

## **Tina's Story** **Nepal**

Tina was just eight years old when she was diagnosed with leprosy. As she was living in a remote part of western Nepal, it took a while for her to receive the treatment she needed. At first, her parents didn't think the unusual skin patches were anything to worry about; they certainly didn't think it was leprosy. It was the neighbour who delivered their milk who noticed the marks on Tina's arm and suspected she had leprosy, just like her own son.

Tina ended up in hospital for three years. Because she had not received any medication when she first began showing signs of the disease, the nerves in her feet and hands were damaged by the leprosy bacteria and she lost sensation in them. So by the time she arrived at hospital her situation was complicated; she needed the drugs to cure the leprosy and operations to correct the disfigurement. For one operation on her fingers she was sent over the border to Mumbai. Still being very young, Tina did not fully understand the importance of physiotherapy to help restore the movement in her fingers. So, sadly, the operation was not successful as Tina only did the required exercises when she had an appointment with the physio. There was no family member with her to encourage her to follow her treatment correctly.

This is perhaps the saddest aspect of Tina's case. The loss of feeling and the subsequent infections that have occurred in a girl so young, is a painful reality. But what's more tragic is her parent's reluctance to support her. They did not visit her in hospital, and when she did return home they treated her unfairly. 'My family members used separate utensils for me,' Tina explains. 'I had a separate bed and was not allowed to enter the kitchen. Sometimes they gave me food and sometimes they just ignored me. They left me to my own self; that's why my ulcer became worse.'

***Please uphold in prayer children like Tina.***



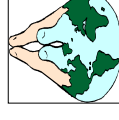
## **SANGAI**

- Uphold Shovakhar Kandel, Director of Administration at Anandaban Hospital, who is studying at Belfast Bible College for 3 months. Ask the Lord to help him settle in to student life. Remember, also his wife Laxmi and two teenage daughters back in Nepal.
- Pray for Nepal country leader Hugh Cross and his wife Diana as they move to this new post from the Philippines.
- Uplift the staff of TLMNI as they train to take part in the Belfast Marathon on 2 May to raise sponsorship for Shovakhar and Anandaban Hospital.

## **Help Hombolo**

### **Samaria Leprosy Village**

- Give thanks and praise for John Tuff, Help Hombolo co-ordinator, and for his continued enthusiasm for this project.
- Remember the team members as they meet on 28 February to pray and plan the next stage of this project - providing roofs for the house shells already completed in "Ulsterville Avenue". Pray that the team will be able to raise the required funding.
- Pray for new members to join with the "Help Hombolo" team.



## **TLM** **International**

- Give thanks and praise for Tim Hunt, Chief Executive Officer of TLM Trading who is leaving in July after 7 years. Ask the Lord to guide the Board of TLM Trading as they interview for Tim's replacement in March - that the right person for this important role will be found. Also, ask the Lord to guide Tim as he seeks a new challenge for the future.
- Remember Sudan country leader Yusuf Deng whose son has been admitted to hospital with Malaria. Please uphold the family at this time of illness.
- Pray for continued health and safety for Natalie Smith (TLM Australia) as she balances her work program and the development of national leaders in Timor Leste.
- Uphold TLM finance teams around the world who are very busy at this time of year with year end accounts and auditor visits.
- Praise the Lord that Anne Roberts (TLMA) now has a valuable friend and prayer partner in Reena David a Christian volunteer from India posted to ALERT's (Ethiopia) human resources department.

- Continue to uphold Janet Haydock and her family that the Lord will maintain them every day as they rebuild their lives following Rupert's untimely death.
- Give thanks and praise for a successful World Leprosy Day celebration at the end of January in Lisburn Cathedral attended by many friends of TLMNI.
- Give thanks and praise for a very positive response to the WLD publicity materials resulting in many opportunities to continue raising awareness of leprosy around Northern Ireland.
- Uphold Emily Brown and Naomi Hawthorne, both occupational therapists from NI, who are undertaking a 3 month short-term placement at Naini Hospital in India from January to March 2011. Pray for their safety and good health. Also for their parents at home that they will be filled with the Lord's peace and reassurance.
- Remember Colin and Sam as they travel around the province on deputation - for safety on the roads and for the necessary stamina to cope with late nights and early starts.
- Give thanks and praise for the continued faithfulness of TLM supporters especially in a difficult economic climate.

Following last year's success we are holding another Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Thursday 10 March 2011 from 10.00 - 11.30 am at Lagan House. This year we hope to raise sponsorship for Staff who are taking part in the Belfast Marathon in support of Shovakhar Kandel and Anandaban Leprosy Hospital, Nepal.

Please remember this event and the marathon in prayer as staff have set a target to try and raise £10,000 through sponsorship. Pray that we will be able to achieve this amount.

Further information and sponsorship forms are available from the office and our website [www.tlm-ni.org](http://www.tlm-ni.org). Please use the enclosed flyer to advertise our Coffee Morning.



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