

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

Hospital Heroes

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TLM operates several hospitals in India, Bangladesh and Nepal. These hospitals cater primarily for people affected by leprosy, offering treatment, surgery, rehabilitation and counselling as well as in-patient and out-patient services for general patients.

Our hospitals provide the highest quality of care possible, and that is primarily thanks to our staff – our doctors, nurses, counsellors, office staff, physiotherapists and so many others – who are dedicated to caring for some of the poorest and most marginalised people in the world. In everything they do they follow the example of Christ, serving and caring for those in need.

To us, they are true heroes. But we believe that our wonderful hospital staff can only achieve so much because of people like you who are committed to faithfully praying for the work of TLM on a regular basis. Prayer really is the foundation on which TLM stands.

In this issue of **PRAYERFUEL**, we want to ask you to pray for all our hospital staff around the world as they work so tirelessly to provide holistic care for thousands of leprosy-affected people each year.

Give thanks to God for:

- TLM's surgeons who work so skilfully to enable leprosy-affected people to regain function in their hands, legs and eyes – this really is life-transforming work. For many patients, once they have recovered from surgery, they can go back to work and provide and care for their families once again. Praise God for our surgeons and ask that they will know God's guidance in the operating theatre every day.
- Our hospital managers who often have a heavy workload and are responsible for the smooth running of the hospitals, overseeing staff, budgets and patient care.
- Our physiotherapists who work with patients in all our hospitals teaching valuable skills to people affected by leprosy to help prevent them from becoming disabled. Praise God too for their knowledge and ability to help those who need greater assistance with mobility, by providing wheelchairs, crutches and many other assistive devices.
- TLM's counsellors who play a central part in ensuring that TLM hospitals care not just for the body but also for the mind and soul. They offer a listening ear to people affected by leprosy who may have suffered unemployment, life-changing disabilities and rejection from family and friends. Praise God for their wisdom and compassion as they show Jesus' love to hurting people.
- All of those working on the frontline of our projects and programmes, working in hospitals and local communities to provide a positive, professional and caring atmosphere each and every day.

Pray for:

- New doctors, nurses and physios who are interested in learning more about how to treat and cure leprosy and how to prevent leprosy-related disabilities. It is vital that knowledge about leprosy and the skill to treat it, and the many complications associated with it, continues to be passed on to the next generation of medical students. If this doesn't happen, there is a risk that leprosy knowledge will be lost and all the efforts to eliminate it will be in vain.
- All staff to work effectively as part of a team. Good working relationships are so vital to quality care of our patients. Pray for continued positive attitudes as well as perseverance and flexibility in the face of challenges, especially as many of our hospitals welcome and treat hundreds of patients each week.
- Spiritual refreshment of all our hospital staff members. Pray that their faith will continue to be strong and grow, even in the face of challenges. Give thanks that many of our hospitals offer an annual spiritual retreat for staff. Pray that during these retreats, each staff member will leave feeling refuelled and refreshed and envisioned again for the work God has called them to.
- Funding! This is so important for relieving pressure on our staff and making sure they have all the equipment and resources they need to provide the best care possible for leprosy patients, especially those who have complex needs.



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