



January 2019

***‘Sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvellous
things; His right hand and His
holy arm have worked
salvation for Him.’***

Psalm 98v1

Tuesday 1 January

Praise God for the coming of a brand new year. Give thanks for the wonderful blessing we have to support people affected by leprosy around the world, showing them Christ's love and care. Pray that 2019 will be a year of huge success as we strive towards the goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035.

Global Fellowship

Wednesday 2 January

Give thanks for the faithful and incredible supporters of LMNZ. LMNZ had its first fundraising meetings in 1912 and since then New Zealand supporter numbers have grown to over 14,000. Pray for God's blessing upon every single one of them.

Thursday 3 January

Praise God for the Leprosy Mission country leaders around the world. Give thanks for their devotion and diligence as they lead the rest of the team in serving people affected by leprosy. Pray for God's wisdom and inspired ideas in all that they do. Pray also for safety for them as they travel visiting projects and

meeting together to discuss the best way to support those affected by leprosy.

Friday 4 January

The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship consists of 27 member countries signing a charter agreeing to work together towards the common goal of seeing leprosy defeated and lives transformed. Give thanks for the wonderful opportunity the Global Fellowship has to show Christ's love to those people affected by leprosy and their communities around the world.

Saturday 5 January / Sunday 6 January

Pray for the five year Sustainable Livelihoods Project in Papua New Guinea which started in 2017. Pray for the success of this project as it aims to reduce leprosy burden by focusing on leprosy detection and treatment. It also seeks to reduce stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy and provide them with sustainable livelihoods through income generating activities and training. Pray for God's strength and protection for the team in PNG.

Monday 7 January

Today is the first day that the LMNZ office opens for the New Year. Pray for renewed energies for the Supporter Services team as they look to process all the communications that have come in over the holiday period. Give thanks for their dedication to supporting people affected by leprosy.

Education and Advocacy

Tuesday 8 January

Praise God for people affected by leprosy who are engaged in advocacy at a national and international level around the world. Praise God that through Leprosy Mission projects, they feel empowered to speak out for themselves and are growing in self-confidence. Pray that through the Leprosy Mission projects, the myths around leprosy can be dispelled, that people affected by leprosy can be accepted back into their community with a sense of pride, dignity and self-worth.

Wednesday 9 January

Pradeep Bagival is the Head of Advocacy at TLM International Office in London. Give thanks for Pradeep's dedication in making sure that Leprosy

Mission is well represented at events where we can be a voice for leprosy-affected people. Praise God for his heart for people affected by leprosy and his particular commitment to ending the stigma and discrimination around leprosy.

Thursday 10 January

Praise God for The Global Leprosy Strategy which calls on governments around the world to repeal legislation that discriminates against people affected by leprosy. Pray for all TLM Country Leaders as they consider the best ways to influence their governments for change to give people affected by leprosy the rights and freedoms they deserve.

Friday 11 January

Give thanks for the successful appointment of a Special Rapporteur, Alice Cruz, in the United Nations last year who is focusing on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their families. Praise God for the opportunity to present leprosy on the global stage so that more people will understand the causes and consequences of leprosy.

Saturday 12 January / Sunday 13 January

Education is a vital way to bring economic and social change to communities affected by leprosy, stigma and poverty. Vocational Training Centres offer a range of courses including computing, electronics and sewing. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as students go through their training. Pray that they can use their newfound skills to find work or to set up their own businesses.

World Leprosy Day Appeal

Monday 14 January

This week we are writing to our supporters to raise funds for people affected by leprosy in Bangladesh, like Abu. Pray the appeal is well received, that the hearts of New Zealanders will be stirred into action with a willingness to support the Mission's work as their gifts will be multiplied through the self-help groups in Bangladesh.

Tuesday 15 January

Abu found out he had leprosy when he was 13. Without the cure soon both his hands became clawed, and his feet developed the awful telltale ulcers that leprosy causes. Abu was thrown out of the family home. He was also rejected by his community and forced to leave school. Pray that the stigma around leprosy will be reduced, so people affected by leprosy will be empowered to come forward to seek help.

Wednesday 16 January

Praise God for the self-help groups in Bangladesh where people affected by leprosy and disability can come together and support each other. Abu learnt how to care for the ulcer on his foot and received physiotherapy for his hands. There is also a growing sense of dignity and self-worth among the groups as members receive wider acceptance in the community.

Thursday 17 January

Through a self-help group, Abu was given training and a loan to set up his own small business. Praise God that 100% of loans like Abu's are repaid, allowing the loan to be given out again and again. Pray that these loans will continue to multiply within the community, so more people affected by leprosy like Abu can be supported and have a brighter future.

Friday 18 January

Praise God Abu was able to set up his own grocery shop in his community through the loan given by the LMNZ project in Bangladesh. Pray for God's provision and guidance so that Abu's business will continue to grow and he will be able to provide for his family.

Saturday 19 January / Sunday 20 January

The Chittagong People-led Development Project in Bangladesh self-help group members undertake income-generating activities such as sewing, mechanics and animal rearing. Give thanks that these activities are restoring dignity, hope, and adding a sense of purpose into the lives of leprosy-affected people.

Youth Advocates

Monday 21 January

This year we are delighted to have 9 young adults from all around New Zealand as our Youth Advocates. Today they leave from Auckland to Nepal for their mission trip. Pray for travelling mercies, and for the Youth Advocates to bond as a team as they set out on this adventure with Gillian Whitley, LMNZ Executive Director. Praise God for their heart for mission and pray for God's protection over them.

Tuesday 22 January

Pray for the Youth Advocate team who will arrive in Kathmandu, Nepal today. Pray for the team's safety as they travel to Anandaban Leprosy Hospital and for rest and refreshment for them when they arrive late in the evening. Pray the team will be kept free from any sickness so they can experience and understand the Mission's work in Nepal in full health.

Wednesday 23 January

Please pray for a knowledgeable visit to Kathmandu City Clinic for the Youth Advocates, where leprosy mission staff diagnose and treat people affected by leprosy. Pray Youth Advocates observe attentively and patiently during the reconstructive surgery for hands, feet and eyes. Pray also Youth Advocates will give uplifting support to people affected by leprosy and the staff carrying out the Mission work in Nepal.

Thursday 24 January

Pray for the Youth Advocates' understanding about leprosy and the Mission work in Nepal. Pray that they will learn from the many stories that are shared by leprosy-affected people and staff at Anandaban Hospital. Pray also for a fruitful and meaningful experience for our Youth Advocates.

Friday 25 January

Pray for a stimulating community development visit to Kolkana leprosy village, where Youth Advocates have the opportunity to visit self-help groups and spend time with communities affected by leprosy. Pray also for good health as Youth Advocates trek in Kathmandu Valley which is 2163m above sea level.

Saturday 26 January

Pray that upon the Youth Advocates' arrival back in New Zealand, they enthusiastically share their life-changing experiences from the trip to churches and community groups, and help raise funds and awareness for the Leprosy Mission work in Nepal.

World Leprosy Day

Sunday 27 January

World Leprosy Day - Praise God for World Leprosy Day which is being observed all around the world today. Give thanks for the awareness that is being raised to support people affected by leprosy. Pray that through the prayers and presentations in churches around the world, more people will be inspired to partner with the Leprosy Mission in ending leprosy.

Monday 28 January

World Leprosy Day was set up by the French humanitarian Raoul Follereau in homage of the death of his friend Mahatma Gandhi. Praise God for the life of Gandhi who was filled with compassion towards people affected by leprosy. Pray that this message of peace will continue to inspire world leaders today.

Tuesday 29 January

Praise God for the churches around New Zealand that support the Mission work. Pray that the prayer cards LMNZ has created in support of World Leprosy Day will encourage church congregations to pray for and support those affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 30 January

Give thanks for the radio campaign that LMNZ is running this month with Radio Tarana and Pacific Radio. Pray that new supporters will be reached through the airwaves and will be inspired to support the work of The Mission as they hear the stories of leprosy-affected people.

Thursday 31 January

Pray for associations of people affected by leprosy and disability who are using World Leprosy Day as platform to rally and lobby for their rights to be recognised. Pray that they would be heard and responded to, and that the Leprosy Mission can provide support where needed.