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TRINITY

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MISSION NEWS

Updates &
prayer
information



**The Leprosy
Mission**

God has led TLM to a new and forgotten region of India: Odisha State, with communities in desperate need where people have been abandoned. They endure the worst living conditions, unsafe housing, unclean water which means disease is rife. Bodies are frail and malnourished.

Anjali (pictured) was 11 when she saw pale skin patches on her face and body, she was diagnosed with leprosy but sadly wasn't given the treatment that would have cured her.

When Anjali was 14 she accidentally poured boiling water over her hand and was shocked when she didn't feel anything. Her Mum was trying to find help, but in the meantime her Grandfather was trying to kill her. He tried to poison the rice she ate, then he took her to the railway and tried to push her in front of a train. Anjali ran away.



Then her Grandfather told her mother that he was taking Anjali to the hospital, but instead took her to a leprosy colony where she was cared for by an elderly couple and she rebuilt her life. She married an older man from another leprosy colony and is now a proud Mum to two sons, aged 13 and 16. She begs by the roadside to feed her sons. 'We have nothing' she said. 'No land and no money. My house is collapsing with water coming through the roof. I want a better life for my sons.' We believe Jesus is the hope of the nations. And together in his name we can revive these communities and restore hope. Stopping the spread of leprosy, providing clean water and toilets and building safe homes. Giving opportunities to grow food and look after livestock.



Matu (pictured with Peter Waddup, the CEO of TLM, was 18 when leprosy visited him, and it never left. He was thrown out of his family. He was in terrible anguish when he heard his father say he was buying him a one-way rail ticket out of their town.

Arriving at his destination and having never been away from home before, he built himself a makeshift shelter from a piece of purple plastic at the end of the platform.

Matu needed to eat so he started to beg in the town. He saw a group of beggars who had clawed hands and disabled feet. Matu knew they must have leprosy too. They welcomed him into their community and finally he found a place to belong. This has been his home for over 50 years.

Jeremiah 30 verse 17, 'But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the Lord, 'because you are called an outcast.'

Please pray for people affected by leprosy in Odisha and who are living in extreme poverty. For the team working in this area that they may help those with leprosy to feel valued and not forgotten. Pray that they will get enough to eat, clean water and means to make their homes habitable.



UPDATE FROM HANNAH COLPUS, SERVING WITH GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TANZANIA

We visited the local leprosy community to provide medical aid to adults suffering with the effects of leprosy, while others played football with the children. We will be going to the leprosy community every week, so we will get to know the people there very well. Please pray that we will be able to gather more medical treatment, to reduce their pain as much as possible.

Myself and one of the boys in our team went to visit a tree plantation that we will be overseeing. GoMad have recently invested lots into planting and restoring trees, to give shares in the farms to some of the local people, so they can work at growing the trees and then cut them down to sell. Our job is to assess how well they are growing, and see whether we need to make adaptations to planting methods.

We started the process of building a water tank at one of the local schools. A few local people are then employed to finish the job, so in a few weeks the school will have clean water to use and drink.



UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS



Recently there have been times when the rain is pouring down and the wind is howling. We pray for all who are homeless, or living under the threat of homelessness, that they may find real and lasting solutions to their housing crisis. We pray that HOMELINK would be able to reach more people than ever in 2025.



Lewes: Give thanks and pray for the Christianity Explored course just started, for those attending & those leading, and also for prisoners in Lewes prison currently seeking baptism or confirmation.

Prison Fellowship is advocating for an increased use of community sentences, rather than short prison sentences which offer limited rehabilitative value while causing significant disruptions to individuals' lives. PF also call for a reduction in custodial sentences for women, especially for non-violent offences. Women often face unique vulnerabilities, better addressed through community-based interventions.



LIFE IN ABUNDANCE
INTERNATIONAL

We give thanks that in 2024 LIA, across their 14 programme countries, engaged with 467 churches, planted 282 churches, served 63 communities and 185,262 people in these communities and witnessed 23,245 people give their lives to Christ! As LIA celebrate their 30th anniversary this year, we give thanks to God for his unwavering faithfulness for the many lives transformed for His glory. Pray for God's blessing for LIA this season, for abundant provision, fruitful partnerships and safety for all staff as they continue to serve.



Lisa Buyinza & Pearls of Grace, Uganda

Please pray for the new rhythm with Viola coming on board as the POG secretary/treasurer and for God to continue working in her journey.

Also for Immy who is starting her senior 6 vacation studying at Bible College whilst working part time and attending some programs. She will be volunteering time to help develop the POG social media aspect this year.



Our chaplains have been facing some difficult and challenging weather conditions at Beachy Head this winter. Pray for their safety and protection as they are out on patrol both in vehicles and on foot, when it is safe to do so. We give thanks for our new trainee volunteer chaplain recruits, who have been called to serve at Beachy Head and who will start their training programme in March, strengthening the team once they are equipped to be on shifts.



Pray for FSW supporting families in need and giving hope and practical help. Pray especially as they seek to recruit another senior support practitioner for the Hastings area, a digital fundraising and communications officer and a community volunteer coordinator and administrative assistant. They have various fundraising events planned for 2025 including a Brighton 10K run in April and a concert on 22nd February.



This year is the 25th Anniversary of **Open the Book**, which goes into schools in the UK and goes out through many nations. Open the Book gets into classrooms where 95% of the children have no contact with the Church or the Bible. This term we are taking stories from the Old Testament into Southover and South Malling schools. We always have a warm welcome and the children are very attentive and want to participate. Please pray that as we go into schools God will speak to the children through the stories told.



TRINITY SOUTHOVER

While the organ is being repaired over the coming weeks we regret that, for insurance reasons, the church cannot be open during the week for prayer and visits.



CAFÉ 12/31

Is open for food and drink
Tuesday to Saturday
9:30am - 2:00pm
Lunches are served daily
10.30am to 1.30pm



GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) TRINITY's parish code 100610471.

You can make direct internet payments to our bank account. Name: TRINITY Southover Church Council. Sortcode: 20 49 76. Account Number: 20775894. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.



If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email Bill our treasurer, and he will give you the relevant form: finance@trinitylewes.org).

Our website has more details: <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>

Clothes for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

are still needed, for all ages. Please place in the boxes in church porches at Southover & St John's.

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