



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

December 2021

***‘Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, goodwill
toward men.’***

Isaiah 61:3

Worldwide

Wednesday 1 December

The climate crisis is having a major impact on many of the communities that Leprosy Mission serves. Floods are common in India, Nepal and Bangladesh as well as droughts in many parts of the world. Please pray that solutions will be found that will ease the burden on the poorest people who suffer the most.

Thursday 2 December

A state of emergency is in force in Ethiopia amid escalating fighting between government forces and Tigrayan fighters. Amid allegations of extreme brutality on both sides, please pray for the people of Ethiopia, caught in the middle of another conflict.

Friday 3 December

A military coup has taken place in Sudan. There is widespread uncertainty and fear as the mixed civilian and military government was overthrown and the future is up in the air. Please pray for God's will to be done in Sudan and for leaders to arise who love justice.

Saturday 4 December/ Sunday 5 December

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the work of many projects designed to assist people with leprosy and disability in the poorest nations. Please pray that projects, self-help groups and vocational training can quickly resume so that people affected by leprosy can find hope for the future.

Really Good Gifts

Monday 6 December

Gift choices for the Leprosy Mission Really Good Gifts campaign need to be with the office by 13 December. This will ensure the cards can be received by supporters before Christmas. Please pray that those whose hearts are moved for those affected by leprosy will be able to let us know their choices in plenty of time to receive the cards.

Tuesday 7 December

As a gift, hand surgery will restore the life of someone affected by leprosy whose fingers have clawed so they can no longer perform everyday tasks easily. Hand surgery is a lifeline for those who use their hands as a means of making a living, like tailors. Give thanks that life can be restored to people through this Really Good Gift.

Wednesday 8 December

Hospital and medical staff are the heroes of the Covid-19 pandemic. The gift of 'Protect a Nurse' will provide essential supplies such as N95 masks, face shields, personal protection gowns and gloves. This can be the difference between staying healthy or contracting the virus for people on the front lines. Please pray that nurses, doctors, and other medical staff will benefit greatly from these supplies.

Thursday 9 December

Pray for people like Rima and her family in Bangladesh, for whom Covid-19 has been a crisis on top of a crisis,

with lockdowns and illness preventing many people from working. For people affected by leprosy who rely on daily wages and have no other support during lockdowns a Covid Emergency Kit is a lifeline. It provides essential food supplies, hand sanitiser, masks, and reliable information about Covid. Give thanks for the difference this Really Good Gift makes in the lives of families affected by leprosy.

Friday 10 December

Learning materials such as exercise books and pencils for a childlike Rahul enable him to go to school. A school bag for a childlike Akira is just the ticket...she is full of joy at being able to go to school and start music lessons. Give thanks that these children and others like them from families affected by leprosy benefit from the generosity of New Zealanders.

Saturday 11 December/ Sunday 12 December

Some people affected by leprosy need many days, even weeks or months in hospital as part of the cure and care they receive. Please pray that many days in hospital will be able to be provided because of the kindness and generous hearts of people who give to the Really Good Gifts Appeal.

Myanmar

Monday 13 December

From 13th to 15th December the Myanmar Annual Country Learning conference will take place. This is the first time since the beginning of the pandemic that the whole team of Leprosy Mission Myanmar will meet physically together. Please pray for travelling mercies and a productive time at the ACL.

Tuesday 14 December

December is a busy month for the Human Resources team of Leprosy Mission Myanmar as they recruit new staff for some projects to be expanded in 2022. Please pray for the right candidates to fill the vacant and the newly formed positions.

Wednesday 15 December

There is increasing need for orthotic, orthopaedic, and prosthetic appliances among those affected by leprosy and disability in Myanmar. Please pray for

construction of a new workshop building to be completed soon. This project, which also includes a dormitory, on which it is hoped that construction will be able to start in the next few months, has been a faith project since 2011.

Thursday 16 December

Leprosy Mission Myanmar's GRACE project will work with increased numbers of churches in 2022 and beyond. Please pray for the team members as they reach out to churches to consult with and educate people about leprosy and other disabilities. Please pray for increased enthusiasm among churches and for commitment to the work Leprosy Mission wants to accomplish.

Friday 17 December

Leprosy Mission Myanmar is planning for activities around World Leprosy Day in January. This will be done in association with Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy, churches and other partners. Please pray for meaningful celebration of this event to raise awareness of leprosy and disability in the communities. Due to Covid-19 and the political situation because of the military coup it will be necessary to adapt their plans if an emergency arises.

Saturday 18 December/ Sunday 19 December

Please pray for many regions across Myanmar where People's Defence Forces are taking up arms against the military. Retaliation is prevalent, with houses and churches burnt down in some villages. The Myanmar military have cut off supplies to some areas. Please pray for stability and the control of Covid in the country.

India

Monday 20 December

Leprosy Mission Trust India continues to create awareness about different aspects of leprosy among communities, healthcare workers and other involved parties. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will be empowered to come out of the snare of stigma and to advocate for the government support and benefits that are theirs by right.

Tuesday 21 December

Pray that the team of Leprosy Mission Trust India can provide people affected by leprosy with the opportunities and platforms at all levels so they can highlight and take up issues that affect their inclusion in society. Please pray for God's strength for people affected by leprosy and the TLMTI team as they engage with local authorities to ensure that affirmative action policies are implemented to achieve rehabilitation and inclusion.

Wednesday 22 December

This year the Covid-19 pandemic took lives and overwhelmed healthcare facilities. Nationwide lockdown disrupted the treatment of people affected by leprosy. Give thanks that Leprosy Mission Trust India medical staff were able to show resolve and resilience as they tackled the crisis. Pray for God's continued guidance as TLMTI continue to reach out to people who need treatment, livelihood support and help in accessing social benefits.

Thursday 23 December

Pray that Leprosy Mission Trust India can attract the younger generation to work and serve, especially doctors who are committed and willing to work for the most vulnerable sections of society. Also pray for God's miraculous power so that all staff members will continue to work together in humility to serve those affected by leprosy. Please pray that God will keep each one and their families safe.

Friday 24 December

The community-based rehabilitation projects of Leprosy Mission Trust India focus on supporting people affected by leprosy and other disabilities with skills development and training. The aim is to prepare people to look ahead and create livelihood opportunities. They can then have hope for the future and become agents for change in their communities. Pray for the success of these projects in assisting people to improve their lives and build more resilient communities.

Saturday 25 December

Christmas Day! This is the Day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it! Thank God for the precious gift of His Son, through Whom we are

reconciled to the Father and able to have a growing, dynamic relationship with Him.

Papua New Guinea

Sunday 26 December/ Monday 27 December

Please pray for wisdom for the government of Papua New Guinea. Pray that their Covid control strategies and testing systems will be effective and that there will be a substantial increase in the uptake of vaccines.

Tuesday 28 December

There has been an increase in anti-vaccination rallies in PNG. Please pray for the law enforcement agencies as they manage the situation. Pray also for the hospital authorities as they manage the latest outbreak of Covid-19.

Wednesday 29 December

Please pray that the most vulnerable people in communities, such as those affected by leprosy and disability will be protected and provided with support to meet their needs. Pray that vaccines will become available to them.

Thursday 30 December

Please pray for protection from Covid for the staff and volunteers of Leprosy Mission PNG and their families. Pray that the team manage to carry on their work and support the government in tackling the current Covid upsurge.

Friday 31 December

Leprosy Mission PNG runs projects that focus on sustainable livelihoods and health. Please pray that the innovative projects will provide vulnerable people with a living. Pray for God's intervention as community volunteers lead their communities in health, governance, and livelihoods support.