



**The Leprosy  
Mission**  
New Zealand

**November 2017**

***'The Lord will give strength  
unto his people; the Lord will  
bless his people with peace.'***

***Psalm 29:11***

#### **Research**

#### **Wednesday 1 November**

There are many unanswered questions in the field of leprosy, from the mechanism of transmission, to the reasons why some people get severe nerve damage despite good treatment, to the best ways to reduce the stigma of leprosy in a community. Please pray for adequate funding and skilled staff so that more research can be accomplished.

#### **Thursday 2 November**

Research helps the Leprosy Mission to ensure both medical and social areas of our work are well-informed and effective. Praise God for the success of the leprosy research programme at Nilphamari in Bangladesh. It has provided evidence for the use of rifampicin (one of the ingredients of the multi-drug therapy) to cure and prevent leprosy from spreading

#### **Friday 3 November**

Dr Deanna Hagge is the microbiologist based at the Research Centre at the Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Deanna has presented research papers focusing on both

clinical research and psychological wellbeing. Praise for Deana's expertise and commitment. Pray for strength and wisdom for this challenging but worthwhile work.

#### **Saturday 4 November / Sunday 5 November**

Stephen Levi is the Superintendent of The Leprosy Mission's hospital in Delhi, India. He drew attention to the impact of transforming an exclusive leprosy hospital into a leprosy-focused general hospital. Praise God for the initiatives that break down barriers and facilitate integration for people affected by leprosy.

#### **Really Good Gifts**

#### **Monday 6 November**

Last month we sent our exciting Really Good Gifts catalogue to our supporters. Really Good Gifts allow people to give a gift that will make a lasting impact for people affected by leprosy like a back to school kit or sewing machine. Please pray for a positive response so that even more people will be blessed with a Really Good Gift this year.

#### **Tuesday 7 November**

In India, 12 year old Nasrat's life has been devastated by leprosy. To cure her leprosy, Nasrat needs to stay in a hospital which is 9 hours away from her family. Nasrat's family love her dearly, but they simply cannot afford to visit her. Pray that by receiving a Really Good Gift from supporters of LMNZ, Nasrat can feel loved and cared for even though she is far away from her family.

#### **Wednesday 8 November**

Nasrat's leprosy is very advanced for someone so young. She has patches on her face, clawing of her hands, and a severe case of dropfoot which needs constant care to prevent ulcers. Without vital medication, Nasrat's hands will claw more, Unprotected, her dropfoot will cause deep and penetrating ulcers on her feet. Pray that Nasrat completes her full course of multi-drug therapy and is cured of leprosy.

#### **Thursday 9 November**

Pray today for Nasrat that she will diligently do physiotherapy every day to ease her hand movements. Pray she will receive a Really Good Gift of reconstructive hand surgery so that her hands will no longer be clawed and they can perform everyday tasks like cooking and writing again- simple things we take for granted.

#### **Friday 10 November**

Living in poverty Nasrat has never been to school and she has only just learnt to write her own name while at hospital. Pray for God's grace for Nasrat and children like her to be provided everything they need for school including tuition fees, uniform, books and pens.

#### **Saturday 11 November / Sunday 12 November**

Just as the Lord gave the greatest gift, His only Son to bring love and joy to the world, so to Really Good Gifts will bring love and joy to children like Nasrat. Pray these gifts will bring real change and transform the lives of those that receive them.

#### **Bangladesh**

#### **Monday 13 November**

Please continue praying for flood-affected people and communities. In Bangladesh, 145 people have died and more than 100,000 houses are estimated to be ruined. Pray for God's protection upon them during this tough period of time, that they will be able to recover, rebuild and the Lord will restore their lives and minds.

#### **Tuesday 14 November**

Tony Wrightson, Programme Consultant, is in Bangladesh at the moment for a support visit of LMNZ's projects. Praise God for Tony's expertise and for his heart in serving people affected by leprosy. Please pray for his health and safety while he is overseas.

#### **Wednesday 15 November**

Give thanks for the positive outcome of LMNZ's Chittagong Hill Tracts Leprosy and Economic

Development Project in Bangladesh. This project has significantly reduced the leprosy prevalence rate in target communities. Pray for God's guidance as LMNZ is working with TLM Bangladesh and community participants in implementing a new dimension of sustainability in the project.

#### **Thursday 16 November**

Pray for the self-help groups in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Self-help groups have provided support and skills training to more than 3,000 people living with leprosy and disability. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as people step up to lead their own self-help groups and that these groups can bring lasting change to leprosy-affected communities.

#### **Friday 17 November**

Praise God for the positive impact LMNZ's Chittagong People-led Development Project has brought to the community in Bangladesh. The project delivers a range of income generation activity training such as: farming, weaving, business plan development and vocational training. In 2016, 81% of self-help group members reported that their income had increased, enabling them to pay for school fees for their children.

#### **Saturday 18 November / Sunday 19 November**

All leprosy MDT (multi-drug therapy) centres in Dhaka city have been transitioned over to the government's Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Assistants to improve the sustainability of the leprosy programme. Please pray that leprosy services and the new MDT centers continue to run smoothly.

### **Praise and Thanksgiving**

#### **Monday 20 November**

Gillian Whitley, formerly Donor Development Manager LMNZ, took up the role of Executive Director in August last year. Praise God for Gillian's diligence and expertise. As Gillian is

going into her second year, pray that the Spirit of God will fill her with the wisdom and discernment she needs each day to lead the team in serving people affected by leprosy.

#### **Tuesday 21 November**

Praise for this year's Youth Advocates; Anna Watkins, Callum Hammond, Emma Rouse, Eunice Gueco, Eunice Ng, John Park, Kaleb Grant, Katherine Riceman and Melody Yong for their commitment and devotion as they give their time and heart to fundraise for a digital X-ray machine for Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Pray for successful fundraising initiatives so they can reach their fundraising goal for this year.

#### **Wednesday 22 November**

Give thanks for the technology available today which allows LMNZ to share information and stories freely and widely. Pray that LMNZ would be able to make much more effective use of its website and technology to raise awareness of leprosy, to help supporters understand the impact of their gifts, actions and prayers.

#### **Thursday 23 November**

LMNZ would not be able to achieve so much without its wonderful prayer partners. Give thanks to people like you who partner with us in prayer for people affected by leprosy. We have seen the power of prayer as Jesus taught and shows us daily prayers open doors and opportunities that otherwise seemed impossible.

#### **Friday 24 November**

Give thanks for supporters who organise fundraising events on behalf of Leprosy Mission NZ. A prayer of thanks for those who have passed away and so thoughtfully remembered the Lord's work through Leprosy Mission NZ in their Will.

#### **Saturday 25 November / Sunday 26 November**

Throughout the year we have gratefully received many hundreds of hours from volunteers in our Auckland office. They play such a vital role in our work in the office and in the community. Praise God

for leading them to us and pray that will feel blessed and renewed as they go about their daily tasks and in their support of the mission.

### **India**

#### **Monday 27 November**

In 2016, a total of 214,783 new leprosy cases were reported from 143 countries, 63% of these were in India. Please pray for God's provision and guidance in the Mission's work across the nine states of India, in breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering leprosy-affected people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

#### **Tuesday 28 November**

Today is *Giving Tuesday*. Giving Tuesday is a global movement when the world comes together to celebrate a day of giving. *'...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35* Let us challenge each other today to give, whether that means giving food to a homeless person, volunteering at a local charity or donating to a cause.

#### **Wednesday 29 November**

Praise God for the wonderful response from New Zealanders to our Indian Sandals campaign by purchasing sandals for people affected by leprosy. Pray God will guide and bless our fundraising initiatives as we endeavor to reach out to new supporters.

#### **Thursday 30 November**

The Community Intervention Unit of The Leprosy Mission Trust India conducted an awareness programme on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for people affected by leprosy and disability. Pray this programme can bring a lasting impact to the community.