

# Countries in Crisis

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" " Isaiah 6:8*



## November Week 45

### FACTFILE

VIOLENCE AFFECTS  
AT LEAST ONE IN  
THREE WOMEN  
WORLDWIDE



### November

#### Mon 1 Nov

**Zimbabwe:** Ask God for greater political, social and economic stability in this country. Pray that the relatively new power-sharing government will work harmoniously and bring change. Pray that Christians will provide a strong witness here and that many lives will be transformed.

#### Tues 2 Nov

**East Africa:** Countries here, including Ethiopia, Uganda, Chad and Sudan, are vulnerable to drought. Last year many people suffered when the rains failed and the animals began to die. Pray for good rains for these countries, and for a robust infrastructure that ensures people can still access water and food even in severe climate conditions.

#### Weds 3 Nov

**Sudan:** The west of Sudan is struggling to maintain peace and thousands of people are still living in refugee camps after the end of the civil war in 2005. Due to decades of fighting the infrastructure is in tatters. Pray for an end to the tensions and divisions. Pray that those in positions of leadership will be determined to see their country transformed.

#### Thurs 4 Nov

**DR Congo:** After five years of what was termed 'Africa's world war' which ended with a peace deal in 2003, sporadic militia violence stills flares up in DR Congo, particularly in the East. Millions of people have been affected by the violence, and it's had a devastating effect on the economic development of the country. Pray for strong Christians to demonstrate God's light and love to this nation.

#### Fri 5 Nov

**India:** Although the economy is growing fast there are still some underlying religious and political tensions, and bomb blasts last year highlighted the threat of extremism. There are also reports of violence against Christians in some parts of the country. Pray for Christians here to be strong in their faith and ask that God will bring peace.

#### Sat 6 / Sun 7 Nov

**Niger** is the world's poorest and one of the least developed countries. It has an arid climate and drought is common. Pray for TLM staff and cross-cultural workers living in this environment. Pray that they will have wisdom about how to make a lasting difference to the poorest of the poor.

# South Central Africa

Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique,  
South Africa, Zimbabwe

'I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor  
and upholds the cause of the needy,' Psalm 140:12



Farming the land in Lesotho

# Promotional Work

'Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict  
training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but  
we do it to get a crown that will last forever,'  
1 Corinthians 9:25



Some of the TLM Southern Africa  
office staff, based in Johannesburg

## November Week 46

**FACTFILE**  
SOUTH AFRICA HAS  
THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF HIV-  
RELATED DEATHS PER  
YEAR IN THE WORLD

### Mon 8 Nov

**Strategy:** The Ministry of Health is redefining its leprosy services in Mozambique. Pray for Arie de Kruijff, TLM's Country Leader here, and Domingos Nicala, the Prevention of Disability co-ordinator, that they will clearly see the priorities and needs to develop a strategic plan for the next five years in close co-operation with TLM's partners in this country.

### Tues 9 Nov

**Angola:** SOLE (Solidariedade Evangélica), TLM's partner, is developing specialist services for prevention of disability and rehabilitation of leprosy patients. Pray for wisdom and strength for Dr Jean Pierre Bréchet, TLM's Country Leader, who is also the medical consultant for SOLE.

### Weds 10 Nov

**Disability:** Last year, a self-care group for leprosy patients was set up by TLM Southern Africa in the largest leprosy referral clinic in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa. Pray that this will have a positive impact on the leprosy-disabled patients here. Pray that the team, led by Kerry-Lyn Armstrong, will have opportunities to speak with medical staff at hospitals and clinics about leprosy.



Lucky Kunene (far right),  
TLM's field worker in  
Kwa-Zulu Natal.

### Thurs 11 Nov

**Change:** The greatest challenge in Zimbabwe is the political instability; this prevents the restoration of a good medical delivery system which is so needed in this country. Pray that the political and economic situation will improve. Pray that as this happens awareness about leprosy will begin to increase among medical staff.

### Fri 12 Nov

**Lesotho:** Here, TLM supports Bostabello Hospital, which is now a TB institution, but has a few beds for leprosy patients. Pray for those leprosy-affected patients who are still living in Bostabello; they are old and very poor. Pray for a possible place to move them to, where they will continue to receive the care they need.

### Sat 13 / Sun 14 Nov

**Health care:** TLM Mozambique has asked us to pray for the people affected by leprosy in this country, as well as those with other diseases like TB and HIV/Aids. Pray that they will have a voice in society and will not encounter stigma or discrimination. Pray that they will have access to medication and to services provided by the government.

## November Week 47

**FACTFILE**  
ROTARY CLUB  
INTERNATIONAL AND  
ROTARY CLUB CHENNAI  
ARE PARTNERING  
WITH TLM INDIA TO  
DONATE LOW COST  
HOUSES TO LEPROSY-  
AFFECTED FAMILIES

### Mon 15 Nov

**TLM Southern Africa** produces a yearly planner to bolster their impact in the health sector and remind the medical and nursing fraternity of the reality of leprosy. They are distributed to hospitals, clinics and health posts. Pray that these will be effective in maintaining awareness and motivating support. Uphold Director Peter Laubscher, and the Board.

### Tues 16 Nov

In India, prayer groups, volunteers and Friends of TLM Chapters are an important way of raising awareness, prayer and resources. TLM India requests prayer for God's help in building up these volunteer networks throughout the length and breadth of the country.

### Weds 17 Nov

**TLM Nigeria** plans to visit most of the Dioceses of the Anglican Church in Northern Nigeria, with presentations about their leprosy programmes. The church has a large following in Nigeria and is sympathetic to the Mission's vision. Pray for the Nigeria promotional team – for wisdom as they plan, and encouragement from Christian partners.

### Thurs 18 Nov

Celebrating over 100 years of service, **American Leprosy Missions (ALM)** is the oldest and largest Christian organisation in the United States devoted to holistic cure and care of leprosy and related conditions. ALM's Deliver the Cure TV Campaign aims to deliver a complete cure and rehabilitation for men, women and children with leprosy. Pray for its success.

### Fri 19 Nov

Thank God for support groups in **Spain, Portugal and Singapore.** They actively share about TLM's extensive work, promoting prayer and giving. May God encourage them in their efforts and help them forge links with others who are committed to working for 'a world without leprosy'.

### Sat 20 / Sun 21 Nov

**TLM Zimbabwe:** Pray for God's leading for Dan Izzett and Council members, and protection on the work as they seek to raise up prayer and finances to enable leprosy work to continue. Pray that relationships with the Ministry of Health will be strengthened as they train staff for leprosy awareness and treatment.

# North West India

Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh

*'The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed,' Psalm 103:6*



# Disability

82 per cent of disabled people live below the poverty line and comprise one of the single largest groups of excluded and chronically poor people in the world ([www.includeeverybody.org](http://www.includeeverybody.org))



## November Week 48

**FACTFILE**  
ABOUT 60% OF THE WORKFORCE IN INDIA IS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE

### Mon 22 Nov

**Empowering village women:** Stigma towards leprosy is still a major problem in the Barabanki region of Uttar Pradesh. This project aims to assist marginalised women find a better quality of life. Pray for the breakdown of cultural and caste barriers so that the women find opportunities to improve their income.

### Tues 23 Nov

**Advocacy: TLM's Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP)** in Delhi works with a wide range of individuals affected by leprosy or disability to help them become accepted and included in their local community. Pray that individuals will find their own voice to claim the rights they are entitled to. Pray for wisdom and guidance as ICDP expands into new areas.

### Weds 24 Nov

**Health: TLM's Faizabad Hospital** is a 46-bed hospital and leprosy referral centre. Praise God for the patients' progress in self-care activities and for the new mother and childcare facility. Pray for the necessary funds and for good communication with government officers to ensure good leprosy work continues.

Students learning to make a cast at Naini Hospital

### Thurs 25 Nov

**Training: Wellesley Bailey Vocational Training Centre,** Faizabad, provides skills training to around 160 students a year, and assists them in finding a job afterwards. Pray that 2010 graduates find suitable jobs. Pray for the staff who train and mould young students' lives.

### Fri 26 Nov

**Media: TLM India's Media Centre,** Noida, is a resource centre for advocacy and health education for leprosy and other diseases. By producing realistic and culturally sensitive messages communicated through radio, website, internet, street drama and posters, the centre aims to reduce stigma and ignorance about leprosy. Pray that their health messages will be effective in changing attitudes and behaviour.

### Sat 27 / Sun 28 Nov

**Children: Roorkee Children's Home** in Uttarakhand caters for around 200 children of leprosy-affected or destitute parents. This year they are planning a joint venture with Roorkee Inner-Wheel Club to start vocational classes for older girls in tailoring so they can earn their own living after they leave the home. Pray for the success of this venture.

## Nov-Dec Week 49

**FACTFILE**  
98% OF DISABLED CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT IN SCHOOL



### Mon 29 Nov

**Disability:** If we diagnose leprosy early, we can prevent the impairments caused by nerve damage. Pray for early detection of leprosy and prompt treatment with MDT (Multi-Drug Therapy). Pray for people with disabilities caused by leprosy to learn to live and work safely. Pray for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December.

### Tues 30 Nov

**IDDC: The International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)** is a global consortium of 23 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and disabled people's organisations (DPOs) supporting disability and development work in more than 100 countries around the world to help bring equality and justice. Pray for Jannine Ebenso as she represents TLM at IDDC meetings.

### December

#### Weds 1 Dec

**DPOs:** Disabled Peoples' Organisations (DPOs) aim to ensure the participation of people with disabilities in all areas of community life, helping them to achieve equality and social inclusion. Pray for the many DPOs TLM works with, that they will really make a difference.

### Thurs 2 Dec

**UN Convention: The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability,** which came into force in May 2008, aims to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities. Pray for the implementation of the convention worldwide, and the eradication of stigma.

### Fri 3 Dec

**Inclusive Development: The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Africa Network (AfriCAN)** held its conference in Abuja, Nigeria, in 2010. The theme was 'Disability, Rehabilitation and CBR: Bridging Gaps to Build Partnerships'. Pray for good disability and CBR networks in all the countries we work in and for action to be taken on the issues raised at the conference.

### Sat 4 / Sun 5 Dec

**CBR Guidelines: The WHO/ILO/UNESCO Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Guidelines** were launched this year. The guidelines are designed as a practical guide to strengthen the delivery of CBR. Now the challenge is to roll-out and implement these guidelines. Pray for TLM staff and partners globally who are involved in this.