



**The Leprosy
Mission**
New Zealand

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***‘Commit to the Lord whatever
you do, and he will establish
your plans.’***

Proverbs 16v3

Community Development

Thursday 1 August

With the right support and infrastructure, communities can lift themselves out of poverty and reduce the spread of leprosy. Self-help groups are at the heart of many of our projects in leprosy affected countries. The groups are designed to bring leprosy-affected people together to rebuild their confidence, re-integrate into their families and communities, and gain the skills and confidence they need to become socially and economically independent. Praise God for the leaders of these groups, and pray they continue to grow.

Friday 2 August

People affected by leprosy are most empowered when they are accepted back into their communities with a sense of pride, dignity and self-worth. Pray that through education we can dispel the myths surrounding the disease and build inclusive families and communities. Pray that people affected by leprosy can feel confident with a future free from fear and discrimination.

Saturday 3 August / Sunday 4 August

The Leprosy Mission helps establish savings and loans groups where people disadvantaged by leprosy, disabilities and poverty can come together to build up financial resources and set up income-generating businesses. Praise God that many of these enterprises have been successful, and have helped lift those affected by leprosy out of such extreme poverty.

Nepal

Monday 5 August

The laboratory at Anandaban Hospital is one of the most important research centres for leprosy in the developing world. Praise and prayer for Dr. Indra Napit and his team of doctors and nurses, who perform more than 1,500 surgeries per year. Pray the Lord will give them strength and bless their hands as they transform the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 6 August

Every year Nepal suffers from flooding and landslides which affect the lives of people affected by leprosy and of the Mission staff, as well as hindering our projects. Pray for God's protection over the disaster prone areas. Pray also that projects are planned wisely to reduce and overcome the effects from such disasters.

Wednesday 7 August

Praise the Lord! We wrote to supporters last year about Shanti, a young Nepali woman whose fingers were severely burnt and infected when she arrived at the Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital. She received multi-drug therapy, and reconstructive surgery was performed to correct the clawing of her hands. Shanti can hold a pen now and can go back to school.

Thursday 8 August

Pray for those currently undergoing treatment at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Pray for their emotional and mental wellbeing as they prepare for surgeries, especially those who do not have family support around them. Pray that the incredible doctors, nurses and counsellors will be able to provide that support for these vulnerable people on their journey to be cured of leprosy.

Friday 9 August

Give thanks for the medical teams who, through outreach clinics to remote villages, identify and treat

leprosy patients. Pray that there are many more opportunities to find the 'hidden' cases of leprosy, and that the fear of diagnosis and stigma of the disease will not prevent people from seeking treatment. Pray that leprosy can be diagnosed early and long-term disability can be avoided.

Saturday 10 August / Sunday 11 August

Praise and give thanks for Deanna Hagge, Research Director for TLM Nepal and Mycobacterial Research Laboratories, for her diligence and devotion. Pray that her leprosy research projects at Anandaban Hospital will increase international knowledge about leprosy and further the work being done to bring an end to this dreadful disease.

Community Awareness

Monday 12 August

Coast 'Really Good Gifts Day' was held on 24th July. LMNZ was live on air all day with Coast radio to promote 'Really Good Gifts'. Give thanks for the team at Coast and all who tuned in. Their gifts will make a huge difference to those affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 13 August

Pray that from the Coast 'Really Good Gifts Day' many people will choose to support LMNZ in an ongoing way, so that more people affected by leprosy will be able to receive the treatment they need. Pray a blessing on all those who have already given, and give thanks for the wonderful gifts they have given to someone in need.

Wednesday 14 August

Applications for 2020 Youth Advocates are currently open. Pray that many applications are received as young people's hearts are opened on hearing of the devastating effect leprosy has in Nepal and that they feel a calling to become a Youth Advocate. Pray that the Lord will guide them in their decision-making.

Thursday 15 August

This year's Youth Advocates are raising funds for a new vehicle for the Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital. Praise God for their heart for people affected by leprosy. Pray for successful fundraising outcomes, so that the work in Anandaban Hospital can run more

efficiently and more leprosy-affected patients can benefit.

Friday 16 August

Give thanks 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 for and restore people affected by leprosy. The Auckland Marathon on 20th October is still open for participants, with options to suit everyone from a 5km dash to a full marathon.

Saturday 17 August / Sunday 18 August

Thanks and praise for the opportunities given to staff, volunteers and Youth Advocates to speak to church and community groups about leprosy. Pray that those who hear their message will open their hearts to this worthy cause and be inspired to join with us in defeating leprosy.

India

Monday 19 August

About 60% of people diagnosed with leprosy live in India. Muzaffarpur Hospital provides treatment for leprosy and general health problems. Please pray for success in the major ongoing activities of diagnosis and treatment of leprosy, reconstructive surgery, ulcer management and prevention of disability.

Tuesday 20 August

Physiotherapy, counselling and specialist eye care services are available at Muzaffarpur Hospital as part of the cure, care and restoration of patients with leprosy. Please pray that funds will continue to be available for this vital work so that more people can go on to live full lives.

Wednesday 21 August

The treatment that patients receive becomes a journey as they are cured, cared for and restored into a positive future. Pray that more people can receive the treatment they need and find out how valuable they are. Pray for early diagnosis for more people so that they do not have to live with disabilities caused by leprosy.

Thursday 22 August

LMNZ also supports a Vocational Training Centre in Faizabad. Thank God that hundreds of students from families affected by leprosy have received much-needed skills training and educational help. Pray for the ongoing work of this centre, as it gives hope and opportunity for the future of young people.

Friday 23 August

Once students have received training in courses such as electronics, computing, car mechanics and sewing, Placement Officers help them get jobs that use their skills. Pray for opportunities for employment and for wisdom and discernment for the Placement Officers as they go about finding these opportunities for students. Pray for God's favour on this centre.

Saturday 24 August / Sunday 25 August

In communities in which we work, people who have been cured of leprosy have been able to tell others where to get help. Praise God for this willingness and thank God for the blessing these people have received. Pray for the breakdown of barriers of discrimination so that people are not stigmatised and isolated.

Global Fellowship

Monday 26 August

Leprosy robs millions of people worldwide of their health, happiness and human rights. It harms people in multiple ways and the Leprosy Mission aims to transform people's lives through health and disability care, rehabilitation, education, better livelihoods and advocacy for social change. Praise God that the Global Fellowship supports 200 projects in 33 countries around the world.

Tuesday 27 August

Someone is newly diagnosed with leprosy every two minutes and millions live with the consequences of the disease – but many people around the world don't know it exists. Pray that through the fundraising teams in supporter nations many will come to know that leprosy is a mildly infectious and treatable disease, and will be moved to support efforts to end leprosy transmission by 2035.

Wednesday 28 August

Pray that the programmes teams in supporter nations will be successful in securing funding from institutional donors and in providing funding packages and feedback to supporting churches. Pray that people will be moved by compassion and will feel valued as participants in the fight towards eradication of this condition.

Thursday 29 August

Pray for the effectiveness of advocacy activities which encourage community empowerment, combat stigma and challenge anti-leprosy legislation. These activities are a further step towards restoring people to a fuller, healthier life with hope for the future. Pray for wisdom, vision and commitment for all those involved at this level.

Friday 30 August

The Leprosy Mission truly is a global fellowship. Supporter nations uphold our partners around the world financially, practically and prayerfully, so that they can deliver the care and support needed by people affected by leprosy. Thank God for a global vision with the same goal to end leprosy transmission by 2035. Pray for all those involved so that the support can have the greatest impact possible.

Saturday 31 August

Father's Day Weekend - We give thanks and honour all fathers and father figures for their love, sacrifice and provision for their families. Pray God fills every father with joy, wisdom and strength, especially this weekend.