



July 2017

'...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5v16

Saturday 1 July

Today is Princess Diana's Birthday. Diana was a patron of the Leprosy Mission from 1990 until her untimely death in 1997. Diana helped to dispel the long-held myth that leprosy can be passed on by touch. Remember Diana today. Pray also for an end of the deep-rooted social stigma attached to leprosy.

Fundraising

Sunday 2 July / Monday 3 July

Praise and thank you for the faithful support from our incredible 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 support us through donations, prayers and advocacy.

Tuesday 4 July

Give thanks to people who have supported the Youth Advocates in 2016 in their 4WD fundraising for Anandaban Hospital. This 4WD enables hospital

staff to reach those most in need. Pray also for successful fundraising outcomes for the 2017 Youth Advocates as they present in churches and community groups about their life-changing experience in Nepal.

Wednesday 5 July

Praise for radio station Coast who today are hosting their fourth Leprosy Mission Day. Today from 6am to 7pm announcers on Coast Radio will be discussing our work with staff, volunteers and Youth Advocates live on air. They will be presenting our Really Good Gifts and asking listeners to purchase these to help people affected by leprosy. Pray this special day will encourage listeners to join with us as we cure, care for and restore leprosy-affected people.

Thursday 6 July

LMNZ is relaunching its website soon. It will be more user-friendly and responsive. Pray that the planning and development process will go according to plan. Also, pray that more visitors will be attracted to our new website so they can learn more about leprosy and be encouraged to give support through prayer, donations or advocating for people affected by leprosy.

Friday 7 July

Thanks and praise for the wonderful supporters who have chosen to leave a lasting gift in their Will to support the work of LMNZ. Over the years through the foresight of supporters making a lasting gift, innumerable leprosy-affected people have been restored to health, physically and spiritually, and given the tools to be able to provide for their families.

Saturday 8 July / Sunday 9 July

There is a cure for leprosy and we believe 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 that more people will be aware of the need to partner with leprosy-affected individuals by joining the Cure One Programme.

Anandaban Hospital

Monday 10 July

Anandaban Hospital in Nepal is one of the hospitals

that LMNZ supports. The large outpatients' clinic serves the general community as well as those affected by leprosy. Please pray for Medical Director, Dr Indra Napit and his team of doctors and nurses. They maintain a very busy Operation Theatre, with more than 1,500 surgeries per year. Pray the Lord will give them strength and bless their hands to transform more lives.

Tuesday 11 July

Pray today for Ruth Strestha, counsellor at Anandaban Hospital, who responds to the emotional needs of patients at the hospital and in leprosy-affected communities who are traumatised by the impact of the 2015 earthquakes. Praise God for her heart in serving people affected by leprosy. Pray that with God's grace, patients can be completely healed and go on to live a happy life.

Wednesday 12 July

Patan Clinic, an outreach clinic in Kathmandu city, provides people affected by leprosy easier access to the expertise to diagnose and treat leprosy. Praise God for all the staff who tirelessly serve in Patan Clinic. In 2016, 575 ulcer patients received outpatient visits, 283 ulcer patients received inpatient treatment and 154 new leprosy cases were diagnosed and given Multi-Drug therapy, the cure for leprosy.

Thursday 13 July

Our 2017 Youth Advocates are raising funds for a digital X-ray machine to improve the medical facilities in Anandaban Hospital. The existing X-ray machine is over 10 years old and takes around 30 minutes to produce an X-ray. With a reliable digital X-ray machine, it means people affected by leprosy suffering ongoing debilitating damage from the disease can be diagnosed and treated effectively.

Friday 14 July

Leprosy reactions are debilitating incidents that can continue damaging nerves for years, even after multi-drug therapy treatment. Please pray for Anandaban research team and their scientific collaborators as they focus on this issue and walk alongside patients. Pray that they can identify better ways to prevent,

diagnose and treat leprosy reactions so that fewer people would develop long term disfigurement and disability.

Saturday 15 July / Sunday 16 July

Meg de Reus, one of our 2016 Youth Advocates, is in her final planning stages of a three-month trip in August back to Anandaban Hospital as an unpaid trainee Nurse. Praise God for her heart in serving leprosy-affected people and her faithful support for the Mission work. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in her decision-making process.

The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship

Monday 17 July

The Leprosy Mission Fellowship consists of 29 TLM organisations in countries around the world, who work together towards the shared vision of leprosy defeated, lives transformed. Pray for strong connections in the fellowship and good relationship with other leprosy and disability organisations, so that quality work can be done in reaching out to people affected by leprosy, and dispelling the myths surrounding the disease and building strong and inclusive communities.

Tuesday 18 July

Remember Brent Morgan, formerly Executive Director of LMNZ, who took up the role of International Director in August last year. He now leads the international team based in London and the Global Fellowship. Praise God for his humble service and heart for leprosy-affected people. Pray that the Spirit of God will fill him with the wisdom and discernment he needs every day.

Wednesday 19 July

The International Office's budget is funded by contributions from the Member countries. TLM International is striving to become more than 50% externally focused. That means looking for and grasping new opportunities for funding, global-level collaboration and innovative services. Pray that with this mindset, the Mission will experience measurable influence worldwide, increased partnerships and more funding. Pray also for Brent and his team as they set priorities and utilise the funds where most needed.

Thursday 20 July

Pray for wisdom and discernment for Ken Martin and Nalini Abraham, Board Chair and Vice Chair of The Leprosy Mission International, and Philip Putman, Board Treasurer. Governance is challenging when dealing with a diverse 29-country body. Pray for healthy and mutual understanding between The Leprosy Mission Fellowship Member countries. Pray also for oneness in hearts and minds as Member countries work together to end leprosy in a generation.

Friday 21 July

Pray for all country leaders as they deal with the unique situations they each face in the countries where they serve. Pray for wisdom and understanding. Remember especially new country leader Mary Varghese in India and Peter Waddup in England and Wales. Pray that all leaders from all countries will grow in their leadership experience. Pray also for God's provision and guidance as they lead their team in transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 22 July / Sunday 23 July

Give thanks for TLM's faithful supporters, as well as all diligent staff members from all countries. *'For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.'* Romans 12:4-5 Praise God for the contribution each and every single one of them makes to the life of The Leprosy Mission. Pray that the Spirit of God will breathe through the work of the entire Mission in ending leprosy in a generation.

Annual Appeal

Monday 24 July

This week we are writing to our supporters to raise funds for our Annual Appeal. We are writing about Lily Rex from the slums in PNG. Pray the appeal is well received and people open their hearts to Lily and donate to our work in PNG so that we are able to transform the lives of people like Lily and give them hope and assurance for the future.

Tuesday 25 July

Leprosy is devastating the lives of children in PNG. Lily is only 12 years old and has suffered very much. Her parents have died and she is living in poverty. Pray that

Lily's family situation becomes more settled and that her and her siblings will be cared for by their uncle and accepted into his family. Pray for the family's prospects to improve and for a relief from poverty.

Wednesday 26 July

Leprosy has meant Lily's foot has become disfigured and she suffers from repeated ulcers. Pray that with the help from village health volunteers in PNG, Lily can complete her multi-drug therapy treatment, the cure for leprosy. Pray also she will take care of the ulcer on her foot to prevent further infection.

Thursday 27 July

The turbulence of Lily's circumstances have resulted in her dropping out of school. She has not had the stability to go to school and now she finds it difficult because of her foot. Pray that she returns to school and has the opportunity to get an education so she can build a future for herself and be lifted out of poverty.

Friday 28 July

Lily was not diagnosed early with leprosy and this has resulted in disability. Pray that the projects around the world can find children and adults quickly and provide the treatment they need to be cured, so the cases of disability due to leprosy can be reduced.

Saturday 29 July / Sunday 30 July

Praise for the New Zealand Government's on-going support of LMNZ's projects in PNG and praise to our New Zealand supporters for donating to and praying for this work. Pray for the staff in PNG as they look at creating income generation opportunities which will help lift communities out of poverty and reduce leprosy.

New Zealanders Overseas

Monday 31 July

Remember Dr Mark and Faye Griffiths today. Praise God for their servant heart and their love for people affected by leprosy in Niger. Niger continues to face political turmoil. Pray for their safety and security, that God will protect Mark and Faye from accidents and diseases.