



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

June 2021

'The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.'

Nahum 1:7

Research

Tuesday 1 June

Please pray for the Leprosy Mission's research laboratories at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal and in Delhi, India. Pray that the research can be published in peer-reviewed journals, at conferences and at scientific meetings so that it can have an impact.

Wednesday 2 June

Pray for success in the research projects of Anandaban Hospital in collaboration with other hospitals and universities around the world. Researchers are investigating techniques for early leprosy diagnosis and for enhanced ulcer treatment to reduce healing time.

Thursday 3 June

Pray for the testing of new ways to manage leprosy and its complications, including the social, mental and emotional complications. These are being carried out by Leprosy Mission hospitals and community programmes.

Friday 4 June

Pray for the success of a major study being carried out by the research team of Leprosy Mission Bangladesh. This study is field testing a tool designed to detect leprosy before physical signs develop. Pray that the team will be able to continue their work so that people affected by leprosy will benefit.

Saturday 5 June / Sunday 6 June

The Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital is in one of the oldest buildings on the hospital campus. Pray for the early stages of planning, development and funding of a new facility to continue the high quality leprosy clinical and research work.

Ethiopia

Monday 7 June

Pray for the early planning and development of the TLM Ethiopia Strategic Plan. This plan will focus key priorities over the next five years towards Zero Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Discrimination for people affected by leprosy. Pray for wisdom for those leading the development of this plan.

Tuesday 8 June

Pray blessing for the final stages of construction of a new building for ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association for Persons Affected by Leprosy) which will accommodate their office, leprosy and health services and advocacy activities for their community. Pray that the building will be a blessing to those affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 9 June

There will also be an opportunity to rent out accommodation and meeting facilities in their new building to provide income for ENAPAL. Please pray for this income-generating activity to be successful and that those responsible for maintenance of the building will have wisdom and a sense of responsibility.

Thursday 10 June

Give thanks and praise for the impact of current community projects, which are improving the lives of people affected by leprosy. Give thanks that people's health, social, economic and psychological wellbeing are all being considered through these projects.

Friday 11 June

Pray for the development of new projects aligned to the strategic priorities to see 'Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed'. Pray for growing collaboration between people affected by leprosy, partner organisations in Ethiopia and the Global Fellowship.

Saturday 12 June/ Sunday 13 June

Pray for success for the advocacy to Ethiopian government health facilities for the prioritising of the Covid-19 vaccination for people affected by leprosy, who are vulnerable to further health complications. Praise God for the people and institutions that continue to support Leprosy Mission Ethiopia in different ways.

India

Monday 14 June

Pray that more young people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed early and be able to get the treatment they need so that they do not become disabled. Please pray that young people like Shabnam are able to complete their courses of treatment and receive the surgery or physiotherapy they need so they do not have a lifelong battle against disability and discrimination.

Tuesday 15 June

There is often no respect for people affected by leprosy and they are discouraged from participating in family and community events. This results in isolation, rejection and a belief that they are unworthy. Please pray for the work of The Leprosy Mission Trust India, working to empower those affected by leprosy to challenge discrimination and claim their human rights as equals in society.

Wednesday 16 June

The action of collective groups in India is effective in challenging discrimination and building people's hope and skills to improve their lives. Please pray that the

ongoing seriousness of Covid-19 does not divide but causes people to pull together and continue the gains that have been made by their involvement in such groups.

Thursday 17 June

At present, some of the Vocational Training Centres are not operating because students are not coming. Some are working remotely to continue training students. There are often challenges such as accessibility to reliable internet services. Sustainable livelihoods are a major driver in ensuring dignity for living. Please pray for the success of vocational training programmes so that people affected by leprosy and disability can bring resources into their households, which can increase their standing in their families and wider communities.

Friday 18 June

3 Leprosy Mission hospitals – Salur, Chandkuri and Champa are supporting the government's Covid response by setting-up Covid wards given the situation that the states where these hospitals are found have many cases of Covid. Therefore, efforts are being made to find funding for equipping these Covid wards. Please pray that funding will be available for the Covid wards so that people can get the treatment they need to save their lives.

Saturday 19 June/ Sunday 20 June

Overall, the programmes of The Leprosy Mission Trust India have been affected by the pandemic, with a drop in income to Outpatient Departments of more than 50% in most hospitals. Non-leprosy patients pay a small fee for general out-patient health care. There have been some travel restrictions as well as patients themselves avoiding travel. This is affecting the hospital revenue, which is critical for their financial sustainability. Please pray that the hospitals will be able to continue to offer their vital services.

Volunteers

Monday 21 June

We are extremely grateful for our faithful local volunteers, who carry out tasks that keep supporters informed and bring order to our administration. Praise God for their diligence and commitment to

being part of the team working to change the lives of people affected by leprosy. Please pray for their well-being and for blessing on their lives.

Tuesday 22 June

In Papua New Guinea and Bougainville, Community Health Volunteers are a vital weapon in the fight to eradicate leprosy in their communities. Please pray that they will safely be able to continue their work so that more people can receive the cure for leprosy before the condition has caused lifelong disability.

Wednesday 23 June

Self-help groups in projects supported by New Zealanders are run by volunteers. These are local people affected by leprosy in countries such as Bangladesh, Ethiopia and India. Thank God that through these groups many volunteers have gained confidence and a sense of worth as they have learnt new skills and developed relationships with others.

Thursday 24 June

Praise God for the leadership being shown by Community Health Volunteers and by the facilitators of self-help groups in various parts of the world. Pray that they and their families will be blessed. Pray also that they will see fruitful results as more people affected by leprosy are cured, cared for and restored within their communities.

Friday 25 June

Thanks and Praise for the Leprosy Mission Youth Advocates over the past 10 years. Please pray that tertiary students with a heart for mission will be inspired to apply to be Youth Advocates for 2023. Pray that God will direct the paths of those He has chosen and that they will find clarity in the way to move forward for the future.

Saturday 26 June/ Sunday 27 June

The Leprosy Mission NZ Inc. Board is made up of members who give their time to provide expertise and oversight to the organisation. Please pray blessing on the lives of the Board Members and their families and pray for wisdom and unity in the decisions they make.

Indonesia

Monday 28 June

The Indonesian public's knowledge and understanding of leprosy is still low and medical professionals sometimes don't recognise leprosy symptoms. Please pray that more awareness can be raised and training given to doctors and nurses so that people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and receive treatment, confident that they can be cured.

Tuesday 29 June

Indonesia has the third highest number of new leprosy cases diagnosed each year, about 15 000, and leprosy is one of the major causes of preventable disability in that nation. Please pray for effective co-operation between The Leprosy Mission and other partners in Indonesia, so that the best outcomes can be achieved for people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 30 June

The stigma associated with leprosy is still very strong in Indonesia. This affects the lives of people affected by the condition in every way, so that people do not feel safe to be diagnosed. Please pray that education programmes will be successful in Indonesia so that the stigma is eradicated as people learn that leprosy is curable.

