



**The Leprosy
Mission
New Zealand**

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***‘Order my steps in your word;
and let not any iniquity have
dominion over me.’***

Psalm 119v133

New Zealand

Saturday 1 February / Sunday 2 February

Give thanks for the safe arrival of Gillian Whitley and our Youth Advocates back into New Zealand after their 2 week trip to Nepal. They arrive on Sunday. Give thanks for the Youth Advocates and their commitment to being a voice for people affected by leprosy. Pray that over the coming year, the team will find new and fruitful ways of raising funds and awareness in their communities.

New Zealanders Overseas

Monday 3 February

Dr. Julie works in South East Asia with migrant workers and refugees. She was recently able to assist a migrant worker with advice for his brother in his home country to go to a hospital to be tested for leprosy. This was a personal help to the family and means that the brother is now undergoing treatment.

Please pray for complete healing and that he will get the rehabilitation he needs to prevent serious disability.

Tuesday 4 February

Please pray for Dr. Julie in her work and living situation. Pray for wisdom and the ability to help people who are in difficult situations away from family and community contacts. Pray that Dr. Julie is able to take breaks to keep herself healthy.

Wednesday 5 February

Dr. Mark and his wife Faye work in Niger, to where they have recently returned after a year in NZ. Pray that they will settle well back in Niger and will find that the relationships they have made over the years are rewarding. Pray that their work will be engaging and fruitful.

Thursday 6 February

Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world, sitting right at the bottom of the United Nations Human Development Index. Please pray that the work of Dr. Mark and his team at Danja Hospital will be effective in saving lives and giving people hope for the future.

Friday 7 February

Dr Mark and Faye carry out a prison ministry in Niger. Thank God for the relationships that they have been able to build with the prisoners. Please pray for transformation in the lives of people in prison in Niger. Pray for hope to fill their hearts and that the seeds sown by Dr. Mark and Faye will bear fruit.

Saturday 8 February / Sunday 9 February

As Dr. Julie, Dr. Mark and Faye work in their different situations, please pray that they will be able to demonstrate the gospel to people so that they see the relevance of Jesus to their lives and conditions. Pray for encouragement for the missionaries, that they will see or hear of fruit from the work they are doing.

Bangladesh

Monday 10 February

To go from being shunned to being able to provide for his family with carpentry skills was a journey for Jaber Ali in Bangladesh, who was diagnosed with leprosy several years ago. He has had treatment and is cured

and is now a leader of his local self-help group. Thank God for the cure that Jaber Ali has received and that he is able to make a living. Also thank God for the seed funding that helps to set up self-help groups.

Tuesday 11 February

Individuals and families living with leprosy and disability are often socially excluded and denied access to basic services. Thank the Lord that in Bangladesh leprosy awareness leaflets are helping to make people aware of the symptoms of the condition before they become so severe that disability occurs. Pray for the awareness to spread so more people can be cured.

Wednesday 12 February

LMNZ projects train in advocacy for the rights of people affected by leprosy and aim to reduce the physical and social barriers they face. Praise God for the success of self-help groups and for the growing sense of dignity and self-worth amongst members as they receive wider acceptance from the community. Their confidence has helped them confront and overcome stigma existing in the wider community.

Thursday 13 February

Please pray for the success of the World Leprosy Day appeal, as the funding from this will go to projects in Bangladesh. Pray that more people will receive the cure for leprosy and also be able to have surgery or rehabilitation to help them get back to work. Pray that seed funding will be provided so that more self-help groups will be able to start.

Friday 14 February

Raju, in Bangladesh, is one of those whose life has been devastated by leprosy. Please pray that he will be able to set up another tailoring business after surgery on his hands and that the quality of life of his family will improve again. Thank God that Raju has been able to get treatment because of the generosity of supporters.

Saturday 15 February / Sunday 16 February

Thank God that through self-help groups, people are learning about self-care, gaining access to skills training and being able to get small loans so they can set up businesses. Pray that this approach will give

people a greater sense of self-worth and that they can be responsible for their own future.

Global Fellowship

Monday 17 February

Every twenty minutes a child is diagnosed with leprosy - a tragedy that this ancient disease is still prevalent today. Thank God that the Global Strategy for 2019-23 for The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship is about being a Christ-centred organization breaking the chains of leprosy and empowering people to gain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness. Please pray that the strategy will be implemented effectively as boards and staff work towards this goal.

Tuesday 18 February

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' John 13:34-35 Thank God that we are part of a Global Fellowship and know that we work towards the same goal with people across the world who are committed to the goal of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Wednesday 19 February

Please pray that staff and volunteers throughout the world will be committed to upholding our common purpose and identity and contributing to the shared life of the Mission. Pray that we will strengthen our global unity, be mutually accountable and observe financial stewardship.

Thursday 20 February

The International Director, Brent Morgan, and his team are accountable to the International Board, made up of twelve people from across the Global Fellowship. Please pray for Brent and the International Board as they provide leadership to the International Office and TLM worldwide. Please pray that God will guide them and bless their decision-making.

Friday 21 February

Pray that the support programmes for staff, run by the International Office, can have the greatest possible impact so staff can get the training and support they need for the work of TLM. Please pray that the work of staff of The Leprosy Mission throughout the world will be effective and help to raise the profile and income of The Leprosy Mission.

Saturday 22 February / Sunday 23 February

As the International Office provides support for members around the world, staff often travel long distances. Please pray for continued safety and for fruitfulness in the work they do.

Nepal

Monday 24 February

At the last estimation, in Nepal 150,000 people are currently undergoing treatment for leprosy or are suffering from its long-term effects. Bishal is one who is suffering from the effects of leprosy, as his body has reacted to the bacteria. Please pray for him and other children in Nepal affected so badly by this disease, that the treatment they get will be effective in clearing the bacteria from their bodies and that they will go on to full lives free of this disease and its complications.

Tuesday 25 February

Anandaban, which means 'Forest of Joy' is a hospital about 16km from Kathmandu, where a holistic approach is taken to cure and care for people affected by leprosy. Pray for this haven of peace, where people can recover from leprosy and its complications. Pray for the staff as they provide a safe, caring relationship for the patients throughout their treatment and recovery.

Wednesday 26 February

Anandaban Hospital is the main referral hospital in Nepal for complications related to leprosy. It is one of the only places where people affected by leprosy can have life-changing reconstructive surgery. Please pray for the ongoing support for Anandaban Hospital so it can continue to provide treatment, restorative surgery, rehabilitation and disability-preventing support.

Thursday 27 February

Pray for the Outpatients City Clinic in Patan, which provides diagnosis, treatment and the Community Rehabilitation Programme. Please pray that this clinic can reach the wider community to educate about leprosy and the treatment that is available and that more people with leprosy can access treatment before they get a disability.

Friday 28 February

Please pray for staff and volunteers as they travel to rural areas of Kathmandu to support members of self-help groups. Pray for safety as they travel and for wisdom and caring in their relationships with the groups. Pray for dramatic change in the lives of people affected by leprosy through the support they receive, and for sustainability of the self-help groups.

Saturday 29 February / Sunday 1 March

Dr. Indra Napit is developing a new initiative for a treatment plan for ulcers, which is showing early success. This treatment is being more widely implemented as part of a full research project. Please pray for Dr. Indra and his team and for successful treatment to shorten the length of time leprosy-affected people need to be in hospital.