



**July 2018**

***'You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.' Psalm 65v11***

**New Zealand Supporters**

**Sunday 1 July / Monday 2 July**

Praise for the faithfulness of our incredible supporters. Their help is absolutely vital because without them it would not be possible for impoverished people affected by leprosy to afford the care they need to overcome this terrible disease. Give thanks for people who believe in our work and mission, who support us through donations, prayers and advocacy.

**Tuesday 3 July**

Give thanks for people who have supported the Youth Advocates in 2017 in their digital X-ray machine fundraising for Anandaban Hospital. With this reliable digital X-ray machine, leprosy patients can be diagnosed and treated quickly and more effectively. Praise also for 2017 Youth Advocates for their time and commitment in completing their fundraising goal.

**Wednesday 4 July**

Our 2018 Youth Advocates are raising funds for equipment for the Prosthetic & Orthotics workshop at Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital. Pray for the success of their fundraising initiatives and as they

speak to churches, university and community groups.

**Thursday 5 July**

Praise for radio station Coast who today are hosting their fifth Leprosy Mission Day. Today from 6am to 7pm, announcers on Coast Radio will be discussing our work with staff, volunteers and Youth Advocates on air. They will be presenting our Really Good Gifts and asking listeners 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.

**Friday 6 July**

With the declining number of people using cash, we are very appreciative of our moneybox supporters who faithfully support leprosy-affected people through our moneybox programme. Praise God for our nationwide moneybox collectors who devote their time in collecting money to help in curing, caring for and restoring people affected by leprosy.

**Saturday 7 July/ Sunday 8 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, thousands of leprosy-affected people have been restored to health both physically and spiritually, and given the tools to be able to provide for their future.

**Nepal**

**Monday 9 July**

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand is a supporting partner of the work of the Leprosy Mission Nepal's Anandaban Hospital. Praise the Lord! In 2017, 793 new leprosy cases were identified to receive the cure; 816 leprosy patients received care and treatment for their ulcers; 2,337 patients received protective footwear, and 1,782 patients received prosthesis or orthopedic and disability aids.

**Tuesday 10 July**

Remember Shovakhar Kandal, TLM Nepal Country Leader, as he tirelessly coordinates work with various government agencies and strategic partners spread across Nepal. Please pray for good health, wisdom,

strength and guidance in all that he does.

**Wednesday 11 July**

Dr. Indra is the Surgeon Medical Director of Anandaban Hospital. He is one of the most highly skilled doctors in reconstructive surgery for leprosy patients in Nepal. Praise today for his expertise and diligence as he humbly serves people affected by leprosy not only in Nepal but in neighboring countries. May God bless his hands and the lives of those he touches.

**Thursday 12 July**

Patan Clinic, an outreach clinic in Kathmandu city, provides diagnosis and treatment as well as a Community Rehabilitation Programmes for people affected by leprosy. Pray for good health and safety for all staff and volunteers as they travel around the communities to educate and raise awareness of leprosy and what treatment is available.

**Friday 13 July**

In August 2017, flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall resulted in 134 deaths and 60,000 homes being left underwater in Nepal. Praise for New Zealanders who responded to our emergency appeal last year. LMNZ joined with Leprosy Mission supporters worldwide to provide emergency relief to people affected; including provision of food, safe shelter, medicine and medical care.

**Saturday 14 July/ Sunday 15 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 and the floods and landslides last year. Pray that through God's grace, patients can be completely healed and go on to live a happy life.

**Bangladesh**

**Monday 16 July**

Chittagong people-led Development Project has established an effective working relationship with the Bangladesh government. Government staff are involved in delivering training and in supporting the health and welfare interventions developed by the

project. Pray that LMNZ continues to maintain a good relationship with the Bangladesh government and its staff, and the project runs smoothly and effectively in helping leprosy-affected people.

#### **Tuesday 17 July**

Self-help groups have been the key to our project's success in Bangladesh. These groups provide mutual support and improve health and livelihood opportunities for people affected by leprosy, disability and poverty, especially women. Through self-help groups, LMNZ provides training, skills development, access to micro-credit for members and educational opportunities for children. Pray that more self-help group leaders will be trained, and more leprosy-affected families can benefit.

#### **Wednesday 18 July**

Sefali was cured of leprosy after taking 2 years of medication. She is now a member of a self-help group in her community. She took a vocational training course on sewing, and took a loan to purchase a sewing machine and now runs a successful small business making and repairing ladies garments. Pray Sefali's story can be a testament and encourage people affected by leprosy and disability in her community to seek help and join a self-help group.

#### **Thursday 19 July**

Sefali was elected to be the Chairperson of her self-help group and received leadership training. Because of her caring attitude Sefali was elected as Vice-Chair of their Federation. Praise the Lord for how the project has transformed her life and also given women leadership opportunities in the project. Female members now occupy 74% of all leadership positions in the self-help groups and they grow in self-confidence, unity, and achieve greater community participation.

#### **Friday 20 July**

This is the last year of New Zealand Government match funding for the 'Chittagong People-led Development Project'. LMNZ is now seeking new financial partnerships with other institutions. Pray for God's provision that He opens new doors so LMNZ

can continue to impact and transform the lives of people affected by leprosy in Bangladesh.

#### **Saturday 21 July / Sunday 22 July**

TLM Bangladesh undertakes projects that include leprosy control and research. Praise God for the expertise and devotion of researchers and staff members. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in all that they do, that they can find new solutions to bring an end to leprosy.

### **Annual Appeal Bougainville and PNG**

#### **Monday 23 July**

This week we are writing to our supporters about little 5year old Oswald from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. Pray the Annual Appeal is well received and people open their hearts to support our work in Bougainville and PNG. Through this we are able to give the cure and hope to leprosy-affected children like Oswald.

#### **Tuesday 24 July**

Oswald lives with his grandmother Josephine in the small village, about an hour out of Buka – a renowned leprosy hotspot in Bougainville. Oswald is a shy little 5-year old boy who hides behind his grandmother skirt and doesn't know the threat leprosy poses to his future. Pray for the children of Bougainville and PNG that they will have a future free from leprosy.

#### **Wednesday 25 July**

Leprosy has given Oswald patches on his body and face, thickened earlobes and a small ulcer on his right foot. Pray that with the support from Leprosy Mission village health volunteers, Oswald can complete his medicine to cure his leprosy forever. Together we can prevent leprosy from harming Oswald and so many other innocent children in PNG and Bougainville.

#### **Thursday 26 July**

The Leprosy Mission is one of the only organisations fighting leprosy in Bougainville and PNG. Through the 'Sustainable Livelihoods Project', the New Zealand Aid Programme is also matching our fundraising with \$4 for every \$1 that is donated. Pray New Zealand supporters will take advantage of this opportunity to multiply their impact to support this Annual Appeal.

#### **Friday 27 July**

Oswald enjoys going to pre-school, and can't wait to be a big boy and go to primary school. Praise God that village health volunteers were able to identify Oswald's leprosy in the very early stage. Oswald will be given the support he needs to cure his leprosy and stop it from crippling his life. Pray that Oswald will enjoy his studies and work hard and thrive at his new school.

#### **Saturday 28 July / Sunday 29 July**

Praise for the NZ Government's on-going support for our projects in PNG and Bougainville. Praise also for the thousands of NZ supporters for donating to and praying for this work. Pray for all staff in PNG and Bougainville as they look at creating income generation opportunities which will help lift communities out of poverty and give them a future free from leprosy.

### **New and Faithful Supporters**

#### **Monday 30 July**

Leprosy is a significant yet manageable disease, and with enough help, it can be overcome within a generation. Therefore, inspiring new supporters for the Mission's work is vital in defeating leprosy and transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Pray for God's provision and guidance that LMNZ will be successful in acquiring new and committed supporters.

#### **Tuesday 31 July**

Give thanks for the faithful support from churches around New Zealand. Many have supported us for decades and collectively have transformed the lives of thousands of people affected by leprosy. Pray they always feel valued and inspired to continue in this role and encourage others to support the Mission work, and to empower people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.