



November 2019

'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'

Psalm 119v105

Vital Supporters

Friday 1 November

Leprosy is a significant yet manageable disease, and it can be eradicated within a generation. Therefore, inspiring new supporters for the Mission's work is vital in achieving our goal of bringing an end to the transmission of leprosy by 2035. Pray for God's provision and guidance that LMNZ will be successful in acquiring new and committed supporters.

Saturday 2 November/Sunday 3 November

Our supporters are valuable to people affected by leprosy. The care and concern shown by supporters for those whose lives have been blighted by the condition is moving and inspiring. Please pray that the lives of our supporters will be blessed in every way.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 4 November

LMNZ's Sustainable Livelihood Development Project in PNG is partially funded by MFAT. This project helps individuals, communities and households to develop and implement improved and sustainable incomes. It is being implemented in four provinces. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will be able to access what they need so they and their families can have a healthier future.

Tuesday 5 November

Please pray for improvement in leprosy detection in PNG so that more people can receive treatment and care and can receive help and training to improve their incomes. Pray that the outcome will have a positive effect on patients and their families so they can look forward positively to the future.

Wednesday 6 November

Thank God for the work of community facilitators, who educate communities about income generation, clean environments, health, sanitation and equality. Please pray that the education being undertaken will mean that the stigma of leprosy is broken down and that people affected by leprosy can be successfully re-integrated into their communities.

Thursday 7 November

During November the Sustainable Livelihoods Development Project will be holding a series of reflection meetings, to discuss the successes and challenges of the programme. Please pray for open discussion and an atmosphere of trust for these meetings. Also pray that through the discussion they will find ways to overcome the challenges.

Friday 8 November

TLM New Zealand has been applying for funding from the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for a new health project in Papua New Guinea. This will be modelled on the BHCP, which has been very successful in Bougainville. Please pray for success in the application so the work in PNG can be extended to other provinces.

Saturday 9 November/Sunday 10 November

The Country Leader for The Leprosy Mission in Papua New Guinea is Natalie Smith, a missionary from Australia. Please pray for unity for her and her staff and that their work to bring hope and healing to more people affected by leprosy will be blessed. Pray for encouragement for them as they work.

Health & Disability Care

Monday 11 November

In many leprosy-affected countries, the government is increasingly taking on the role of detection and treatment, and we are able to focus our efforts on the on-going rehabilitation of individuals and families affected by the disease. Disability is often a consequence of long-term leprosy. Please pray for early diagnosis of more leprosy cases so the condition does not result in disability.

Tuesday 12 November

Early diagnosis of leprosy can often be affected by the stigma attached to the condition in many societies. Please pray that through education and the care shown to leprosy affected people and their families the stigma can be broken down. Pray a blessing on those who have been cured and are willing to encourage others to get help.

Wednesday 13 November

Common disabilities caused by leprosy include loss of mobility in hands and feet, painful ulcers and infections, and even avoidable blindness. Please pray for the effectiveness of the education in 'self-care' that is given so that patients can manage their disabilities at home and stay independent and active.

Thursday 14 November

Many leprosy-affected people need medical care long after their treatment has finished. Thank God for the provision of aids such as crutches, wheelchairs and hand-operated tricycles that can assist those affected by disabilities caused by leprosy.

Friday 15 November

Please pray for hope and a positive outlook for those with disabilities so that they can have something to do that helps them find meaning for their lives as they live

with disability. Please pray for encouragement for those in Leprosy Mission-supported self-care groups and that others will be encouraged through them.

Saturday 16 November/Sunday 17 November

Thank God for the medical staff and volunteers who assist those with disabilities and who help to restore them to their communities. Pray for skill in the work that they do and pray a blessing on them for their dedication to helping people affected by leprosy.

Community Development

Monday 18 November

We know that we can prevent leprosy and minimise its impact by addressing extreme poverty. That's why community development is at the core of the work of The Leprosy Mission. Pray for wisdom in providing the right kind of support and infrastructure so that communities can lift themselves out of poverty and stop the spread of leprosy.

Tuesday 19 November

Access to clean water, better sanitation and health education are part of raising the standard of living for whole communities. Please pray for success in provision of these needs so that lives can be saved and the future outlook become brighter for more people affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 20 November

Pray that health education, vocational and skills training and education scholarships will become more widely available through the generosity of supporters so that greater numbers of people from families affected by leprosy will be able to lift themselves out of poverty.

Thursday 21 November

Self-help groups are at the heart of many of our projects. Each group is made up of community members who are socially and economically excluded due to leprosy, disability and poverty. Please pray that hope and positivity will be felt by all those associated with the self-help groups as people grow in knowledge and confidence.

Friday 22 November

Pray for the Self-help groups that bring leprosy-affected people together so they can build confidence, reintegrate into their families and communities and build the skills and confidence they need to become socially and economically independent. Thank God for the holistic approach of curing, caring for and restoring people with leprosy.

Saturday 23 November/Sunday 24 November

TLM also helps to establish savings and loans groups where people disadvantaged by leprosy, disabilities and poverty can come together to build up financial resources, with the goal of setting up income-generating activities. Pray for the success of the many income-generating activities as people work to improve their lives.

Advocacy

Monday 25 November

All of our projects have a strong education component and we bring entire communities together to learn about the causes and consequences of leprosy. Please pray that through the work of TLM strong, inclusive families and communities will grow.

Tuesday 26 November

Leprosy is a human rights issue. Please pray that through the work of TLM injustice against individuals and families is addressed so that people affected by leprosy are accepted back into their families and communities with a sense of self-worth and belonging.

Wednesday 27 November

We run advocacy skills training workshops for community leaders and inform leprosy-affected people about their rights. Please pray that people will be empowered to address injustice and gain access to their entitlements.

Thursday 28 November

TLM works in partnership with local leprosy organisations, supporting them to advocate on human rights issues. Thank God for the opportunity to work in partnership with other advocates and pray that justice and dignity are promoted.

Friday 29 November

TLM is one of five organisations making major contributions each year to the Leprosy Research Initiative, a joint fund for leprosy research. Pray for breakthrough in leprosy research so that leprosy can become a thing of the past.

Saturday 30 November/Sunday 1 December

Thank God for the work of TLM Global Fellowship Advocacy Network as they work to identify key priorities for advocacy. Also pray for opportunities to advocate collectively with other organisations to send a stronger message internationally so that discrimination against people affected by leprosy can be eliminated.