

PRAYER DIARY UPDATE

JUN — SEPT '22



The Leprosy
Mission

“AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. BUT THE
GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NIV)



JUNE – NIGER

In 2019, Niger was ranked by the UN as the most underdeveloped country in the world. Over 20 million people call this landlocked country in West Africa home. Nearly half of these people live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than \$1.90 per day (around £1.50).

Week One

Bunmi Oluloto, Country Leader for The Leprosy Mission Niger, leads a dedicated team. They work tirelessly to support people affected by leprosy. Please pray for protection for this small group of wonderful people. They often travel long distances, through dangerous and remote areas, to reach people who need their help.

Week Two

TLM Niger works with IDEA, an international association whose leadership is mostly made up of people who have personal experience of living with the effects of leprosy. The aims of this partnership are to promote inclusivity and empower people affected by leprosy, helping to



ABOVE: IDEA GROUP MEETING IN DANJA, NIGER.

uphold their human rights. Please pray the Lord will nurture this partnership, guiding the teams to support and seek out hidden people with leprosy who need help.

Week Three

Nigeriens often struggle for food because the land used for farming is often plagued by drought or is unsuitable for growing life-giving crops. Please pray God will bring enough rain and the right conditions for a good harvest. We also ask our heavenly Father to breathe new life into arid soil, replenishing the nutrients and goodness needed to grow the food that is desperately needed in this country.

Week Four

The team at TLM Niger work with communities to show people how to spot the first signs of leprosy. The quicker leprosy is treated and cured, the less likelihood of permanent life-changing disability setting in. We ask God to send His angels to work with the team, highlighting people who need help, and opening the eyes and ears of people attending the training.

JULY – MYANMAR

Working in an area of conflict, The Leprosy Mission Myanmar team faces challenging, and often dangerous conditions. Dr Zaw Moe Aung leads this committed team in their faithful quest to ensure people affected by leprosy get the healthcare and jobs they need. They teach people to advocate for themselves, giving them the tools and support they need to run a special organisation that represents leprosy-affected people. They work with the Government and other organisations to break down the barriers to inclusion for people with disabilities.

Week One

We give thanks for Dr Zaw and his team, and we ask God to protect them from illness and harm as they serve people living with the effects of leprosy. We pray the Lord will sustain them when they grow weary and renew their strength.

Week Two

Myanmar has seen its fair share of conflict. Although we don't hear about it in our media, sadly military unrest and the fear that goes alongside it continues. In your conversations with our heavenly Father, please ask Him to protect the people of Myanmar, to give wisdom to the Government leaders, and to lay a blanket of peace over the country.

Week Three

TLM Myanmar is working with local rural communities and churches to raise awareness of leprosy and to help find new cases. Please pray God will be with the team as they work in these communities, improving sanitation, raising awareness and setting up hydropower to light up the darkness in homes.

Week Four

We ask God to place His loving arms around the Disability Resource Centres across Myanmar. Supported by TLM Myanmar, these centres provide rehabilitation, physiotherapy, ulcer care and counselling to people living in the local areas. Please pray that the Holy Spirit works through these centres, comforting those suffering emotional distress and bringing healing to people in pain.

AUGUST – BANGLADESH

Although Bangladesh is around the same size as England and Wales, it is home to three times as many people and is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. One in ten people live in extreme poverty, and it's a challenge to get healthcare. The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh's hospital in Nilphamari is the only place in the country where people can have specialist reconstructive surgery and treatment for complications caused by leprosy.

Week One

Please pray for Sumon Hadler, the Country Leader for The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh. As he leads his team of over 300 dedicated members of staff, we ask our Lord to give him strength, wisdom and resilience. We give thanks for all the TLM Bangladesh team for their determination and commitment to help people who need care and support.

Week Two

TLM Bangladesh work in villages and communities with local organisations, media and government healthcare workers. Please pray these partnerships will continue to thrive, bringing an end to myths and misconceptions about leprosy, and raising awareness about getting treatment as soon as people see the first signs of this disease.

Week Three

Please pray our heavenly Father will prosper the small loans and grants given to people affected by leprosy, so they can start-up small businesses and improve their quality of life. With His love, we pray that these enterprises will bear much fruit, providing families with a sustainable income for generations to come.

Week Four

The Leprosy Peoples Association has been set up in Bangladesh to empower and advocate for people affected by leprosy. Please ask the Holy Spirit to go before this group of faithful people, as they strive to influence government decisions and policies.



ABOVE: YAW HAN (*Photography © Ruth Towell*)

SEPTEMBER – GIVE THANKS

This month we give thanks for all those affected by leprosy who have given back to their communities. Below are the personal stories of three faithful people who are doing just this. Please remember these special children of God in your daily prayers, asking Him to bless them, keep them safe and well, and continue to work through them to bring healing and support.

Yaw Han

Yaw Han is from a remote village in northern Myanmar. His leprosy was discovered during a village health camp run by The Leprosy Mission. After Yaw Han's leprosy was cured, his body fought the dead leprosy bacteria and he suffered excruciating pain and swelling. Thankfully, Yaw Han was admitted to Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital (MCLH). One of the doctors at the hospital got to know Yaw Han. Once he was well, the doctor trained him how to dress wounds and prepare instruments for use in the operating theatres. Now Yaw Han has a job at the hospital and helps during surgeries.



LEFT: KASHI
(Photography ©
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Kashi

Kashi first stepped foot at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal nearly 40 years ago. He was a regular patient from the age of 11, having treatment for leprosy and surgery to restore mobility. He loved the hospital staff so much that he didn't want to leave! Kashi works in a special 'half-way house' at the hospital. Patients come here before they go home, and Kashi teaches them life skills including how to cook without burning themselves and foot-soaking to keep skin supple which prevent injuries.



RIGHT:
THARSHIKA
(Photography ©
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Tharshika

Tharshika lives in Sri Lanka and works for one of The Leprosy Mission's partners in Jaffna. She was cured of leprosy as a child, but sadly the nerves in her foot were severely affected by the disease. She couldn't lift her foot up, which made it difficult to walk. Her life was changed because of corrective surgery to restore movement. Tharshika now works hard to improve the lives of children and adults affected by leprosy in Sri Lanka. She wants them to have the same care that she has experienced.

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