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Prayer Diary



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AUGUST

Prayers from Malawi, Southern Africa



James Banda works for the MACOHA Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme funded by CBM supporters. He is married to a pastor of a small church in Lilongwe.

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Dear God, please give wisdom, understanding and discernment to the Community Based Rehabilitation team at MACOHA, as we plan for the coming months.

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Father, we pray for success for our work in Malawi creating opportunities for children and adults living in poverty and encouraging them to flourish.

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Lord, please grant good health to our team in their work to reach disabled people in most need of support throughout Malawi.

Front cover: Sandrine from Cameroon works as a teacher for children with visual impairments, teaching them how to read and write braille.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
PSALMS 19:8

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Prayers from Malawi, Southern Africa

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We thank you Lord for all the ways that individuals and organisations support us; in finance, materials and knowledge for the advancement of inclusive development for people with blindness and disabilities.

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We pray that you will heal the nations of the world; economically socially and politically. We pray for an end to conflict and that nations will find a way to resolve their differences peacefully.

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We think of the children who are going back to school next month and we pray that CBM's work supporting schools means that many more children with disabilities are able to complete their education.

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Lord, we pray for the success of CBM UK's event Christian Blind Mission Sunday, happening in October. May you encourage supporters and churches to come together and celebrate the gift of sight.

Before CBM provided support, 12 year old Kambileni had to walk on all fours due to hip displacement. Now, thanks to our rehabilitation programme, he can go to school using his tricycle.



Prayers provided by James Banda, MACOHA, our disability partner in Malawi

AUGUST

God bless children living with disabilities

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Lord, on International Youth Day, we ask that children living with blindness and other disabilities would have safe and inclusive places to meet together and be themselves.

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Father we thank you for all children, in particular those with disabilities: for the blessing they are to families and communities, and for the new perspectives they show us on the world.

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We pray for children across the world to be able to go to school and learn effectively: for girls and boys; for children with disabilities as well as those without.

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Lord, we ask that communities and families across the world are equipped to support and care for children with disabilities, without discrimination or stigma, showing them your love and care.



Programme Manager Rebecca Molyneux meets with Idemudia Lawrence, Social Welfare Officer at the Federal Ministry of Nigeria, to discuss tackling abuse against women with disabilities.



Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me.
MATTHEW 18:5

AUGUST

God bless children living with disabilities



At CBM's partner hospital in Cameroon West Africa, 3-year-old Beltivette is undergoing surgery and rehabilitation to enable her to walk pain free.

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God, please help us to provide the assistive devices that children with disabilities in developing countries need so that they can participate fully in their communities.

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We ask that children and young people with disabilities are able to participate in decisions relating to them, so that they can fulfil their potential in life.

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We commit to your care, Lord, children with disabilities in places affected by conflict or natural disaster. Please provide for their needs, including food, water, accessible shelter and sanitation.

Prayers provided by Rebecca Molyneux, CBM UK

AUGUST

Inclusive Humanitarian Response



A family wait outside our Health Camp for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Sun 19 On World Humanitarian Day, pray for the thousands of humanitarian workers around the world who risk their lives daily to provide assistance in response to natural disasters and conflict.

Tue 21 Lord, we ask for your comfort and protection over the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people displaced in the Cox's Bazaar region of Bangladesh.

Mon 20 Pray for guidance for CBM's Emergency Response Unit as they continue to respond to situations of crisis around the globe and advocate for greater inclusion in humanitarian response.

Emma Pettey is a Senior Inclusion Advisor for CBM's Emergency Response Unit, making sure essential aid reaches those who need it most in times of crisis. Originally from Canada, Emma is currently based at CBM UK.



We are persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:9**

AUGUST

Inclusive Humanitarian Response

Wed 22 We pray that technical guidance and practical support provided by CBM, enable a response that is inclusive of people with disabilities in Bangladesh.

Thu 23 We think of CBM's partner in Bangladesh providing healthcare and education to the Rohingya people and their host communities.

Fri 24 Lord, we pray for your protection over the 300,000 men, women and children displaced by recent flooding in Kenya, especially in Baringo County, an area with a high risk of food shortages.

Sat 25 Pray for CBM's partners on the ground in Kenya, East Africa, that they are able to reach the most at risk families with food packages and water tanks to provide nourishment and clean water.



Volunteers help people affected by flooding in Kenya to reach safety.

Prayers provided by Emma Pettey, CBM Emergency Response Unit

Image: AFP/Andrew Kasuku

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Reflections through World Water Week

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We remember those affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases that could be prevented with safe water and sanitation. Lord, use governments, NGOs and other projects to give people access to clean, safe water.

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We pray that hygiene awareness will help prevent blinding trachoma in communities where water is scarce. Lord, guide families as they allocate small quantities of their precious water for good hygiene to save sight.

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Thank you Lord for the women who have taken up soap making, for good hygiene. Bless the work of their hands, that their voices may be heard in educating others.

Stephanie Akweyu is CBM's Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Coordinator for Central Africa, working on projects that prevent and treat conditions such as river blindness and trachoma.



Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. **JOHN 4:14**

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Reflections through World Water Week

In Kenya, fieldworker Juster examines the eyes of Priscilla who has trachoma, the leading cause of blindness through infection.



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As the school holidays draw to a close, we give thanks for children in the world's poorest places, who have influenced their families to keep their faces clean, as they were taught to do in school, to stop infections which cause blindness.

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We pray for teachers, health workers and volunteers spreading knowledge on how washing hands can improve community health. Lord, encourage them in their efforts.

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We thank you for our partners in Burundi, Chad, Central African Republic, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Sudan and Pakistan, who are all helping to eliminate disease through access to clean water.

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Lord, we reach out to those with much less than ourselves. Give us the perspective to always appreciate that which you have given us.

Prayer provided by Stephanie Akweyu, Kenya

SEPTEMBER

Encouragement for all our leaders



The CBM International leadership team: Marc Fonseca, CBM International; David Bainbridge, CBM International; Rainer Brockhaus, CBM Germany; Jane Edge, CBM Australia; Massimo Maggio, CBM Italy; Kirsty Smith, CBM UK; Hansjoerg Baltensperger, CBM Switzerland; Ed Epp, CBM Canada.

Sun 2
Lord please bless the CBM International Leadership team. Guide them in making the right decisions to allow CBM to go from strength to strength and achieve our vision of an inclusive world.

Mon 3
We pray for all employers across the world, that they will ensure equal opportunities for people with disabilities in order to create inclusive workplaces.

Tue 4
Lord, bless members of parliament and national assemblies and give them wisdom through the new parliamentary year. May they remember the rights of people with disabilities in all of their decisions.

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skilful hands he led them. **PSALM 78:72**

SEPTEMBER

Encouragement for all our leaders

Wed 5
We thank you, God, for teachers and leaders of schools and other places of education. May they help children and adults with disabilities enjoy an inclusive education and fulfil their potential.

Thu 6
Thank you for CBM's policy experts advocating at the United Nations and European Union for the rights of people with disabilities. May their work guide our international institutions to be inclusive.

Fri 7
We pray for leaders of media outlets. Lord, give them wisdom in how their organisations talk about and represent disability, and may they challenge harmful stereotypes through their work.

Sat 8
Thank you Lord for the leadership of those who develop and make assistive technology and devices for people with disabilities. May they reach more people and enable greater independence.

Mike Zonke is a teacher at Kadoma school for the blind, Zimbabwe. Mike helps his students to read and write in Braille.



Prayers provided by Rachel Aston, CBM UK

SEPTEMBER

Striving for
inclusive education

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9 In all countries everyone should have a right to quality education. Let today's prayer be for all people with disabilities to have their rights to education be realised.

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10 We know that education is an important enabler. Pray that all boys and girls regardless of their home circumstances have a chance to go to school where they can feel safe and realise their dreams.

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11 Inclusion is about all of us accepting each other's diversity and celebrating the way God has made us. Pray that we learn not to isolate or segregate someone just because they are different.



Siân Tesni is CBM Senior Advisor for Education. Born in Wales, she is a qualified teacher of learners who are deaf or hard of hearing. Since 1991, she has been involved in CBM's work, helping to develop and strengthen inclusive education for people with disabilities.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. **MATTHEW 19:14**

SEPTEMBER

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12 Olivia, a deafblind girl from Burkina Faso, West Africa, goes to school because a community-based worker encouraged her parents to send her. Pray that Olivia achieves her dreams of becoming a weaver.

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13 As this new academic year gets underway, let us pray that teachers have the strength, patience and energy to adapt to children's individual needs, helping them become active and flourishing of the world.

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14 Lord, let us appreciate all the boys and girls in our care and in our community. Give us the vision to see and celebrate everyone's unique way and not just to listen to those who shout the loudest.

Sat
15 Father we pray that world leaders give importance to implementing the wonderful policies they have in place for including boys, girls, men and women with disability in their education systems.



Olivia (right) dances with her friend at the Bougoula-Ladenburg school for deaf children in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Prayers provided by Siân Tesni, CBM International

SEPTEMBER

Prayers of peace



Children enjoy activities at the open day at Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children in Palestine. CBM's programme provides early psychological support for children and their families in the Gaza Strip.

Sun 16 Lord, we pray for those who are forced to work on this day of rest, driven by the need to feed their families, keep their jobs or make enough for their daily requirements.

Mon 17 Pray for those battling with personal burdens, turmoil, pain or isolation, so often left without appropriate support, that in the shelter of your loving care, they find restoration and inner peace.

Tue 18 Pray for those quiet heroes working within their communities to reduce conflict and bloodshed, build bridges and bring peace and reconciliation.



Our chief executive Kirsty Smith offers her prayers in the week of UN International Day of Peace.

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. **ECCLIASTES 4:6**

SEPTEMBER

Prayers of peace

Wed 19 In countries experiencing conflict and discord, give leaders and policy makers wisdom, perseverance and courage to press for peaceful and positive resolution.

Thu 20 Pray for those like the White Helmets in Syria and volunteer medics in Gaza who serve others and reduce suffering, even where this puts their own lives at risk.

Fri 21 A disproportionate number of people with disabilities are caught up in humanitarian crises and conflict. On this International Day of Peace, pray for all those longing for peace.

Sat 22 Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury and doubt, give faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light.

Kirsty meets Dr Fatima Kyari, representative from the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness at the launch of our eye health programme in Nigeria.



Prayers provided by Kirsty Smith, CBM UK

SEPTEMBER

Prayers at Harvest time

Sun 23 Dear Lord, at Harvest we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the food on our tables. Accept our gratitude and humility that we will rarely know what it's like to go hungry.



Children are served free meals in a school in Ethiopia, East Africa.

Mon 24 Sometimes, due to bad weather or supply chain issues our shops are short of something. Lord help us to keep our problems in proportion when compared to global crises.

Tue 25 We pray for those experiencing hunger due to failed harvests, climate change or conflict. In particular, our prayer goes out to our brothers and sisters in Yemen, South Sudan and North East Nigeria.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food... will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:10**

SEPTEMBER

Prayers at Harvest time

Wed 26 Forgive us for our moments of spiritual blindness, when we forget to appreciate the wonder of the world; when we forget to love our neighbour. Remind us to give, not just take; to sow, not just reap.

Sat 29 Bless CBM's work that brings nourishment to people in the world's poorest places. Pray for our nutrition programme at CoRSU in Uganda, which helps malnourished babies and children with disabilities.

Thu 27 We thank you Father for the precious gift of life. Let our lives be long and fruitful, and may we serve you each day, to make a positive impact on the world.

Fri 28 We give thanks for the wonders of this world; the changing seasons, blossoming flowers, ripening fruits and bursting grains. Remind us to look after this precious planet that you made.



Bertha is a nutritionist at our partner CoRSU, Uganda. She teaches parents and carers to prepare nutrient rich food for children who are undernourished.

Prayers provided by Grace Harper, CBM UK

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Prayers from our partner in Uganda, East Africa

Sun 30 For many people in Uganda and surrounding countries, access to quality healthcare is simply a dream. Please pray that we can help treat more patients with blindness and disabilities.

Tue 2 Lord, we pray for our energy levels to be maintained so we can encourage others, and we can keep up the amazing work in Uganda.

Mon 1 Pray for the third set of plastic surgery students at Mbarara University in Uganda as they prepare for the final part of their studies. Pray that they are all successful.

Dr Hodges meets 3-year-old Godwin for a check-up following surgery to correct his cleft lip.



Dr Andrew Hodges is a plastic surgeon working at CoRSU hospital in Uganda. Through reconstructive surgery, Dr Hodges improves the lives of people living with disability, injury and congenital conditions like cleft palate.

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. **MICAH 6:8**

SEPT / OCT

Prayers from our partner in Uganda, East Africa

Dr Hodges operates on a baby girl called Joan who was born with cleft palate.



Wed 3 Please pray for the CoRSU team that they can maintain their excellent focus and continue to be an example for others.

Fri 5 Pray for courage and support for children with cerebral palsy and their families living in extreme poverty; and for CBM's physiotherapy work to help them flourish.

Thu 4 Please pray for all the volunteers and staff of CoRSU, who give their time, energy, talents and gifts with such willingness and passion.

Sat 6 As we get older we seek God's wisdom to know the direction he wants us to take and the areas where he wants us to focus our enthusiasm. Lord, we pray you show us the way.

Prayers provided by Dr Andrew Hodges, Uganda

OCTOBER

Pray for our important mental health work

Sun 7 Pray for enduring strength for the families of those caring for loved ones affected by mental illness and help them to know they are not alone.

Mon 8 Pray for those affected by mental illness in Nigeria who have been displaced due to conflict and all those who have suffered trauma and mental ill-health as a result.



Becky is a Programme Officer for the global mental health charity BasicNeeds who joined the CBM family last year. Together we're supporting some of the world's poorest people affected by mental health conditions.

So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. **MATTHEW 6:34**

Tue 9 Thank you for the courageous efforts of CBM's Partners in Sierra Leone who continue to support and advocate for the rights of those living with mental illness.

OCTOBER

Pray for our important mental health work

Claire from Sierra Leone, West Africa, developed depression while she was at nursing school. Her life has been transformed from the support at CBM's partner City of Rest.



Wed 10 On World Mental Health Day, pray for those around the world who face stigma and discrimination due to their mental illness and pray the Lord will give comfort and hope to them.

Thu 11 On World Sight Day we pray for those who may be struggling with low vision and mental health problems. We ask that you bring them comfort and hope when their world is dark.

Fri 12 Pray that our partners in Nepal are able to maintain and strengthen good relations among local government authorities to encourage them to invest more in mental healthcare.

Sat 13 Give our mental health professionals in Laos the determination to overcome the many obstacles they face in reaching those with mental illnesses in the most remote and under-served areas.

Prayers provided by Becky Holmes, BasicNeeds / CBM

OCTOBER

Prayers for Christian Blind
Mission Sunday

Roy Hooke has been a volunteer with CBM since January. He helps our Community Officer Jacqueline to keep in touch with churches and run local events.

Sun 14 Today is Christian Blind Mission Sunday. Lord, we give thanks for all the wonderful churches who are taking part in this celebration of light and sight.

Mon 15 It is estimated that 75% of all blindness is avoidable. Please God, help us to save the sight of people in the world who are needlessly blind.

God said, "Let there be light", and light appeared as a thing separate from darkness. **GENESIS 1:3**

OCTOBER

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Mission Sunday

Wed 17 Dear Lord, help us to be your hands and feet to help those who lack the gift of good sight. May children with low vision access glasses and telescopes so that they are able to study and flourish.

Thu 18 Lord, we ask that you guide those who have plenty to help those with low vision. Give people compassion and generosity to help others live their lives to the full.

Fri 19 Please God, help people to support those living in the world's poorest communities. Enable CBM to train specialist doctors, nurses and health workers to identify and treat eye conditions.

Sat 20 Please God give us the wisdom to understand the problems of poor sight and blindness in the developing world and give us the will to help.

This Christian Blind Mission Sunday you and your church can bring light and sight to children like Mathias from Uganda, who is living with the darkness of cataracts.



Prayers provided by Roy Hooke, CBM volunteer

OCTOBER

Prayers from Zambia, Southern Africa

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Let us pray for a fruitful education for all children, especially those living with a disability. Pray for their right to education to be granted with the help of organisations like CBM.

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Dear Lord, we thank you for our health. Please guide and support all medical professionals to carry on with their mission of improving life and hope for us all.

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Oh Lord, we ask you to give us the capacity and empathy needed to see distress and depression in the people around us, and to be able to gently and discreetly support others to overcome difficult times.



Sergio Mainetti is currently working in Zambia and Malawi supporting CBM's efforts to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities. Sergio and his wife Maria Regina have been working with people with disabilities for over 30 years.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. **MATTHEW 5:9**

OCTOBER

Prayers from Zambia, Southern Africa



Ayipele gains strength from other members of her self-help group.

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Let us pray for all people with disabilities who are involved in making their communities more inclusive and resilient every day.

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We pray for all people involved in emergencies. We thank you for the bravery of people who put in all possible human efforts to save lives and restore communities.

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Let's pray for all our sisters, mothers, and daughters; for all of them to be able to live to their full potential without having to battle against daily exclusion, abuse and violence.

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Lord we pray for all the people generously supporting disability inclusive programmes around the globe.

Prayers provided by Sergio Mainetti, Zambia

OCT / NOV

Farming for brighter futures

Vinayak (centre) demonstrates how the organic farming programme has helped him grow quality produce. He is joined by Dinesh from CBM India and Kalpesh from the programme partner Naman.



Sun 28 Pray for CBM and its partners for creating sustainable and inclusive livelihood opportunities for people with disabilities and their families to overcome poverty and inclusion in the communities.

Tue 30 Pray for good weather so farmers with disabilities and their families will improve farming and livestock management techniques that help families to be resilient and increase their family income.

Mon 29 Pray for increased family livelihoods of people with disabilities which will help them to sustain and improve their family's income, children's education, quality health, food security and nutrition.

Dinesh Rana works in the CBM regional office in India. He is Programme Manager for our award-winning organic farming livelihood scheme which helps many people living in India with disabilities to sustainably grow food and earn a living.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
MATTHEW 25:35

OCT / NOV

Farming for brighter futures

Wed 31 Please pray for CBM staff in India who support livelihood work. Lord, give them strength to support farmers with disabilities and their families.

Thu 1 God of heaven, we pray for the Livelihood programme in India to be bring inclusion and to transform the lives of people with disabilities through providing training, savings and employment.

Fri 2 We are thankful to our partner Naman Sewa Samiti who works hard to increase the income of poor farmers so they can support themselves. God bless everyone who has worked to make this programme a reality.

Sat 3 We pray that people with disabilities are valued, dignified, respected and included, for them to be able to participate in community development and have access to services and leadership within their communities.

Having received training through CBM's organic farming programme, Suman, who suffered permanent damage to her left arm when she was a child, has been able to bring in a good income.



Prayers provided by Dinesh Rana, Bag Nirad and Umesh Baurai, CBM India



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Could your church mark Christian Blind Mission Sunday this 14 October?

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This year's theme is Let there be light and our free resources include films, posters, worship ideas and more. Together, we will help your church **give thanks** for God's wonderful gifts of light and sight; **celebrate** the recovery of sight; and **join** CBM's mission of

sight restoration through prayer and fundraising.

Registration for Christian Blind Mission Sunday 2018 is now open. To join the growing list of churches who are taking part, please call **0800 567 7000** or visit **cbmuk.org.uk/Sunday**

With grateful thanks to the friends of CBM who have provided prayers for this diary including: James Banda, Rebecca Molyneux, Emma Pettey, Stephanie Akweyu, Rachel Aston, Kirsty Smith, Sian Tesni, Andrew Hodges, Becky Holmes, Roy Hooke, Sergio Mainetti and Umesh Baurai, Dinesh Rana and Nirad Bag.

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