



## August 2016

***'The Lord has set apart the redeemed for himself. Therefore He will listen to me and answer when I call to Him.'* Psalm 4v3**

### ***Community / Awareness Raising***

#### **Monday 1 August**

Thanks and praise for NZ wide school Chaplains that are raising awareness of the work of Leprosy Mission by encouraging applications for the Youth Advocate Scholarship programme. This year's Youth Advocates are fundraising for a 4WD for Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. This second 4WD will allow for reliable transport to deliver services to leprosy-affected people living in communities where post-earthquake roads are still practically non-existent.

#### **Tuesday 2 August**

Thanks and praise for the opportunity given to staff, volunteers and Youth Advocates to speak to church and community groups about the impact New Zealand support has for people affected by leprosy living in India. Contact 0800 862873 to see if there is someone available near your area should your church or community group desire to learn more about the Mission's work.

#### **Wednesday 3 August**

Praise for Coast Radio who today are hosting their

third Leprosy Mission Day. Announcers will be presenting three gifts from our Really Good Gifts catalogue (Sandals, Education for a girl and a Sewing Machine) that listeners can purchase to help people living with leprosy. Pray this endeavour will produce supporters who will see the vision of leprosy defeated and lives transformed and commit long term to support the Leprosy Mission's work.

#### **Thursday 4 August**

Thanks and praise for the walkers and runners who are participating in the Leprosy Mission's Running 4 Rights team in events around the country to raise awareness and funding to cure, care and restore people affected by leprosy. The Auckland Marathon on 30<sup>th</sup> October is still open for participants with options to suit everyone from a 3 km dash to a full marathon. Interested persons can registrar at <https://www.aucklandmarathon.co.nz>.

#### **Friday 5 August**

Thanks and praise for supporters who have travelled to India (on our Supporter Tours) to witness the work they support and for their ongoing commitment to raise awareness and support in their local communities. This year's tour will take place mid-November. Pray all preparations for this year's tour will come together smoothly.

#### **Saturday 6 / Sunday 7 August**

Leprosy Mission NZ will have a stand at the Auckland Christian Medical Fellowship Conference to promote our work to medical doctors and students. Thanks and praise for the Youth Advocates past and present who will be managing the stand and representing Leprosy Mission.

### ***Sudan / South Sudan***

#### **Monday 8 August**

Pray for peace and stability in South Sudan. Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften the hearts of leaders and people of South Sudan to realise that forgiveness and reconciliation is the way forward for peace and stability. Remember Dr Yousif Deng, TLM Country Leader of both Sudan and South Sudan.

#### **Tuesday 9 August**

Currently TLM Sudan operates a well-regarded leprosy clinic called Aburol in Khartoum. The Sudanese Government has formally asked The Leprosy Mission to

extend our reach in the country. Prayer is requested as this expansion of our work is considered and whether funding for this will be available.

### ***DR Congo***

#### **Wednesday 10 August**

Please pray for TLM DR Congo's Annual Country Learning meetings taking place this month. Pray for safety of participants as they travel to Kinshasa to meet together. For wisdom and peace for the leadership team as they undertake a new five year strategic phase.

### ***Niger***

#### **Thursday 11 August**

Dr Mark and Faye Griffiths are returning to Niger and Danja Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> August after Mark having completed the required eight months practice in New Zealand to obtain the renewal of his NZ doctor's license. Pray for journeying mercies and for a good adjustment for Mark and Faye when back in Niger. Continue to pray about the urgent need of another doctor for Danja Hospital.

#### **Friday 12 August**

Please pray for the TLM Niger team as they plan programmes with other implementing partners so that they will be able to make positive impact in meeting the strategic objectives set for the country. Pray for grace for Bunmi Oluloto TLM Country Leader for Niger and Chad and his family as they cope with all the challenges this role brings.

### ***NW Zambia***

#### **Saturday 13 / Sunday 14 August**

We were blessed last month to receive a visit from Dr David and Enless Friend and to view David's presentation on some of the work being carried out at Mukinge Hospital and the Kikonkomene Leprosy Village. David asked that prayer be given for qualified staff to come serve at Mukinge Hospital. They are in need of an anaesthetist, teachers, accountant and specialist tradespeople such as mechanic, builder, plumber and electrician. Families are most welcome.

### ***Bangladesh***

#### **Monday 15 August**

This week Jasleen Kler (Leprosy Mission NZ's

Programmes Manager) and Tony Wrightson (Programmes Advisor and Programmes Committee Member) are in Dhaka. Pray for safety and protection for Jasleen, Tony and all staff as they travel to various areas to monitor projects and collect data for the mid-term review of Chittagong Sustainable Development Project. Remember in prayer also John Samaddar (Programme Leader) and Richard Mondal (Manager CPDP) and the whole team as they all play an important role in this process. Pray the political situation in Bangladesh will remain peaceful and stable.

### **Tuesday 16 August**

The aftereffects of cyclone Roanu (which happened in May and resulted in homes losing corrugated iron from off their roofs) has indirectly impacted on income for Self Help Group members as the corporate fields are in low lying areas and crops were damaged while under water. Those members depending on fishing have faced many difficulties also. Pray Self Help Group members are able to restore damaged crops and adequately provide for their families.

### **Wednesday 17 August**

TLM Bangladesh programmes include both leprosy control and community-based rehabilitation. Remember today Country Leader Mr Sumon Halder. Pray for God-given wisdom and strong leadership as he leads all the programmes and project activities.

### **Thursday 18 August**

The recent resignation of the Medical coordinator has resulted in new leadership being needed for TLM Bangladesh's DBLM Hospital and the Rural Health Programme. Please pray that God will provide a qualified and committed leader. Also that DBLM Hospital will be able to retain adequate experienced medical staff.

### **Friday 19 August**

Training on ulcer care is being undertaken in two areas to new Ulcer Care Committees at Gandaria and Brahmonbaria. Pray that TLM Bangladesh's Dhaka Community-based Rehabilitation Project will be able to also provide training for the other seven committees for ongoing effective care of ulcer patients.

### **Saturday 20 / Sunday 21 August**

Pray for a successful Annual Country Learning which is being held over two days next week. Pray for safety in travel for all project staff, recipients and stakeholders as they come together to discern the best way forward in ministering to leprosy-affected people in Bangladesh. That further learning will result from this and united efforts will bring new successes on the field.

### ***Papua New Guinea / Bougainville***

#### **Monday 22 August**

Praise that MFAT (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) in New Zealand have approved our funding proposal for the next five years. This project is a joint venture together with The Leprosy Mission Australia and AusAid (the Australian Government's aid programme). Pray that TLM Papua New Guinea staff will enthusiastically work with this new project.

#### **Tuesday 23 August**

Numbers of new cases of leprosy being discovered in Papua New Guinea are on the increase. Pray for wisdom for health workers as they raise awareness about leprosy in communities as well as refer persons with suspected leprosy symptoms to health facilities and encourage those who need to adhere to multi-drug treatment.

#### **Wednesday 24 August**

Pray the new project concept that will link small scale livelihoods and agriculture to health and leprosy will be successful. Pray for wisdom in this task for project staff. Pray also for unity in the team and appreciation for each other's necessary roles.

#### **Thursday 25 August**

Pray that the mid-term review process for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme being undertaken this week will run smoothly. Pray for understanding and a oneness in vision as staff, stakeholders and recipients work through processes. Praise that Andrew Harding (Programmes Advisor) for Leprosy Mission NZ is able to be on hand to facilitate the review process.

#### **Friday 26 August**

Pray for the team in Bougainville Ruby Mirinka, Programmes Director, and Neil Toura, Operations Director. Praise that as a result of Bougainville Healthy

Communities Programme the number of communities with a safe water supply has increased from under 30% to over 90%. Project staff last year conducted 6,798 health awareness activities in villages resulting in improved health practices in rural communities.

### **Saturday 27 / Sunday 28 August**

Pray today for safety for Natalie Smith, TLM Country Leader and the team in Papua New Guinea. PNG is a country which quite often erupts in riots creating turmoil, threats to safety and disruption to project work.

### ***India***

#### **Monday 29 August**

Pray for the Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre in Chennai set up by Christian Missions Charitable Trust (CMCT) as it seeks to serve the needs of leprosy affected families on the outskirts of that mega city in South India. Pray for continued good health for Colleen Redit, (a New Zealander) who is the founder of CMCT and who has lived and worked in India serving among the poorest of the poor for over 50 years. Leprosy Mission NZ financially supports CMCT.

#### **Tuesday 30 August**

Due to an increase in the numbers of people attending the Outpatients Department (OPD) at the TLM Naini Hospital more doctors are needed; pray for the health of doctors presently working there and that the hospital will be successful in employing more dedicated doctors. Remember Dr Premal Das, Superintendent of TLM Naini Hospital. Pray also for strength for leprosy-affected people who have to travel long distances in intense heat to receive treatment at the OPD.

#### **Wednesday 31 August**

TLM staff have a commitment to holistically address the needs of people affected by leprosy, and not just their health needs. Pray that staff are able to address health needs of each individual and also their personal, social, economic and spiritual needs.