



March 2020

'In thee O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.'

Psalm 71:1

Cure, Care, Restore

Monday 2 March

Ridding the world of leprosy is at the heart of our mission. The global fellowship is working hard with international organisations for zero transmission of leprosy by 2035. Pray for God's provision and guidance as the Leprosy Mission continues to seek His will in defeating leprosy and transforming lives.

Tuesday 3 March

Pray for safe travel for Gillian Whitley, Executive Director, Sarita Divis, Fundraising Manager and Nadia Paul, Fundraising Co-ordinator, as they travel to London for the Leprosy Mission International Fundraising Conference. Fundraising teams from all around the world will meet to discuss and share ideas on how to effectively raise funds and awareness for people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 4 March

Pray for unity and fruitful meetings at the Fundraising Conference as participants discuss the global fundraising strategy, that all those participating will be engaged and open to discussions as decisions are made for the future of TLM's fundraising activities.

Thursday 5 March

Many people the Leprosy Mission work with live in remote communities. Praise God for the village health workers and volunteers who travel long hours each day to make sure no one is missing out on the cure for leprosy. Thank God for their diligence and dedication in serving people affected by leprosy despite the challenging circumstances.

Friday 6 March

Injuries and disabilities associated with leprosy can often be treated so the patient is not permanently disabled. Please pray for the knowledge and skill of staff treating people affected by leprosy and that they will always have compassion as they help people.

Saturday 7 March / Sunday 8 March

'A hand up is better than a handout' - so the saying goes. That is what The Leprosy Mission does in supporting projects that empower people affected by leprosy with training so that they can earn a living and not be dependent on others. Training in business or vocational skills can change people's lives. Please pray for the success of self-help and vocational training projects.

Bougainville

Monday 9 March

Thank God for all the supporters who have shown love and support for people affected by leprosy in Bougainville, one of the most remote places on earth. Thank Him that many have been diagnosed early and able to be cured before developing disability associated with leprosy. Pray for the future of children like Elijah and Jeconiah, who have been cured and can continue their schooling.

Tuesday 10 March

Because of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project, many locals have been trained as Community

Health Volunteers and have been able to encourage those showing symptoms of leprosy to go and be tested. This is resulting in early detection, so people can receive treatment before complications arise. Please thank the Lord for the success of this project and pray that it will be a successful model for other parts of Papua New Guinea.

Wednesday 11 March

Ruby Mirinka, the first Programme Director of the BHCP, wanted to see a way for her people to be responsible for their own health. There are now enough village health volunteers to cover 95% of Bougainville. Thank God for Ruby's vision and her willingness to use any available avenue to help her people. Thank Him too for the relationship and co-operation that has grown between The Leprosy Mission NZ and the BHCP so that many people affected by leprosy are receiving the help they need.

Thursday 12 March

Village Health Volunteers and District Facilitators in Bougainville travel across difficult terrain to reach remote communities. People in these areas do not have access to clinics or other health facilities. Please pray for protection for the volunteers and staff as they travel and that they will be encouraged as they do this work. Please also pray that they and their families will be blessed.

Friday 13 March

Please pray that people affected by leprosy who are undergoing multi-drug therapy will be able to complete their courses so they can be totally healed of leprosy. Pray that people will want and be able to access the medication. Also pray that the lives of people affected by leprosy will be changed as they are cured and can work towards improving their future.

Saturday 14 March / Sunday 15 March

Pray for the Senior Management Team and the Training Team of the BHCP, for wisdom and accountability in all they do. Pray also for the New Zealand Government's on-going support of the Leprosy Mission work in Bougainville, and for New Zealand supporters who donate and pray for this work.

India

Monday 16 March

In Muzaffarpur, India, a small home for leprosy-affected people, established in 1904, has become a hospital with sixty beds with inpatient and outpatient departments, a laboratory and a pharmacy. Thank God for this facility, which not only provides medication for leprosy but has physiotherapy, counselling and specialist eye care services.

Tuesday 17 March

A new project has been set up in Muzaffarpur – Children United for Action – focused on providing vocational skills for young people affected by leprosy. Please pray for the success of this programme so that the young people have direction and drive for the future.

Wednesday 18 March

Counselling and community camps for marginalized people and their families are also available through Muzaffarpur Hospital. Thank God for the well-rounded approach to leprosy treatment, which treats people affected by leprosy with dignity and aims to restore them to a self-sustaining way of life.

Thursday 19 March

Thank God for the staff working at Muzaffarpur Hospital, for their committed and unassuming service, which brings healing and wholeness to leprosy-affected people. Pray for continued blessing on them, as they show God's love through their work. Please pray for the success of the work of the hospital and staff.

Friday 20 March

Thank God for the kind support people have shown for leprosy-affected people in the last year. Pray for the hearts of more New Zealanders to be opened to the plight of people affected by leprosy. Pray that we can let more people know about the needs and what we are able to achieve with the generosity of people who are willing to give.

Saturday 21 March / Sunday 22 March

Pray that the people who have received treatment, rehabilitation and support from Muzaffarpur Hospital

will go on to lead positive lives and that their families will prosper. Pray that the neighbours and communities of people affected by leprosy will realise that the condition is able to be cured and that the stigma will go.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 23 March

The Papua New Guinea Healthy Communities Project is in the first stages, following the model of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project. The project is supported by TLM NZ and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT). The focus is on creating healthy communities in PNG. Please pray that the success of this model in Bougainville will be able to be translated to PNG.

Tuesday 24 March

Having the right staff and volunteers is vital to the success of this project. Please pray that those recruiting will have wisdom and discernment for the task and that the right people will be appointed.

Wednesday 25 March

A curriculum for health training needs to be developed and training delivered. These are huge tasks at the beginning of the project. Please pray that people doing this work will have the ability to set the foundation for the success of the project so that leprosy can be defeated in this nation.

Thursday 26 March

For the success of the project, the relationship between the PNG National Department of Health and TLM NZ needs to be robust and healthy. Please pray that the healthy relationship we have currently will continue and be strengthened.

Friday 27 March

There are approximately 500 new cases of leprosy diagnosed each year in PNG and many more people have been disabled by the disease. Please pray that people affected by leprosy can be detected as early as possible and successfully treated so that disability does not occur.

Saturday 28 March / Sunday 29 March

TLM-PNG is located in Port Moresby, strategically situated for carrying out leprosy work. Please pray for

Natalie Smith and the fourteen staff who work to raise awareness about leprosy in PNG. Many communities are in remote areas so please pray that the PNG Healthy Communities Project will empower local people to make changes in health and hygiene which will have a positive impact on their families.

Global & Research

Monday 30 March

Thank God that a Japanese man who used to have leprosy will be one of the torch-bearers in Tokyo for the 2020 Olympics. Praise God for the demonstration to the world that there does not need to be a stigma associated with the condition. Pray that this will open the eyes of the world and result in more support for people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 31 March

Research is vital to achieving The Leprosy Mission's goal of Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed. There are many unanswered questions about the disease and to make progress we need to support research. Pray for the staff at the research facility at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal as they prioritise the issues to be addressed and apply for funding.