

Global Partnership

This year and into 2011, TLM will be moving towards adopting a Global Partnership agreement; this agreement will be signed by the Supporting and Implementing Countries where TLM works. The Global Partnership Working Group is exploring what this agreement will look like and at all the issues connected with it.



Some of TLM's staff and Board members at the 2009 International Assembly in Canada

South Central Africa

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe

'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,'
Romans 15:4-6



Apr-May Week 18

Weekly Prayer

The Directorate is meeting from 26-28 April. Pray for God's direction to be evident in all decisions made

Mon 26 Apr

Commitment: We aspire to be a thriving global partnership between TLM supporting countries – those who provide the bulk of the financial resources and prayer support for our work – and TLM implementing countries, where our leprosy programmes are carried out. Pray for strong, trusting and committed relationships, the heart of any partnership.

Tues 27 Apr

Changes: Thank God for the members of the Global Partnership Working Group, who are responsible for overseeing the changes needed in the way we work together so that we can achieve authentic partnership. Pray for God's leading and insight in all their work.

Weds 28 Apr

Empathy: Pray for cross-cultural relationships throughout TLM: for empathy, a willingness to listen to and to value one another, and for humility – putting others ahead of ourselves. Praise God for the strength we find in our cultural diversity in TLM, and for the shared faith and global values that unite us.

Thurs 29 Apr

Unity: Genuine partnership involves interdependence – the glad realisation that, just as in the body of Christ, so in TLM each of us needs all the others. Pray for a right balance throughout TLM between responsibility for one's own programmes and responsibility for the global body.

Fri 30 Apr

Future: One of the key questions in our global partnership discussions is the future role of the International Office. Pray for wise reflection throughout the Mission on the complex and sometimes emotive issues around leadership, co-ordination, decision-making and accountability.

May

Sat 1 / Sun 2 May

Focus: Change is challenging! Most of us feel apprehensive and uncertain when change is going on around us. Pray that in our organisational changes we'll keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and keep our focus on those whom he's called us to serve.

May Week 19

FACTFILE

IN LESOTHO, HIV
PREVALENCE AMONG
15-49 YEAR OLDS IS
28.9%



Botswana: reading a Bible distributed by TLM staff



Group work: Members of Mozambique's ALEMO group for leprosy-affected people

Photo (bottom left) by Peter Lemieux

Mon 3 May

Disability: After a long period of research, TLM Southern Africa is now directly involved in general disability work. Last year, they formed a partnership with disAbility Connection, a disabled people's organisation. Erna Moller, a social worker with TLM, is doing a study into the experiences of people with disabilities in churches. Pray that the study will proceed smoothly and that the real issues will come to the fore.

Tues 4 May

Healthcare: Pray for the co-ordination of TLM's work in South Central Africa. Ask that God will give wisdom in negotiations with governments and Ministries of Health, may they be encouraged to keep leprosy treatment as part of their healthcare programmes. Pray for safe travelling and good health for all staff involved.

Weds 5 May

Partners: In Mozambique one of TLM's key partners is ALEMO, a leprosy-affected person's organisation. Pray for Albino Meque, TLM Mozambique's project manager for ALEMO and the Iphiro Yohoolo school sponsorship scheme. Pray for open

relationships between TLM and all its partners in this country, including the health department and local churches.

Thurs 6 May

Care: Although the number of new cases of leprosy is low in Lesotho, the Ministry of Health still prioritises leprosy care. Praise God for this as there are likely to be undiagnosed cases in the mountainous regions. Give thanks for the Bibles that were distributed by TLM staff.

Fri 7 May

Growth: In Zimbabwe TLM supports a leprosy settlement and a leprosy referral centre in Harare. Pray that new office space will be found for Dan Izzett and his small team. Pray for open doors to reach new donors, and that relationships will be re-established with former contacts.

Sat 8 / Sun 9 May

Staff: TLM supports Thuso Rehabilitation Centre in Botswana, which cares for people with disabilities, including 29 ex-leprosy patients. Pray that staff at Thuso will have wisdom to deal with the leprosy patients and will put into practice what they have learned.

Cross-Cultural staff

'For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands,' Psalm 92:4



From left: Dr Tony, Bunmi Oluloto, Helen Nixon, Loveth Oluloto and two of Bunmi and Loveth's children, Niger

North West India

Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh

TLM Naini Hospital's principle for its work is: *'Christ-like attitude together as a team fulfilling the mission and vision of TLM'*



May Week 20

Mon 10 May

Timor Leste: Natalie Smith is TLM's new Country Leader here. Natalie moved from Australia to take up this post in Dili in October 2009. Pray for her as she adjusts to a new culture and climate. Pray that she will find many ways to use her skills and will develop strong relationships with the team and local community.

Tues 11 May

Nepal: Deanna Hagge is the head of the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital. Pray for her as she leads the team here, and give thanks for her expertise as she continues with vital leprosy research. Pray too for Elisa Yule, the project leader of the new CEDAR project in Nepal, which focuses on community health and development.

Weds 12 May

Chad: Give thanks for Geeske Zijp who has worked for TLM for many years. In Chad, she works in prevention of disability, and leprosy control. Ask for the Lord's protection on Geeske at times of political upheaval in Chad.

Thurs 13 May

Philippines: Mark and Jo Macdonald and their three

children live in Cebu in the Philippines from where Mark travels widely in his role as TLM's Pacific Co-ordinator. Pray for safe travel for Mark and for the Lord's protection on Jo and the children during Mark's absences. Pray too for Jo's role as editor of TLM's *Partners'* magazine.

Fri 14 May

Niger: Pray for several TLM cross-cultural workers: Helen Nixon, an Occupational Therapist from Australia; Dr Tony Mwenyemali, from DR Congo, Jim and Margot Stuart from Australia, Bunmi Oluloto, the Director of CSL Danja hospital, and his wife Loveth, from Nigeria. Give thanks for all these people who use their skills so willingly to serve those in another country.

Sat 15 / Sun 16 May

Malaysia: Chris and Cathy Macqueen, together with their two sons, are based in Kota Kinabalu. Chris travels extensively from KK to other parts of the world in his role as Strategic Development Advisor. Pray for safety in travel and also that Cathy and the boys will have peace of mind while Chris is away from home.

May Week 21

Mon 17 May

Facilities: Everyday the busy outpatient department of TLM's **Barabanki Hospital**, Uttar Pradesh is crowded with patients seeking help. Pray for Dr Jay Palla, the hospital Superintendent, and his team as they plan how the hospital can provide improved specialist medical services, including in-patient facilities, for those affected by leprosy and other diseases.

Tues 18 May

Schools Targeting Stigma: In Bareilly and Moradabad districts of Uttar Pradesh, awareness programmes are being planned in 100 schools to help reduce the stigma and discrimination suffered by people affected by leprosy and their families. Some 8,000 school students will learn about leprosy, TB and HIV/Aids. Pray for openness of hearts and minds among pupils and teachers.

Weds 19 May

Poverty: Delhi's Leprosy Colony Development Project works with five exceedingly poor leprosy colonies. Praise God that 60 self-help groups and nine self-care groups have been set up, members have started small businesses and many children have been provided with educational support.

Thurs 20 May

Disability: TLM **Shahadra Community Hospital**, Delhi, provides specialist care and treatment for patients from urban slums and 30 leprosy colonies scattered around the hospital. Praise God that renovated hospital facilities have improved patient services. Pray the local State government will approve prevention of disability services.

Fri 21 May

Finances: TLM's hospital in Naini, Uttar Pradesh, registers about 3,000 new leprosy patients, and sees 20,000 leprosy-affected people each year. Thank God for Dr Premal Das, the Superintendent, and his busy team. Pray for more dedicated staff to join the Mission.

Sat 22 / Sun 23 May

Staff: Uphold TLM partners, **Bishop Conrad Memorial Hospital** and **Prem Sewa Hospital** in Uttar Pradesh. Pray that staff vacancies will be filled, and that patients on long-term anti-leprosy treatment will experience healing, and that further disabilities will be prevented so that they can return to normal life back in their own community.



The MacDonal family, The Philippines



Barabanki Hospital: diagnosing leprosy

International Office

Of the 20 staff working in the International Office in London, UK, there are about 10 different nationalities represented



International Office staff, Brentford, London

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, Lalgadh Leprosy services centre



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.

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

May Week 22

FACTFILE

TLM IS A GLOBAL
NETWORK ACTIVE IN
OVER 50 COUNTRIES
AROUND THE WORLD

Mon 24 May

HR: Pray for Jenny Moncada, Head of HR, for energy and wisdom in implementing best practice in the constantly changing framework of TLM. Pray too for Nuno Pires, HR Assistant, as he supports Jenny in addressing the HR needs of the organisation and of staff worldwide.

Tues 25 May

Knowledge Management: Pray for God's blessing on June Nash, Director for Knowledge Management as she seeks to implement new policies across diverse sectors. Pray that she may be renewed and refreshed as she tackles responsibilities that will impact TLM's future operations.

Weds 26 May

International Board: Today is the start of a three-day TLMI Board meeting. Give thanks for the International Board members who give their time so willingly. Pray for direction, wisdom and unity throughout the meetings. Ask that God's presence will be evident and that godly decisions will be made.

Thurs 27 May

General Secretariat: Pray for Geoff Wame, General Director of TLM, for strength and guidance as he leads the Mission through

times of change. Pray for Geoff and members of the International Board as they meet for the first Board meeting of 2010. Pray too for Shân Adetutu on Reception; and for Marco Storz and Leonard Ho as they continue to upgrade and maintain the efficiency of TLM IT systems.

Friday 28 May

Finance and Operations: Pray for Gladstone Worthington, Head of Finance, as he manages TLM's budgets and international finances. Pray for Melonie Rajaratnam, Suchita Lal and Sushant Titus as they work together and support Gladstone. Pray also for Alan Gray, Director for Finance and Operations. Pray for Chris McDonald, Clara Volpi and Jill Simpson – as they support TLM's implementing countries.

Sat 29 / Sun 30 May

Communications: Give thanks for the ongoing creative expertise of Fiona Spence, Communications Officer. Pray for her as she works on many publications including 'Ask'. Pray too for Loyola Ranarison, New Media Manager, and give thanks for her management, support and training of TLM Connect and the TLM website.