



February 2017

‘All the end of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him.’

Psalm 22v27

India Innovations

Wednesday 1 February

Pray for expansion of dairy farming at Faizabad. This small dairy farm provides food for students and staff at the Vocational Training Centre and the hospital. It also provides a small income as the remaining milk can be sold at the local market. Pray that this initiative continues to succeed and provides food for the centre and community.

Thursday 2 February

Pray for the success of the women’s empowerment project in Barabanki, India (WEALTH). Pray that the women have increased participation in decision making at community and household level. Please pray that they can have strength and courage to speak out about their firm beliefs.

Friday 3 February

Pray for the organic farming initiative of Faizabad Vocational Training Centre. Pray that the organic farming will improve their social and economic status through income generation. Pray that this project will

succeed in encouraging and equipping more leprosy-affected individuals to set up small businesses.

Saturday 4 / Sunday 5 February

Give thanks for researchers at the Stanley Browne Research Laboratory in India. With their on-going study, the government has decided to launch Mycobacterium indicus pranii (MIP), an exclusive vaccine for leprosy, which has the potential to bring down new cases of leprosy by 60% in three years. Pray for leprosy-affected people and families in India and pray that leprosy can be eradicated once and for all.

Research

Monday 6 February

The International Leprosy Congress (ILC) is held every three years and brings together the organisations working in the field of leprosy. In 2016, the ILC highlighted research undertaken by The Leprosy Mission and partner leprosy organisations. Please pray for all involved in this vital work to bring an end to leprosy.

Tuesday 7 February

There are many unanswered questions in the field of leprosy, from the mechanism of transmission, to the reasons why some people get severe nerve damage despite good treatment, to the best ways to reduce the stigma of leprosy in a community. Pray for more funding and skilled staff so that more research can be accomplished.

Wednesday 8 February

Dr Deanna Hagge is the microbiologist based at the Research Centre in Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. Deanna presented a number of research papers at the ILC focusing on both clinical research and psychological wellbeing. Praise for Deanna’s expertise and commitment in the fight against leprosy. Pray for strength and wisdom for this challenging but worthwhile work.

Thursday 9 February

Stephen Levi is the Superintendent of The Leprosy Mission’s hospital in Delhi, India. He drew attention to the impact of transforming an exclusive leprosy hospital into a leprosy-focused general hospital.

Praise to the initiatives that break down barriers and facilitate integration for people affected by leprosy.

Friday 10 February

The Leprosy Mission Nepal shared experiences from the 2015 earthquake and they are involved in developing disaster resilient communities. These included the vital role of Self-Help Group members in disaster response, to reduce stigma and enhance community participation. Pray that these learnings will enrich other projects during times of emergency.

Saturday 11 February

Give thanks for the large number of presentations made by TLM staff at the International Leprosy Congress in Beijing in September 2016. Pray that the links made at that meeting will bear fruit in lasting and productive collaborations in the coming years.

Sunday 12 February

Praise God for Michael Chen, leading HANDA Rehabilitation & Welfare Association in the South of China, he emphasised the role people affected by leprosy can play as advocates for access to better leprosy services. Please pray for grassroots organisations like HANDA who empower individuals and communities affected by leprosy.

Cure One

Monday 13 February

We believe now there is a cure for leprosy it can be ended in a generation. We are trying our best to reach out to those most in need, one at a time. Our Cure One programme provides an opportunity for our supporters to help free the world of leprosy forever. Pray for God’s provision and guidance in our work, and pray that with God’s grace, more lives will be healed and transformed.

Tuesday 14 February

Praise and thank you for our Cure One supporters. Their help is absolutely vital to leprosy-affected people, because it would not be possible for impoverished people affected by leprosy to afford the care they need to overcome leprosy in their lives. Give thanks for people who believe in our work and

mission, who give regularly to help Cure, Care for and Restore people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 15 February

Anjali, from India, was diagnosed with leprosy when she was 15. She was helpless and scared. She had to drop out of school because she did not want her friends to know about her disease. Pray for Anjali, that her feet can be completely healed and she doesn't have the burden of ulcers. Pray that she takes care of her numb feet and does her physiotherapy to prevent her hand from clawing further.

Thursday 16 February

Pray for God's provision in Anjali's Cure One journey and that she can find love and joy in this process. Pray that she can return to school as soon as possible and can get an education to support herself and her family. Also, pray that her experience can be a living testimony to others who are affected by leprosy, to give them courage and faith for the future.

Friday 17 February

Nutan was our first Cure One ambassador. Nutan's life was terribly affected by leprosy, her hand became so clawed that she couldn't grasp anything and because of the loss of sensation her feet became entirely ulcerated. Thanks to our Cure One supporters Nutan had hand surgery and now she has full movement back in her hand, she is also able to go to school. Pray that she continues to recover well and leprosy does not hold her back in life.

Saturday 18 February

Rinku, a young girl from India, can now be released from the shadows of leprosy. She was gifted a small shop as part of the Cure One programme. This mini grocery shop will support her and her family. Pray that Rinku's small business will be successful, that she can pull herself and her family out of poverty and live a self-sustainable life.

Sunday 19 February

We are the first generation to have a cure for leprosy and we are now within sight of a world without leprosy. Pray that the message is heard, more

people are touched and will become aware of the need to partner with leprosy-affected individuals by joining the Cure One programme.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 20 February

TLM Papua New Guinea is in a process of transition. With God's grace, the team are planning to move their head office from Madang to the capital, Port Moresby, so that it is better placed for carrying out leprosy work. Pray for God's guidance in their work that they can reach out to more leprosy affected individuals and communities to cure leprosy and transform lives.

Tuesday 21 February

Praise for the successful completion of the previous Leprosy Control Project in PNG. Praise God for the significant increase in Village Health Volunteers in leprosy affected communities. These volunteers were taught about basic health care and how to spot the signs of leprosy. Pray that leprosy-affected people can be diagnosed in the early stages and receive the full course of multi-drug therapy, the cure for leprosy.

Wednesday 22 February

Pray for the successful sale of the Madang property and the provision of office space in Port Moresby. Pray for God's protection over the staff who move to Port Moresby from other provinces, and as they settle into working in the capital city. Also, pray that the team will be guided by the Lord and the upcoming projects will be practical and effective.

Thursday 23 February

The new five-year project proposal for our work in PNG is still under review by the New Zealand government for funding. Pray that it can get approved as soon as possible so that our work in PNG can continue. Pray the funds can reach people affected by leprosy quickly and can be used to transform lives.

Friday 24 February

Pray that TLM PNG can maintain a good relationship with the government and other partners in implementing new projects. Also, pray for God's peace and guidance with the staff in PNG even though the new project situation is unsettled. Pray that God will open doors for

new opportunities and more leprosy-affected people can benefit.

Saturday 25 February

Pray for the Country Leader, Natalie, and TLMI HR Support, Cindy, as they are recruiting new staff members for the new project. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom in selecting the right staff for the upcoming projects.

Sunday 26 February

Give thanks for the positive impact the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) brought to the community. This project improves awareness and hygiene practices as part of a community-based and owned primary health system. People in Bougainville will be educated on disease prevention, health practices and their rights to health care.

Leprosy Mission New Zealand

Monday 27 February

Pray for wisdom and direction for the Leprosy Mission NZ's Management Team; Gillian Whitney, Executive Director; Martin Malkaney, Finance Manager; Jane Walker, Fundraising Manager; and Jasleen Kler, Programme Manager. Pray for oneness in hearts and minds as they lead the rest of the team in supporting people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 28 February

Praise God for Finance Manager, Martin Malkaney. Under Martin's fifteen years of financial stewardship, LMNZ has saved thousands of dollars by negotiating better rates from banks; thereby allowing more funds to be allocated to project field work. Remember also Sylvia Massey-Borman, Accounts Clerk, who has diligently worked for LMNZ for the past nineteen years. Praise God for their dedication and heart for leprosy affected people.