



November 2016

'Give thanks to the LORD for He is good; His love endures forever.' I Chronicles 16 v 34

Praise & Thanksgiving

Tuesday 1 November

In August when Gillian Whitley became Leprosy Mission NZ's new Executive Director some of her Donor Development Manager's responsibilities remained with her. Jane Walker (previously Direct Marketing Manager) incorporated the remaining responsibilities into her role and became our Fundraising Manager. With Gillian and Jane both fully into their new roles' responsibilities we welcomed, in September, Julie Kim to take on a new role as our Marketing & Fundraising Coordinator. Praise God for the dedication and expertise of all staff and for the smooth transition of roles.

Wednesday 2 November

Praise God for TLM Nigeria's new leadership under Dr Moses Onoh, the Acting National Director. Pray that God will continue to grant Dr Moses Onoh strength of body, wisdom and spiritual guidance as he leads the Nigerian team. Approximately 3,000 to 4,000 people each year are diagnosed newly to have leprosy.

Thursday 3 November

Give thanks for the wonderful skills of the many artisans and crafts people affected by leprosy and other disabilities, who supply TLM Trading with such a wide variety of products to sell on their behalf. Give thanks for the 440 Christian bookshops and other outlets around the UK who sell TLM Trading's products. Pray that these shops are well supported and achieve good sales of TLM books, cards and gifts – especially in the run up to Christmas.

Friday 4 November

Praise God; there are very few new cases of leprosy being found in South Korea, although there are still many elderly people living with leprosy-related disabilities. Pray TLM Korea will bring light and joy to the people they encounter and pray that the churches will take up responsibility to care for neglected people disabled as a result of leprosy. Remember Jaewoong Choi, Programme Coordinator in South Korea.

Saturday 5 / Sunday 6 November

Praise for New Zealanders living and serving abroad; Dr Mark and Faye Griffiths at the Danja Community Hospital in Niger, Dr Julie Lincoln, temporarily in Thailand working from a distance with colleagues in Nepal, and Dr David and Enless Friend at the Mukinge Hospital in NW Zambia. Pray for good health, friendships and that they receive God's leading, guidance and blessings in their daily walk.

Bangladesh

Monday 7 November

Blindness in poverty is a disaster – even more so when leprosy numbs your nerves so you cannot even feel your way. What a blessing, then, when leprosy-related blindness can be reversed through surgery. Pray today for successful cataract surgeries being undertaken to give sight and hope to leprosy-affected persons in Bangladesh.

Tuesday 8 November

Pray for those who experience leprosy complications (acute inflammation), that they will receive accurate diagnosis, quality treatment and compassionate attention. Reactions may occur in up to 25% of people with paucibacillary leprosy (people with less than 5 skin

lesions) and as much as 40% in multibacillary leprosy (people with more than 5 skin lesions). Pray that research findings will enhance the understanding of these conditions and the solutions available.

Wednesday 9 November

Left untreated, leprosy results in hands becoming rigid, clawed and unusable. And ankles no longer able to lift the foot to prevent stumbling while walking (known as drop foot). The tasks we take for granted become impossible. The DBLM Hospital in Nilphamari, Bangladesh, hold two surgery camps every year where specialist surgeons from other TLM Global Fellowship countries come and do leprosy and general reconstructive surgeries. Pray for the surgeons and the persons who will benefit from these reconstructive surgeries.

Thursday 10 November

When a leprosy-affected person in a Self-Help Group (SHG) is successful with an income generating activity this in turn helps the whole community that they live in. Pray all income generating activities will result in increased incomes; that SHG leaders will provide good governance and greater responsibility in implementing the savings and credit plan to attain 90% financial self-sufficiency.

Friday 11 November

Leprosy can cause a tragic cycle of disability: damaged nerves lead to injuries, burns and infections which sometimes results in the loss of a limb. Praise for Prosthetic technicians making and fitting custom-made prostheses for leprosy-affected people in Bangladesh. Pray the recipients' daily lives will be vastly improved with a new arm or leg.

Saturday 12 / Sunday 13 November

Recently when Jasleen Kler (Programmes Manager LMNZ) was in Bangladesh she witnessed a devastating fire destroying homes for a whole community. The community is located alongside railroad tracks and it spreads over the tracks when trains are not coming and condenses again when a train comes. Eight families from one of our Self-Help Groups live in this community. Through Jasleen we were able to provide materials for the whole community's homes to be rebuilt and for basic food

and clothing items to be supplied. Please pray for this community, which has daily struggles to survive with its current location.

Leprosy Mission New Zealand

Monday 14 November

Praise for the excellent fundraising efforts of this year's Youth Advocates; Agrani Ratnayake, Alexander Kuch, Alexandra Powell, Hanneke Meyer, Katy Edwards, Meghan de Reus, Sam Barris and Sophie Bang who have nearly reached their \$25,000 target for a new 4 Wheel Drive vehicle for Andandban Hospital. Pray they will continue fundraising until their goal is reached.

Tuesday 15 November

This week applications for the 2017 Youth Advocate Scholarships are being considered. Pray for wisdom for Gillian Whitley (Executive Director LMNZ) as final interviews and decisions are made for applicants from throughout New Zealand. The selected applicants will commit to raising funds, building networks of youth supporters and campaigning on issues affecting people living with leprosy. Pray that right decisions are made relating to this scholarship.

Wednesday 16 November

Praise for Kelsey Kwan's three month commitment to the LMNZ as a Marketing Coordinator intern. Kelsey's attention to detail and accuracy is very much appreciated as she keeps our website updated, facebook page current and attends to numerous other incidentals. Pray that Kelsey's experience with LMNZ will give her an advantage when she seeks future permanent employment.

Thursday 17 November

Pray today for the LMNZ Finance Manager Martin Malkaney and his team; Sylvia Massey-Borman (Accounts Clerk) and Kiri de Beer, Carolyn Currie and Ngaira Lynch (Supporter Services). Pray for strength and resilience as they go about their daily work.

Friday 18 November

Each year LMNZ is blessed with many hours of volunteer time. This volunteering comes in different forms and without this contribution, LMNZ's work would not be possible i.e. moneybox and stamp programme, administration and mail-outs, boards

and committees and people who hold fundraising stalls etc. There is currently a need for a regular administration volunteer to work in our Auckland Office; pray the right person will be found.

Saturday 19 / Sunday 20 November

Thanks and praise for family Trusts that support Christian Mission organisations, like The Leprosy Mission, through annual grants that fund vital projects.

Supporter Tour / India

Monday 21 November

A tour group of eight Leprosy Mission NZ supporters, are into their fourth day of their Indian experience and are presently in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, for two days, viewing hospital work and Self-Help Groups. Hopefully they will be able to meet up with 15 year old Anjali, this years' Cure One Ambassador. Anjali who is now back in her village community spent several months in Muzaffarpur hospital while the open sores on her feet were healed and she was given multi-drug therapy and physiotherapy instructions on how to relieve clawing on her left hand. Pray for all leprosy-affected people in the hospital and community that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.

Tuesday 22 November

Today the Supporter Tour Group are interacting with the Catch Them Young Project participants. This project works for the development and education of children affected by leprosy. Pray for God's guidance to project staff so that children in the project will benefit and are able to access mainstream education and build their lives.

Wednesday 23 November

Today will be a full day's travel for the tour group from Muzaffarpur, Bihar state to reach their next destination in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh state. Pray for health and fortitude for the group and for their safety. Gillian Whitley (Executive Director LMNZ) leads the tour group. The group will be staying at accommodation within the TLM Faizabad complex for three nights.

Thursday 24 November

Supporter Tours, as well as giving an opportunity to supporters to experience the work of the Leprosy Mission also allows members of the tour to minister to those with leprosy, TLM India project and hospital staff. Pray the Faizabad Vocational Education Centre

students, hospital patients and elderly residents in the Snelhalaya as well as staff will be encouraged as they meet with the group.

Friday 25 November

The Vocational Education Centre at Bankura, West Bengal, has just taken in a new group of students. Pray the students will adjust to their new environment quickly and learn. That they will gain confidence and self-esteem through the counselling, self-care and life coping skills initiatives that are all part of the programme. Remember Gabriel Pani, Principal at VEC Bankura.

Saturday 26 / Sunday 27 November

Pray for health and stamina for the Supporter Tour Group as they near the end of their time in India. They are presently in New Delhi viewing Community Projects and TLM Hospital. Pray for safety in travel when they travel back to Auckland and that this experience has inspired them to become committed to curing someone with leprosy.

Bougainville

Monday 28 November

Tony Wrightson (LMNZ's Programmes Advisor and Programmes Committee Member) is presently in Bougainville visiting communities to ensure the overall Bougainville Healthy Communities Project is working well and producing results. Pray for safe journeys and for cooperation from village chiefs and communities in general.

Tuesday 29 November

Pray for God's wisdom for the next phase for working in Bougainville. The current Bougainville Healthy Communities Project will come to completion in 2018. Pray for a close working relationship with the Autonomous Bougainville Government's Department of Health as the project works towards full integration within their ranks. Pray for wisdom for Ruby Mirinka (Programmes Director of BHCP).

Wednesday 30 November

Community leaders that have already received basic training are now to receive advanced leadership training. Pray this will further enhance skills and provide motivation resulting in strong village governance.