



Prayer & Praise

**Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer**

July 2020

***'Thou shalt guide me with thy
counsel, and afterward receive
me to glory.'***

Psalm 73:24

India

Wednesday 1 July

Please pray for wisdom for the government of Papua New Guinea, that they will make the right decisions for the people in this difficult time. Pray that they get the right information to be able to make the best decisions in the circumstances.

Thursday 2 July

Pray for the Senior Management of The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea as they work from home. The internet connections are not good so please pray that they have access to the information they need and that they can stay in touch with those they need to.

Friday 3 July

Pray for provision for the communities in Papua New Guinea who rely on the daily markets for their livelihood. Pray for resourcefulness in selling their products so they can make a living without breaking the government's rules during the Coronavirus lockdown.

Saturday 4 July / Sunday 5 July

Pray for the people affected by leprosy as project activities have been suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray for encouragement for them and that hope for their cure and care will fill their hearts. Please pray that the lockdown does not have an adverse effect on people with leprosy.

Bougainville

Monday 6 July

There are no cases of Coronavirus in Bougainville. Please pray for the protection of that group of islands so that there is no future outbreak of the virus and so that programmes put in place for people affected by leprosy can re-start and get back to normal as soon as possible. Pray that the training in hygiene and sanitation that the people have had will result in openness towards rules around hand washing so that people will stay healthy.

Tuesday 7 July

Pray for the safety of community health volunteers and community mentors, who have a major role in training people in hygiene and sanitation. Give praise that the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project was already in place, which has helped in the situation with Coronavirus as well.

Wednesday 8 July

Praise God for the continuous support of the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade. They have been proactive and flexible in their support for The Leprosy Mission and the programmes for people affected by leprosy in the Pacific during these uncertain times.

Thursday 9 July

Please pray for the continuous supply of medication for multi-drug therapy for those affected by leprosy. Supply could be affected because of flight delays due to the

uncertainty of international flights over the next few months.

Friday 10 July

Please pray that people affected by leprosy will not have their cure and care undermined by being unable to gather in groups during the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that they will not become downhearted at the circumstances.

Saturday 11 July / Sunday 12 July

The remoteness of many communities in Bougainville is probably a positive thing when it comes to the spread of Covid-19. Please pray for those affected by leprosy that despite the remoteness of their homes they will have access to the cure and care they need. Also pray that people affected by leprosy will remain accepted by their families and communities.

Nepal

Monday 13 July

In Nepal, project activities scheduled to take place between April and June have been postponed till the next quarter. Travel restrictions are in place and mass gatherings are to be avoided. Please pray that the activities will be able to go ahead as planned between July and September.

Tuesday 14 July

Anandaban Hospital is open, ready to be used for Coronavirus cases if directed by the government. Please pray for the supply of personal protective equipment, masks and thermal infrared thermometers to be available as necessary. Please pray that the hospital can continue to provide as much treatment for leprosy as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Wednesday 15 July

Although Nepal has a very small number of cases, Anandaban Hospital has an isolation ward in case of the need to isolate Covid-19 cases. Pray for the protection of staff and patients who may have nowhere else to go. Please pray that people will have peace and not be filled with anxiety or fear.

Thursday 16 July

The disruption in community services at outreach clinics and outpatient departments can have a discouraging effect on people affected by leprosy, who are already struggling with health issues and possibly the stigma of having leprosy. Please pray for encouragement and peace for these people and pray that the disruption to services will end soon.

Friday 17 July

To be able to continue to offer services to people affected by leprosy during the pandemic is an ongoing challenge. Please pray that patients with leprosy will still be able to obtain the medication to continue their treatment so they can be cured. Pray that there will be no interruption in the supply of medication.

Saturday 18 July / Sunday 19 July

Please pray that community services will not be disrupted for too long, as people affected by leprosy are among the poorest and most vulnerable in each community. The projects assist with not only physical needs but emotional as well and are vitally needed so that people affected by leprosy can be restored to their communities.

Bangladesh**Monday 20 July**

In Bangladesh, please give thanks for the co-operation between the local Department of Health and Shalom, a partner of The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh. The reverse side of billboards used to educate about leprosy symptoms and detection are being used to promote awareness of Covid-19 symptoms. Give thanks that the work of TLM Bangladesh and its partners means the government has a high regard for these organisations, and actively works to de-stigmatize leprosy.

Tuesday 21 July

Give thanks to God for the training in preventing Covid-19 that has taken place for people affected by leprosy in Bangladesh. The message of handwashing and social distancing is the same everywhere. This has been done through self-help groups set up to assist those affected by leprosy.

Thank the Lord that soap and masks have also been available for distribution to these vulnerable people.

Wednesday 22 July

Thank God that The Leprosy Mission undertakes leprosy control programmes through much of the country. These programmes raise awareness, stop the transmission of leprosy from person to person, and prevent disability, all strengthening the Government's health services. Pray that funding will continue in order to be able to continue with the cure, care and restoration of people to their families and communities.

Thursday 23 July

The Leprosy Mission has a referral hospital in the northwest of Bangladesh, the largest, dependable, specialised leprosy treatment centre in the country. Give thanks for the services it provides, including reconstructive surgery and the provision of devices to help disabled people.

Friday 24 July

Community-based rehabilitation activities ensure that TLM's projects address more than just people's physical needs. Thank God for self-help groups that provide mutual support and improve health and livelihood opportunities for people affected by leprosy, disability and extreme poverty.

Saturday 25 July / Sunday 26 July

TLM supports the groups with skills development for improved livelihoods, access to micro credit, food security and educational opportunities for children. Give thanks for provision for these groups, for disability care; raising awareness of people's rights; improvement of social status; and economic and income development.

Global Fellowship**Monday 27 July**

Please pray for the leadership team of the Global Fellowship – for wisdom and grace to handle the questions, issues and situations that continue to arise because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray for continued health for each of them as they work in this current climate.

Tuesday 28 July

Travel for staff from the Global Fellowship has been stopped due to Covid-19. Please pray for alternative ways to connect and continue communication, consultation and assistance worldwide so that the lives of people affected by leprosy can continue to improve.

Wednesday 29 July

Please pray for the safety and welfare of staff worldwide, as they have to curtail work they are involved in or find other ways of continuing to serve people affected by leprosy. Please pray that God will bring good out of what appears to be a disastrous situation in many places.

Thursday 30 July

Pray for wisdom and forbearance for Country Leaders of both implementing and supporting countries as the global pandemic continues and events unfold. Pray that the leaders will not be caught off-guard but will be able to meet the challenges that come in their individual situations.

Friday 31 July

Please pray for wisdom for the governments of all nations, that they will know a sense of responsibility for the positions they are in and will make righteous decisions that will be good for the people of their nations.