



May 2020

***'My flesh and my heart fail but
God is the strength of my
heart and my portion forever.'***

Psalms 73:26

Cure, Care, Restore

Friday 1 May

For someone who must walk miles upon miles on swollen, nerve-damaged bare feet that are completely numb, protective shoes can be life-changing. Please pray for more people to be able to receive protective shoes through the generosity of supporters. Thank the Lord that the kindness of New Zealanders means that people who were hardly able to move around are now able to do so more easily.

Saturday 2 May / Sunday 3 May

The Leprosy Mission NZ has a selection of books for sale, the proceeds going towards treatment for people affected by leprosy. Please pray for the books we have to be a blessing to those who purchase them and give wisdom in the choice of

books. Pray for an increase in the book sales over the next few months.

Partners, Volunteers & Staff

Monday 4 May

Wellesley Bailey, the founder of The Leprosy Mission, spoke of the organisation as '...born and cradled in prayer'. We believe this is still true. Give thanks to God for all those who faithfully pray and for the powerful results of those who join us in prayer.

Tuesday 5 May

Give thanks for our project partners in Papua New Guinea, Bougainville, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Ethiopia – for good relationships and the chance to nurture each other spiritually and by the sharing of information. Pray for them for perseverance and blessing in their hard work, which can be demanding and take some away from families for considerable periods.

Wednesday 6 May

Give thanks for the openness and understanding of many new donors who join with us as a result of publicity and campaigns. Most people in New Zealand don't know that leprosy still exists. They think it was a disease in the past. Pray that God will open doors through which we can share the message of people affected by leprosy so that more people will want to be part of the eradication of the disease.

Thursday 7 May

Pray for blessing on our volunteers, who are offering remarkable services with their different and needed skills, time, input and enthusiasm. Thank God for their commitment to helping people affected by leprosy and for the heart of each one, who just wants to help.

Friday 8 May

Give thanks for God's faithfulness to TLM NZ and for the great number of former and existing volunteers and staff. All have contributed towards the vision of seeing leprosy eliminated and people's lives improved. Thank God for the gifts and abilities He has given so that the projects can be undertaken and the lives of people affected by leprosy can be changed.

Saturday 9 May / Sunday 10 May

It is Mothers' day on Sunday. Please pray for the mothers of people affected by leprosy that they will be encouraged to seek treatment for their children and that they will find hope with the treatment.

Also pray for mothers who have leprosy and have been abandoned and are prevented from being with their children. Pray that they will be encouraged and will find purpose and enjoyment for their lives.

The Leprosy Mission International

Monday 11 May

Please pray for the agreement between TLM Myanmar and The International Committee of the Red Cross, working together to provide a mobile prosthesis workshop for Rohingya and Rakhine populations in northern Myanmar. Pray that the workshop can go ahead and that any obstacles will be overcome. Pray for successful outcomes for people affected by leprosy so their lives can improve.

Tuesday 12 May

Give thanks for the relationships of trust and co-operation that have been built between the Leprosy Mission and the projects in countries worldwide. Pray for strengthening of these relationships in 2020 so that the planned outcomes can be achieved. Pray that differences in cultural outlooks will be stepping stones towards a better future for people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 13 May

Many team members of TLM International from supporting countries travel overseas to help design projects and work with staff in implementing projects. Please pray for protection for staff as they travel, particularly to countries with volatile situations. Please also pray for their families at home.

Thursday 14 May

We can broadcast our stories and mission far further when we work with journalists. Please pray for all those across the world who are engaging with journalists on behalf of those affected by leprosy. Pray that more people will become aware of leprosy so that work to eradicate it can grow and succeed.

Friday 15 May

Please pray for wisdom and creativity for those posting to the websites and social media platforms for The Leprosy Mission worldwide. Pray that people's focus will be drawn to people affected by leprosy and that God will open their hearts with compassion.

Saturday 16 May / Sunday 17 May

"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son."

Please join in praying for the policymakers and leaders of nations. Pray that God will touch them and encourage them to fight for a world where leprosy has been defeated. Pray that God will give them wisdom and compassion as they look to the future and that they will work towards the best for the people of their nations.

Bougainville**Monday 18 May**

The Bougainville Healthy Communities Project is a preventative health model. The Leprosy Co-ordinator ensures a continued focus on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy. Thank the Lord that despite difficult terrain and limited health infrastructure this programme has provided a model for others to follow. Thank Him also for the improvements this model has brought into the lives of many people in Bougainville.

Tuesday 19 May

Give thanks that New Zealand supporters have helped Bougainville through financial gifts and prayers. The BHCP is training volunteers to help people take responsibility for their own health. This has meant that many children affected by leprosy have been diagnosed and able to get treatment.

Wednesday 20 May

Pray for all the training courses that are carried out in Bougainville – in community facilitation, health, leprosy, budgeting and savings, livelihoods and loan management. Pray for energy for the project team as they carry out project activities each week and that they will be encouraged by the response they

get. Pray that people will implement ideas they are given so they can work towards better lives.

Thursday 21 May

Pray for the District Facilitators and the Trainers who provide ongoing training and support in 850 communities across Bougainville. Pray for protection for them as they often travel to remote communities in bad weather and across difficult terrain.

Friday 22 May

To be able to diagnose and treat people with leprosy before debilitating disabilities occur provides the best outcome for someone affected by leprosy. Thank the Lord that many young people in Bougainville have been able to be cured before disability could occur. Pray for ongoing treatment for those who need it and that complications can be minimised as people are cared for.

Saturday 23 May / Sunday 24 May

Pray that despite the remoteness of many communities people affected by leprosy can get and finish the whole course of Multi-Drug Therapy so they can be free of leprosy. Pray that their lives improve and they are able to take full part in community activities. Pray that those who have isolated themselves because of the fear of stigma will receive treatment and be able to take their place in their communities.

Indonesia**Monday 25 May**

The May Appeal for 2020 goes out this week. The focus for this appeal is the project in Indonesia. Please pray for open hearts and minds from supporters in New Zealand so that people are willing to be a part of the cure for people affected by leprosy. Pray too that more people will want to be part of the vision to see the end of the transmission of leprosy by 2035.

Tuesday 26 May

In West Java, TLM New Zealand, The Netherlands and Australia have partnered with NLR Indonesia to speed up case finding and strategies to stop the transmission of leprosy. As part of this they are distributing one dose of a preventative antibiotic to close contacts of

someone affected by leprosy. Please pray that this programme will be effective in improving leprosy control.

Wednesday 27 May

Pray for a good working relationship between TLM, NLR Netherlands and the Indonesian government so that the results of this project can be a real benefit to people affected by leprosy in Indonesia.

Thursday 28 May

There is still a lot of stigma around leprosy so please pray that the effect of the programme in West Java will be the reduction of the stigma surrounding leprosy so that families affected by the disease can feel free to receive treatment without shame and discrimination.

Friday 29 May

Ten per cent of the new cases of leprosy each year in Indramayu, West Java are children. Pray for successful treatment for children so that their lives are not affected long-term by leprosy and so that they can grow into healthy people who understand that leprosy is curable.

Saturday 30 May / Sunday 31 May

Please pray that families will support the patients who are diagnosed, so they can receive the full treatment. 'Medication cures leprosy but full recovery is only possible with family support,' as one person affected by leprosy in Indonesia has said.