

Nepal

'O Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress,'
Isaiah 33:2



A patient at Anandaban Hospital

Thurs 2 Sep

Resources: The main building at **Anandaban Hospital** is very old and the maintenance cost is increasing. There is a critical need to replace the wards. Pray that the Lord will provide the resources. Pray also that the hospital will have the funds to replace ageing x-ray and ultrasound machines.

Fri 3 Sep

Travel: Pray for Dr Hugh Cross, TLM's Country Leader for Nepal, and his wife Diana. Pray for Hugh's safety and the Lord's guidance as he has to travel frequently to Nepal from the Philippines to oversee the work of Leprosy Mission Nepal.

Sat 4 / Sun 5 Sep

Challenges: Nepal faces many challenges including: national instability; severe power, water and periodic fuel shortages; limited resources within the country; high illiteracy and extreme levels of poverty. Pray for staff working in these difficult conditions, and for God to provide the necessary resources so that people who are in need can be helped.

North East India

Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal

'In Purulia I received an artificial limb which now helps in walking properly and doing my daily activities. I thank and praise God for this kind of service in TLM Purulia,' Rengtu, leprosy patient at TLM's Purulia Hospital



Carpentry students at Bankura VTC

September Week 37

Mon 6 Sep

Women: In Muzaffarpur, Bihar, the **Empowering Women project's** goal is to see women affected by leprosy or disability playing an active part in their communities, enjoying better health and a better standard of living. Pray that more women will join self-help groups.

Tues 7 Sep

Leaders: The **Transforming Communities** project in Kolkata, West Bengal, aims to empower communities to access information and resources and educates them about their rights. Pray for the women's groups, the youth associations and children's clubs in these communities, that they will participate in the project.

Weds 8 Sep

Staff: Thank God for the counsellor who has been recruited to work with leprosy-affected patients at **TLM's Premananda Hospital** in Kolkata. Counselling enables patients to come to terms with their diagnosis. Pray for Jerry Joshua the superintendent and surgeon at this busy hospital, for God's wisdom as he leads and manages staff here.

Thurs 9 Sep

Impact: TLM supports **Saldoha Leprosy and General Hospital** in Jharkhand. This year, the hospital is aiming to improve its chaplaincy work. A local chaplain will begin visiting patients, staff and the villages close to the hospital. Pray for the positive impact of this work, that many people will be encouraged and uplifted through these visits.

Fri 10 Sep

Networks: Pray that **TLM's Hospital in Muzaffarpur** will build relationships with various non-governmental organisations working in the healthcare field. Ask that staff at the hospital will build strong links with local churches, so that the holistic care of leprosy-affected people can be strengthened.

Sat 11 / Sun 12 Sep

Health: Pray for all the staff at **TLM's Purulia Hospital**. Thank God for their dedication to working with those affected by leprosy. Remember Dr Nirad Nanda, the medical superintendent here. Pray for the staffs' continued good health throughout the year. Pray for all those who are retiring this year, for God's blessing on them.

Aug-Sep Week 36

FACTFILE
IN NEPAL THE
AVERAGE ANNUAL
INCOME PER PERSON
IS \$220

Mon 30 August

Guidance: Nepal Leprosy Trust (NLT) is one of TLM's project partners in Nepal. Pray for God's direction for NLT. And pray particularly that staff and leaders will know God's vision and wisdom as they develop a new long-term strategic plan.

Tues 31 August

Integration: Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre, a project of Nepal Leprosy Trust, uses the **STEP (Stigma Elimination Programme)** as the main approach to fight leprosy in four districts in the central region of Nepal. Pray for this project as it aims to increase the social and economic integration of leprosy-affected people into their communities.

September

Weds 1 Sep

New cases: Lalgadh Leprosy Services Centre handles 37,000 patients a year. Many are non-leprosy patients but 100 new cases of leprosy are diagnosed each month by staff here. Praise God that this project has received necessary funds to enable it to carry out this vital work. Pray for God's continued provision to run the project.



Purma, a 15-year old surgical patient at Anandaban Hospital



Staff and patient at Muzaffarpur Hospital

Promotional Work

'I have been content to donate a small amount for over 30 years, but now I need to make other people more aware of The Leprosy Mission cause, and Bidhya's little candle has inspired that,' One supporter's response to TLM New Zealand's World Leprosy Day appeal in 2009



Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis, May 2008

September Week 38

FACTFILE

IN GERMANY, A WOMAN COOKED AND SOLD MARMALADE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, EARNING €1,362, WHICH SHE GAVE TO TLM'S WORK IN DR CONGO

Mon 13 Sep

Uphold TLM Netherlands

Director Henno Couprie, staff and volunteers – pray for good health and safety and good relationships with the other TLM countries they work closely with. Pray for unity of heart and mind as they continue to work hard to communicate and advocate within the Netherlands for the needs and rights of people affected by leprosy.

Tues 14 Sep

Pray for encouragement for TLM Denmark Director Klaus Leonhardt and for the Board. Pray that they will be blessed with new and younger Board members. Pray too that God will open up many opportunities to inform the Danish people about leprosy and the ways they can support TLM in Denmark and internationally.

Weds 15 Sep

In its supporter mailings, TLM Switzerland regularly encloses cards hand-made by disadvantaged and leprosy-affected women in Bangladesh. This helps provide an income for the women and illustrates the practical help TLM seeks to give. Pray that, through these mailings, many new individuals

will be prompted to donate regularly and generously.

Thurs 16 Sep

TLM Germany has found it difficult to grow support for leprosy work – please pray that God will bring the right people along who can work with them to help increase prayer and financial support. Pray God's blessing on the new initiatives being undertaken, that they will bring an abundant harvest.

Fri 17 Sep

Uphold TLM New Zealand Director Brent Morgan, and all the staff in TLMNZ. Pray for unity and encouragement as they seek to increase prayer support and fundraising effectiveness by 15 per cent. Pray especially that more churches will participate in Leprosy Awareness Week using TLM NZ resources.

Sat 18 / Sun 19 Sep

TLM Ireland: Pray that they will continue to build strong relationships with churches of many different denominations in Ireland. Pray that their prayer and financial support will increase this year.

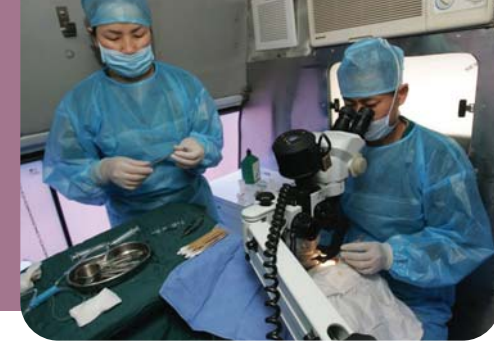
Nigeria

'My old house was made of mud but then a flood broke it. I enjoy my new one more than the other one. I can relax more in it,' Garba, a leprosy-affected man in Zamfara State, who received a low-cost house from TLM



Research

Research into the causes and consequences of leprosy is a crucial part of TLM's work; the more we know about the disease, the more success we will have in eradicating it for good



September Week 39

FACTFILE
APPROX 20,000
LEPROSY-AFFECTED
PEOPLE LIVE IN THE
EIGHT STATES IN
NIGERIA WHERE TLM
WORKS



Son of a leprosy-affected family in Nigeria being supported by TLM

Mon 20 Sep

Travel: Pray for TLM Nigeria's rehabilitation, physiotherapy and leprosy control team in **Sokoto State**. They are frequently on the road visiting beneficiaries, villages and projects. Pray for journey mercies and for God's protection as they travel.

Tues 21 Sep

Community: Thank God for the wisdom and strength of leprosy-affected villagers living in **Oyi leprosy settlement in Kogi State**. Also give thanks for the income-generating initiatives here that are leading to a great improvement in people's self-esteem and dignity.

Weds 22 Sep

Integration: In **Kebbi State**, groups of people affected by leprosy are being integrated into general community associations; praise God that this is helping to reduce the stigma associated with leprosy. TLM provides small-loans to some leprosy-affected people in this State – pray for these beneficiaries as they learn new trades or build small businesses.

Thurs 23 Sep

Schools: TLM supports a primary school in **Chanchaga leprosy settlement**, near Minna in Niger State. The school includes many children from leprosy-affected families, as well as children from

Members of a women's self-help group at Amanawa Hospital, Nigeria

non-leprosy backgrounds. Thank God for the improvements to the primary school building in Amanawa Kalgo in **Kebbi State**. Pray for the ongoing impact of these schools; that these children will have the chance to earn a good wage.

Fri 24 Sep

Housing: Praise God that a community of leprosy-affected people in **Federal Capital Territory (FCT)** were moved to a better environment. People in **Yangoji village settlement** are thriving; now many are engaged in profitable ventures. Pray for the provision of funds for TLM Nigeria so that they can embark on building projects within the Yangoji settlement.

Sat 25 / Sun 26 Sep

Health: Remember the leprosy patients at **Amanawa Hospital in Sokoto State** especially those, who, because of complications, will spend many days in hospital away from their families. Pray that they will receive healing from the Lord. Thanks to TLM, many patients are also receiving protective footwear, small loans, vocational training and reconstructive surgery. Pray that this additional support will benefit them as they return to their villages and families.

Sep-Oct Week 40



Mon 27 Sep

Training: The goal of research is to look for better ways of treating and curing people with leprosy, the development of Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) – the cure for leprosy – being a great example. Pray for the efforts being made to train TLM staff in research methods, so that opportunities for useful research can be taken up.

Tues 28 Sep

Staff: Pray for the **Mycobacterial Research Laboratory** at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal and its Director, Dr Deanna Hagge. Pray also for the **Stanley Browne Laboratory** at Shahdara Hospital in New Delhi and its Director, Dr Rupendra Jadhav. Pray for wisdom in developing new ideas for research, and in applying the results of research projects.

Weds 29 Sep

Connection: Research nowadays is often done by groups of researchers from around the world, each contributing different skills; TLM centres provide the crucial link to people affected by leprosy in endemic areas, enrolling them in various research studies. Pray for **successful collaborations**, and

for the witness of TLM staff in this tough environment.

Thurs 30 Sep

Projects: Many TLM centres, whether hospitals or community programmes, are engaged in a whole range of research projects, both large and small. Pray for perseverance to complete the work and for easy communication with colleagues and with officials.

October

Fri 1 Oct

Stigma: We often think of research in a medical context, for example, the search for better treatment. Please pray for those developing new areas of research, such as studies of how we could reduce the stigma of leprosy, or how we can empower people who are disabled by leprosy.

Sat 2 / Sun 3 Oct

Wisdom: The International Research Committee is chaired by Dr Warwick Britton and Dr Paul Saunderson is TLM's Director for Research. Pray for wisdom and insight for the members, so that the research we do will be worthwhile and of consequence in the fight against leprosy.