



People affected by leprosy celebrating the arrival of food parcels!

The summer is finally here! Dare I say it in case the skies turn grey again? It has been really warm hasn't it? I hope you're enjoying the long, bright evenings and the flowers in bloom. This year we had bluetits nesting in a box built by my uncle. It was a joy to watch them fledge, fluffy blue mohawks on their little heads. It reminded me about how precious every life is to God, and how He provides for everyone – often through his people.

Sadly, the summer means hardship for people living in leprosy colonies. But you have lovingly provided for the most vulnerable. Nanga, pictured with her husband Laxman, are just two of many who are thankful for your kindness.

“Many of my friends died in the heatwaves last year. You have taken away my fear, and I know I will live. Thank you and God bless you.”

Thank you so much for funding life-saving food parcels for the elderly in our care. As temperatures rise to over 44 degrees, it is not safe for people to walk long distances to sit and beg in the sun. Without your help, many faced starvation. Your compassion has meant we were able to distribute food parcels where they were needed most.



Nanga and Laxman

The parcels didn't just give nourishment, but they also carried love and showed people that they weren't forgotten. What a blessing!

Food parcels will still be needed for another two months, and it costs just £18 to provide two weeks of food for one person. If you'd like to buy one there's still plenty of time. Your kindness is literally saving lives.

With love

Louise

UK Country Head (volunteer)

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SUPPLIES

Victor is currently getting up at 4am to milk cows, learn to drive a tractor and build skills to help people back home in India. He's on a ten-week agricultural course at Harper Adams University, thanks to a Marshal Papworth scholarship. The scholarship provides students from developing countries training in agricultural development so they can help create a sustainable future.

We've recently had a chat to find out what he's been learning.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO DO THIS COURSE?



I am so passionate about agriculture and food security. In many of the communities you support, people are struggling with poverty, lack of nutrition, and climate-related farming problems. Through this course, I am learning new techniques in sustainable agriculture, climate-resilient crops, livestock management, soil and water conservation, and community farming methods.

This course is giving me practical knowledge and new ideas that can make a long-term impact in the communities we serve. I would like to develop kitchen gardens, community gardens, and small livestock projects that will make more self-sufficient and improve their nutrition and income.

WHAT DOES YOUR DAILY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

My days are very busy! Most days we start very early at around 4am with practical farm activities. I have lots of jobs throughout the day including milking cows, feeding calves, poultry care, tractor driving, ploughing fields, and learning about livestock management.

After field work, it's time for class! This includes both theory and practical learning related to sustainable farming, soil behaviour, water management, crop production, climate change, and community participation in agriculture. We also visit farms and interact with local farmers to learn directly from real farming situations.

Every day is giving me valuable experience and exposure.



WHO IS THERE WITH YOU?

There are 20 international students. I'm the only participant from Asia, everyone else is from Uganda, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Nigeria.

Everyone comes from different backgrounds and organisations. It is very interesting to learn together because everyone shares different experiences from their own countries. We discuss farming challenges, climate conditions, and agricultural practices in our regions. This cultural exchange is helping us learn from one another.



WHAT ARE YOU ENJOYING THE MOST?



Definitely the practicals! Visiting farms, seeing different crops, interacting with farmers, and learning modern farming techniques are making me more passionate about agriculture.

This really helps me understand agriculture in a practical way instead of only theory. Every visit and every activity teach me something new about sustainable farming and livestock management.

Another thing I really enjoy is meeting people from different countries and learning about their cultures, food, and farming systems. It is a wonderful experience to learn and grow together.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES?

At the beginning, the weather was a very big challenge for me because it was extremely cold! It took some time for me to adjust and cope with the weather. But the sun has finally arrived.

Another challenge was adjusting to the food. English food is very different to what I usually eat back home. At the weekend, we cook our own food, and that's a wonderful opportunity to taste different cuisines from other countries as well.

Overall, the challenges are helping me learn, adjust, and become stronger.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Please pray for my health, strength, and better understanding as I continue this course. Kindly pray that I will successfully complete the training and represent Brighter Future well during my time here.

Please also pray for wisdom to use this learning effectively when I return home. I truly hope that the knowledge and skills I gain through this programme will change lives in the name of Jesus.

Most importantly, please continue to pray for the children, families, and people affected by leprosy in the communities you support in India through Brighter Future. I have a good team looking after everyone while I am away, we're speaking most days, so I am staying updated. We're having a few issues with delivery of the play equipment that you generously funded earlier this year – so please pray we get everything soon.

YOU'RE IN ENGLAND FOR A LITTLE WHILE AFTER YOUR COURSE. WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

I'm really looking forward to meeting my brother Danny, and also as many wonderful Brighter Future supporters as possible. I'm sad I won't been able to see everyone because of time and distances. But I'm at a few church services and events which are open to everyone.



COME MEET VICTOR!

Victor will be at the following church services and events. We would love to connect with friends, old and new, and hope you'll join us if you're able.

CHURCH SERVICES:

- **Sunday 12 July: 10.30am St Anne's Church, Harrowby Rd, Grantham NG31 9ED**
- **Sunday 19 July: 10.30am Whittlesey Baptist Church, 32 Gracious Street, Peterborough PE7 1AR**



EVENT:

Victor will be speaking to Louise (Q &A) on
**Saturday 18 July 11am to 3pm at Bourne Baptist Church
(back hall) 18 West Street, Bourne PE10 9NE**

This will be a chance to come for cake and a chat, and there will also be lots of beautiful Indian bags for sale!

**Let us know if you're coming to any of these events by emailing:
info@brighterfuture.org.uk We would love to welcome you!**



PRAYER EMAILS

We recently set up a monthly prayer request by email. This is an opportunity to pray for specific things for our children, the communities we serve, staff and Brighter Future in general.

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