



**December 2019**

***‘And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love; but the  
greatest of these is love.’***

***1 Corinthians 13v13***

**Papua New Guinea**

**Sunday 1 December / Monday 2 December**

Please pray for Natalie Smith, the Country Leader for TLM Papua New Guinea. Pray for wisdom and strength in her leadership and pray for security in her living situation and as she moves around Port Moresby and other parts of the country.

**Tuesday 3 December**

Today is International Day of Persons with Disabilities. People often become disabled through having leprosy, which affects the nerves in the hands and feet and around the eyes. Please pray for healing for those disabled through leprosy and pray that the work being done to cure leprosy will result in many more cures before disability happens.

**Wednesday 4 December**

Pray that in Papua New Guinea the Community Mentors Mobilisers will be effective in their activities

so that those with leprosy can be diagnosed early and receive the cure before they are injured or have other complications which can lead to disability.

**Thursday 5 December**

Please pray for Leprosy Control activities in Papua New Guinea. These are implemented in collaboration with the National Department of Health and the World Health Organisation. Pray that the organisations involved can co-operate well and that through this initiative more people affected by leprosy can be cured.

**Friday 6 December**

Pray for the success of the livelihoods development training that teaches vital skills like savings, budgeting and marketing for people affected by leprosy, so that they can become economically independent. Thank God for the willingness of people to learn new skills despite the difficulties they have. Pray for fruitful opportunities to use their new skills.

**Saturday 7 December / Sunday 8 December**

Thank God for the commitment of people working among those affected by leprosy in PNG. Pray for healthy, respectful relationships with those they are assisting and pray a blessing over their lives as they work among the communities. Pray for safety as they travel.

**Really Good Gifts**

**Monday 9 December**

The Really Good Gifts can make a big difference to the lives of individuals suffering or recovering from leprosy. The gift of sight for someone whose vision has been badly affected by leprosy will make the difference between dependence and independence for the rest of their life. Thank God for the generosity of supporters who have donated for the Really Good Gifts initiative this year.

**Tuesday 10 December**

Please pray for Bishal, the young lad who is being treated for leprosy and who has had a difficult time as his young body has reacted strongly to the disease. Thank God that his mother was able to be with him at the hospital and that now the rest of the family have been able to join them and find work. Pray for total

healing for Bishal and a bright future for him and his family.

**Wednesday 11 December**

A sheet of beautiful handmade paper has been gifted to supporters who ordered some of the gifts from the Really Good Gifts catalogue. Bishal's mother, Lalsari, has had work making this paper, which means that the family have been able to have an income while away from home. Thank God for this opportunity for Bishal's mother. Please pray for peace for the family as Bishal goes through his treatment.

**Thursday 12 December**

For a father or mother to be able to support their family and send their children to school gives hope for the future. A teashop business start-up kit, a fish farm, a tradesman's toolkit and a watermelon farm are a few of the Really Good Gifts that will change the lives of families affected by leprosy. Please pray that families who give and those who receive will be equally blessed through the RGG programme.

**Friday 13 December**

Today is the deadline for Really Good Gift orders so that they can be processed before Christmas. Thank God for the many orders and donations that have come in and pray that the gifts will provide hope and practical help for those who receive them. Pray that people who have been affected by leprosy will prosper because they receive a Really Good Gift.

**Saturday 14 December/Sunday 15 December**

Imagine what a goat or a dairy cow can mean for a young child and their family. To be able to have fresh milk will improve their nutrition so that children are less likely to contract leprosy. To be able to sell or trade milk for other necessities can make a huge difference to a family's health and improve their everyday life. Thank God that many families are able to be given these things through the Really Good Gifts programme.

**New Zealand**

**Monday 16 December**

Thank the Lord for the committed support of many churches throughout the country, some of whom have

generously donated and prayed for leprosy sufferers for many years. Praise God for the continued generosity of many people whose hearts for the poor have prompted them to support this work.

#### **Tuesday 17 December**

Give thanks for the dedication of the TLM NZ board members, who freely give their time to this cause. Thank God for their experience and expertise and pray for wisdom for them as they make decisions. Pray a blessing for them and their families for Christmas.

#### **Wednesday 18 December**

Praise God for the new supporters who have generously given for people affected by leprosy this year. Pray that their hearts will be moved to become regular givers and that families and friends will be encouraged to become supporters too, so that more people who need treatment can receive the cure, be cared for and restored into a positive future.

#### **Thursday 19 December**

Brent Morgan, the International Director of The Leprosy Mission, based in London, will be travelling just before and after Christmas. Please pray for his safety and for a blessed Christmas for him and his family. Thank God for the dedication and experience of this man in leading this global organization. Pray for foresight and wisdom for him and his team.

#### **Friday 20 December**

Today is the last day that the staff of TLM NZ will be in the office for this year. Please pray for rest and refreshment for each one during the holiday season. Pray that they will be blessed and able to start the new year with enthusiasm and freshness.

#### **Saturday 21 December/Sunday 22 December**

Thank God for his continued blessing over TLM this year. Thank Him for wisdom and persistence and that so much has been able to be achieved, both in this country with raising funds and in the programmes we support around the world. Pray that the Christmas season may be a time of special blessing for everyone affected by leprosy no matter where in the world they are.

### **Praise & Thanksgiving**

#### **Monday 23 December**

Give thanks for the 27 member countries who are part of the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, working to support leprosy-affected people around the world. Give thanks for the 2035 goal of zero transmission of leprosy. Pray that there will be breakthrough in the discovery of the ways leprosy can be diagnosed, treated and transmitted.

#### **Tuesday 24 December**

At Christmas we remember the blessings in our lives. Give thanks for the support and love that leprosy-affected people are shown at hospitals and clinics around the world. For all those people who today will receive the devastating diagnosis, pray that they feel safe, supported and loved.

#### **Wednesday 25 December**

**Merry Christmas!** We rejoice for the precious gift of Jesus Christ, born to us this day. Praise God for the hope we have in His birth. Pray for the good news of Christ's birth to be spread around New Zealand and across the world. Thank God for His compassion for all of us.

#### **Thursday 26 December**

Research into the unanswered questions surrounding leprosy is hugely important. Give thanks for the TLM research laboratory in Anandaban Hospital, Nepal which recruits and supervises masters and PHD students. As they study, pray that these students will be called to dedicate their skills and talents to the eradication of leprosy.

#### **Friday 27 December**

Praise God for the wonderful volunteers at LMNZ who give their time each week to support our work around the world. Give thanks for their dedication and heart for leprosy-affected people. Pray that more volunteers will be called to support the work of the mission next year and that they will understand the value of what they do.

#### **Saturday 28 December/Sunday 29 December**

Pray for the preparations for World Leprosy Sunday which takes place next month. Pray that those making presentations around the world will be given the

encouragement and words they need so that more support and awareness can be raised for leprosy-affected people. Pray that the discrimination and stigma associated with this condition will be addressed by governments and worldwide organisations.

### **International Leprosy Congress**

#### **Monday 30 December**

The International Leprosy Congress was held in September. Thank God for the collaborative connections made between participants, which will help key organisations to work together in the fight to eradicate leprosy in the years ahead. Pray that this is just the beginning of a new level of co-operation towards the goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035.

#### **Tuesday 31 December**

Praise God that Brent Morgan the International Director of TLM has participated in presentations at the UN, which have led to the UN requesting countries to address the stigma and discrimination affecting people with leprosy. Thank God that leprosy has been brought into focus with these discussions and pray that efforts will continue until the stigma of leprosy has gone.

