



August 2017

'We love because He first loved us.' ***1 John 4v19***

Community awareness

Tuesday 1 August

Coast Really Good Gift Day was held on 5th July. LMNZ was live on air all day with Coast radio to promote Really Good Gifts. Praise for the team at Coast and all who tuned in and supported people affected by leprosy. Their gifts will make a world of difference to people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 2 August

There is a cure for leprosy, and we believe it can be ended in a generation. Yet, most New Zealanders are not aware that leprosy exists today. Therefore, raising awareness and advocacy is at the core of our work. Pray that our message can reach the wider New Zealand community, that people will support the work of the Leprosy Mission, in transforming the lives of those affected by leprosy.

Thursday 3 August

Thanks and praise for the opportunity given to staff, volunteers and Youth Advocates to speak to church and community groups about leprosy. With God's favour, pray for increased support from churches and organisations, that more people will open their hearts to people affected by leprosy.

Friday 4 August

This year's Youth Advocates are hosting different fundraisers around New Zealand to raise funds for a digital X-ray machine for Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. Praise God for their heart for people affected by leprosy. Pray for successful fundraising outcomes, so that leprosy-affected people suffering ongoing debilitating damage from the disease can be diagnosed and treated effectively.

Saturday 5 August / Sunday 6 August

Give thanks for the runners who are participating in the Leprosy Mission's Running 4 Rights team in events around the country to raise awareness and funds to cure, care for and restore people affected by leprosy. The Auckland Marathon on 29th October is open for participants to do anything from a 5km dash to a full marathon.

New Zealand

Monday 7 August

This quarter of the year will begin a time of change for LMNZ. Sadly we had to say farewell to Jane Walker who had been LMNZ's Fundraising Manager for the last two and a half years. Praise God for her diligence and expertise. Jane is back in the UK for her wedding and will be spending time with family. We wish Jane well for the next chapter of her life.

Tuesday 8 August

We want to say a heartfelt welcome to Sarita Divis, who is replacing Jane Walker as our new Fundraising Manager; and Jasper Oei, who is taking over from Jasleen Kler as Programme Manager while Jasleen is taking her parental leave. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they take up their new roles.

Wednesday 9 August

Give thanks for Blair Matheson, a supporter from Taupo. Earlier this year, he travelled to Bangladesh and taught sessions on problem solving and small business mentoring. Give thanks for Blair's expertise and his willingness in helping people affected by leprosy. Blair's mentoring intuition for small scale businesses and marketing expertise will add much value to the income generation activities in Bangladesh.

Thursday 10 August

Praise and pray today for Gillian Whitley, Executive Director, who has diligently worked for the LMNZ for ten years. Yearly Gillian leads Youth Advocate trips to Nepal and Supporter Tours to India. Gillian also liaises with charitable trusts and businesses. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment as Gillian leads the rest of the team in supporting people affected by leprosy.

Friday 11 August

With the declining number of people using cash, we are very appreciative of our moneybox supporters who faithfully support leprosy-affected people through our moneybox programme. Praise God for our nationwide moneybox collectors who devote their time in collecting money from different locations to help in curing, caring for and restoring people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 12 August / Sunday 13 August

Praise God for the positive relationships that LMNZ has with implementing countries and partner organisations. Pray that these partnerships will continue to bring hope and lasting change to leprosy-affected people around the world. Pray our Mission work can break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

India

Monday 14 August

Leprosy is still a feared disease in India. Individuals and families affected by leprosy face stigma and discrimination every day. Therefore, TLM India is petitioning for passing of the EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination against People Affected by Leprosy) Bill in India's Parliament. This Bill has the ability to bring great change in the lives of leprosy-affected people. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and support from the legislators.

Tuesday 15 August

TLM India is in the process of implementing its country strategy. Staff members engage with strategic partners at state and national levels to highlight issues of people affected by leprosy, and aim to change current negative attitudes and practices. Pray for

God's guidance and provision in implementing the strategy which calls for changing societal mindsets on the issue of leprosy.

Wednesday 16 August

TLM India conducts its programmes in partnership with the Indian Government, World Health Organisation and the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Association (ILEP) to achieve its vision, 'people affected by leprosy living with dignity in a transformed, inclusive society that has overcome leprosy.' Please pray for God's guidance, and positive attitudes of the government functionaries, in order to maximise the impact of support for people affected by leprosy.

Thursday 17 August

TLM India delivers its healthcare programme through 14 hospitals across 9 states in India. Give thanks for the quality leprosy care being provided through TLM India's hospitals to heal and restore fullness of life to leprosy patients. Please pray for wisdom and strength for the staff working in the hospitals as many of them are working in extremely difficult conditions.

Friday 18 August

Many people affected by leprosy do not come for early treatment due to lack of awareness about the disease. Please pray for God's blessings on TLM India's efforts to raise awareness for the need of early diagnosis, and to provide appropriate treatment in time, so that patients can remain free from disability, and those who are already disabled can be well rehabilitated.

Saturday 19 August / Sunday 20 August

Self-help groups in India are formed to enable disadvantaged households to receive a better income through improved livelihood opportunities. Pray for God's abundant blessing to all self-help group members, so that they can experience real transformation in their quality of life.

Ethiopia

Monday 21 August

Over the past few years, LMNZ has partnered with TLM Ethiopia and ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association of People Affected by Leprosy) in

increasing community awareness of the causes and consequences of leprosy, and providing income generation opportunities for leprosy-affected people. Praise for the successful partnership which has been benefiting thousands of leprosy-affected people, and has transformed ENAPAL into a well-recognised grassroots organisation.

Tuesday 22 August

The Grain Mills Project is one of LMNZ's successful interventions in helping people affected by leprosy to live a self-sustainable life and reintegrate into their community. Praise God for this effective initiative which generated much needed income for people and families affected by leprosy. This project has also successfully broken down barriers between people affected by leprosy and the wider community, as people from the local area are now buying grains from leprosy-affected people.

Wednesday 23 August

LMNZ works hand in hand with ENAPAL in providing scholarship support for children from impoverished families of people affected by leprosy in Ethiopia. Praise the Lord! In the past year, 236 children have received educational support across Ethiopia. They were provided with educational materials like exercise books, pens, pencils, uniforms and school fees. A small number of adults were also supported to attending evening classes to attain a school leaving certificate to give them better job prospects.

Thursday 24 August

International organisations working in Ethiopia need to comply with strict Government rules which includes detailed procedures for ongoing registration. Pray for country representatives, Tanny and Berihun, as they work diligently to ensure TLM Ethiopia complies with every requirement. Pray also that TLM Ethiopia's small team of staff can maintain good relationships with partners and government.

Friday 25 August

Remember Tesfaye Tadesse, Manager of ENAPAL as he continues to raise community awareness of the causes and consequences of leprosy and works towards ENAPAL's vision, 'a stigma-free society without isolation or discrimination'. ENAPAL has around 20,000

leprosy-affected and other disabled people as members. Pray that God will use ENAPAL in reaching out to those most in need, to help transform lives and eradicate leprosy in Ethiopia.

Saturday 26 August / Sunday 27 August

Around 5,000 new cases of leprosy are diagnosed every year in Ethiopia. Pray for effectively run self-help groups, these groups are extremely important to give encouragement, access to vital health services and skills training for leprosy-affected people to improve their living standards, and hope for the future.

Youth Advocates

Monday 28 August

Each year, we choose a group of enthusiastic young people to become advocates for the vital work we do with leprosy-affected people. Youth Advocates will then travel to Nepal and visit the Leprosy Mission hospital. They will share the life stories of people affected by leprosy and the Leprosy Mission staff. What a wonderful thing to be part of! Give thanks to all those who have a heart for mission, and have shown interest in becoming Youth Advocates in 2018.

Tuesday 29 August

Meg de Reus, one of our 2016 Youth Advocates, is going back to Nepal for three months as an unpaid trainee nurse at Anandaban Hospital. Praise God for her heart in serving people affected by leprosy. Pray also for God's protection upon her and may God bless her hands and all that she touches.

Wednesday 30 August

Give thanks for Youth Advocates Callum Hammond, Eunice Ng, John Park and Kaleb Grant who took time off their busy schedule to support LMNZ during Coast Really Good Gifts Day. They shared their first-hand experiences in Nepal and helped receive phone calls from people making donations.

Thursday 31 August

Praise for our Wellington-based Youth Advocate, Eunice Gueco, who recently ran a half marathon to help raise funds for a new X-ray machine for Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. She has also shared her experience in Nepal with WelCom, a newspaper for the Wellington and Palmerston North Catholic Diocese.