff: Remember Dr Diarra Boubacar, the project director of the **Bless China International project** in **Honghe**, Yunnan province. Pray that the team here will continue to have good relationships with the local community and government. Also ask that local churches will be willing to get involved in helping leprosy-affected people.

Fri 25 June

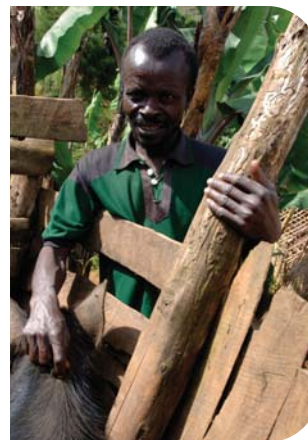
Education: The **Diqing Prefecture Community Rehabilitation project** provides quality schooling to children from leprosy backgrounds who had never been to school before. Pray for the personal development of each of these children, and for strength for all the staff at this project.

Sat 26 / Sun 27 June

Inclusion: Give thanks for Dr Warren Choi, the project director of the Leprosy Medical Referral Centre (LMRC) in Kunming City, Yunnan. Pray that more Chinese Nationals will provide prayer and financial support to LMRC.

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.