



Prayer & Praise

**Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer**

August 2020

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10:11

Saturday 1 August/Sunday 2 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.

India

Monday 3 August

Protective shoes are valuable for many people with ulcers and injuries on their feet. Praise God for the generosity of supporters who have given to provide shoes for many leprosy-affected people in India,

whose ability to move around and to work has improved because of these aids.

Tuesday 4 August

The Vocational Training Centre based at Faizabad Leprosy Mission Hospital provides young men and women from families affected by leprosy the opportunity to receive an education to help them break free from poverty and stigma. At present, students are at home and are continuing with online learning where possible. Please pray that there will be little disruption to the students' learning.

Wednesday 5 August

Please pray for possibilities and opportunities for employment to open up for students affected by leprosy to give them back the social standing that leprosy may have stolen. Pray that their futures will be filled with hope and that the stigma of leprosy will be a thing of the past.

Thursday 6 August

Pray that the work at Muzaffarpur Hospital will be able to continue. This well-equipped hospital dispenses medication to cure people of leprosy. It also provides hand and foot reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, counselling and eye care, all vital in the care of patients so they can be restored to their families and homes with hope for the future.

Friday 7 August

Thank the Lord for the generous giving of supporters who have enabled Muzaffarpur Hospital to treat and care for patients with leprosy and its complications for over 100 years. Pray that the goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035 will become a reality through the efforts of all those who serve at, and all those who give to, this hospital and others like it.

Saturday 8 August / Sunday 9 August

Doctors, nurses, carers and all other staff at Muzaffarpur Hospital are Hospital Heroes for the work they continually carry out, without the complication of Covid-19. Thank the Lord that thousands of people have been able to go from the hospital cured after being cared for by those staff, both past and present.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 10 August

The Sustainable Livelihoods Development Project aims to reduce leprosy by focusing on health and livelihoods. Praise God for the clear aims of this project and for the co-operation between the WHO, the NZ government, TLMNZ and the government of Papua New Guinea. Please pray that the positive relationships will continue to strengthen.

Tuesday 11 August

One goal of the Sustainable Livelihoods Development Project is to eradicate leprosy through detection, treatment, education and training. Pray for the success of leprosy eradication programmes in detecting the condition and treating people affected by leprosy. Pray that people will not be ashamed to come for treatment and pray for the medication to be accessible for all who need it.

Wednesday 12 August

Pray for the success of education and training programmes so that people know that leprosy is not to be feared. Pray that the stigma associated with the condition can be eliminated so discrimination against people affected by leprosy and their families will end.

Thursday 13 August

Sustainable livelihoods will mean better nutrition and living conditions so people will not be susceptible to leprosy as their immune systems will be stronger. Please pray that the ongoing income generation activities and training will be successful in lifting the living standards for many people affected by leprosy.

Friday 14 August

A new project, the PNG Healthy Communities Project, focussed on preventative health, is modelled on the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project. Please pray that newly appointed team members can quickly take up their roles and that the project can begin effectively and immediately have a positive impact in the communities.

Saturday 15 August / Sunday 16 August

Within the PNG Healthy Communities Project, pray that team members and new volunteers can establish

strong relationships within their teams and with the communities. This is vital for the success of this project.

Bougainville

Monday 17 August

Data collection for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project is moving from paper based to electronic. Please pray for the success of the implementation and for the district facilitators to have enthusiasm for the use of the software. Please pray that people will find it easy to use.

Tuesday 18 August

There have been some key changes of staff in the Bougainville Department of Health. Please pray that the relationship between the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project and the Department of Health will continue to strengthen and they will work together well so that the goals of the BHCP can be fulfilled.

Wednesday 19 August

Pray for the development of curricula for training in leadership, governance and health to be carried out as part of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project. Pray that God will give wisdom and insight to those involved in developing these documents and that they will address the right issues so that people affected by leprosy will become empowered to improve their lives.

Thursday 20 August

Once developed the curricula will be rolled out in training. Pray for successful development of the training rounds, so they will be interactive and interesting. Also pray that the lessons learnt will be able to be shared successfully and that people affected by leprosy will benefit.

Friday 21 August

Praise God for the appointment of June Makasu, the newly-appointed Gender and Development Co-ordinator. Pray for wisdom as she develops a curriculum and carries out training regarding gender based issues prevalent in the communities.

Saturday 22 August/Sunday 23 August

Pray for the senior management of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project as they make important decisions and take the project forward. The aim is to address health issues within communities so people become more aware of health issues and their symptoms and are able to get help early.

Nepal

Monday 24 August

The government of Nepal has eased the lockdown, although not ended it. The Leprosy Mission Nepal country office and project office have reopened on a rotation basis, so staff attend as necessary but can still maintain social distance. Nepal has over 6500 cases of Coronavirus. Please pray that TLM Nepal staff, patients and families will remain safe from the virus.

Tuesday 25 August

Anandaban Hospital has a fever clinic running. They are distributing masks, hand sanitizer and soap in the local catchment area and to people coming to the hospital for any treatment. Leaflets are also being provided and jingles broadcast on local radio. Please pray that all these measures will be effective in stopping Covid-19 from coming to Anandaban Hospital.

Wednesday 26 August

TLM supports the groups with skills development for improved livelihoods, access to micro credit, food security and educational opportunities for children. Give thanks for provision for these groups, for disability care; raising awareness of people's rights; improvement of social status; and economic and income development.

Thursday 27 August

Please pray for the staff and patients of Anandaban Hospital, who develop strong connections throughout the journey of someone being cured of leprosy. Give thanks for the safe, caring relationships between patients and staff as patients undergo the cure, are cared for and prepared to return to their communities.

Friday 28 August

Give thanks for the restorative surgery, rehabilitation and disability-preventing support provided at Anandaban Hospital. These make a world of difference

in curing people of leprosy and enabling them to return to full participation in their communities.

Saturday 29 August / Sunday 30 August

Patan Clinic provides diagnosis, treatment and a Community Rehabilitation Programme in Kathmandu. Give thanks for this weekly clinic, which reaches out to the wider community to raise awareness of leprosy and the treatment that is available. Please also pray for staff and volunteer health workers who travel to rural areas of Kathmandu to support members of self-help groups.

New Zealand

Monday 31 August

Thank the Lord for the generosity of New Zealand supporters who have continued to give and to pray for people affected by leprosy. Give thanks for the many letters, cards and emails we have received during the last few months, which have been encouraging and affirming. Pray for blessing for all our supporters.