



October 2016

'Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.'
Proverbs 21v2-3

Nepal

Saturday 1 / Sunday 2 October

Give thanks for all that TLM Nepal has done in the last year to help people affected by last year's earthquake. Pray that God will bless them for their faithfulness. Pray the reconstruction plans for a restored, earthquake-proof, Anandaban Hospital will be accepted and that all the necessary resources to be provided.

Elderly People living with leprosy

Monday 3 October

Thanks and praise for New Zealand supporters who leave a lasting gift in their Will to ensure fullness of life for people affected by leprosy at all stages of their life. Bequest monies significantly support the elderly living in Snehalayas (care homes).

Tuesday 4 October

Pray that Self-Help Group (SHG) membership will continue to welcome elderly leprosy-affected people into their midst. Pray for wisdom for all SHG leaders. Give thanks for the livelihood opportunities and the sense of community provided by these groups to its members.

Wednesday 5 October

Pray for successful eyelid reconstructive surgery that gives a lease of life and independence to people-affected by leprosy in their later years. Praise for medical practitioners. Pray also for positive and lasting results from the training given in eye care post-surgery as this will prevent further disability.

Thursday 6 October

Pray for advocacy for older people to access benefits they are entitled to from national and local governments. Pray those suffering injustice and discrimination are empowered to speak up for themselves for their own rights and entitlements.

Friday 7 October

Shelter, medical care, food, clothing and a safe environment are given to elderly leprosy-affected persons in care homes who have no families or caregivers. Pray staff at TLM India and HANDA (China) are successful in being able to unite these elderly persons with their families after decades of having been separated.

Saturday 8 / Sunday 9 October

To help residents of TLM India's Snehalayas from experiencing depression, they are kept occupied doing work suited to their age and disability i.e. gardening, making dressing sets or packing medicines. Please pray for all residents' health and spiritual wellbeing. Pray for enduring friendships and strong mutual support between residents.

Training

Monday 10 October

Final weeks of training for staff, board, volunteers, supporters and youth advocates participating in the Auckland Marathon on 30th October. Pray for wellness and persistence as participants build their fitness and endurance towards their goal. Praise for supporters sponsoring Gillian Whitley (Executive Director LMNZ) who will be tackling the half marathon event raising

funds to cure, care for and restore ten people affected by leprosy.

<https://aucklandmarathon2016.everydayhero.com/nz/gillian-whitley-running-4-rights>

Tuesday 11 October

Pray for continued success for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project wherein volunteers from villages and communities are trained in general health care. This training takes place over a two week period and gives elementary public health knowledge to Village Health Volunteers allowing them to gain knowledge about life-threatening diseases such as malaria, TB, typhoid, cholera and leprosy. Pray this new found knowledge will transform the health of villagers and communities in Bougainville.

Wednesday 12 October

To give Self-Help Groups (SHG) the skills to run sustainable and self-managing groups training is given to SHG leaders, treasurers and secretaries. Pray this training will give them confidence when conducting meetings, recording financial transactions and in the general management of the group. Multiple training sessions are also given in micro-finance management. Pray all knowledge received will be shared and put into practice.

Thursday 13 October

Pray for the mid-term review taking place presently in Bangladesh for the Chittagong People-Led Development Project. Praise for New Zealander Tony Wrightson (LMNZ Programmes Advisor and Programmes Committee Member) as he leads the process. Pray for safety for all involved and for a good outcome.

Friday 14 October

Pray for strong connections for the Community Mobilisers in Papua New Guinea as they raise awareness about leprosy in communities as well as refer persons with suspected leprosy symptoms to health systems. Pray their message that '*leprosy can be cured*' and that treatment is '*free*' will bring results.

Saturday 15 / Sunday 16 October

The Leprosy Mission NZ could not achieve its goals without the expertise of its volunteer Board and Committee members. The full board meet twice a year and today they are meeting to prioritize project needs

working within the projected budget for 2017. Pray for wisdom in all decision making and for Gillian Whitley as she attends her first Board Meeting as Executive Director.

Fundraising

Monday 17 October

Today our exciting Really Good Gifts (RGG) catalogue will be posted to supporters. RGGs allow people to give a gift that will make a lasting impact for people affected by leprosy. The leprosy-affected person who receives a RGG will also be supported through Self-Help Groups, training or on-going medical care so that they are able to make the best of their gift. Please pray this year's catalogue will be well received.

Tuesday 18 October

Over the next few months the Leprosy Mission will be blessed to have volunteers regularly coming into the office to help the Supporter Services team send out the Really Good Gifts. Praise for these volunteers who have a heart for the Mission and are willing to give of their time. May they be blessed in their giving.

Wednesday 19 October

Praise God for the wonderful response from New Zealanders' who have responded to our Indian Sandals campaign by purchasing sandals for a leprosy-affected person. Pray God will guide and bless our fundraising initiatives as we endeavour to reach out to new supporters. Pray more visitors will be attracted to our website and Facebook page and be encouraged to give support through prayer, donations or advocating for people affected by leprosy.

Thursday 20 October

Today Gillian Whitley (Executive Director LMNZ) will be in Matamata presenting to women's church groups our 'Cure One' programme. Pray for a good attendance and for positive commitments to the work of the Leprosy Mission.

Friday 21 October

TLM India's Institutional funding workshop is being held today in Delhi, India. Pray it will bring new

initiatives for generating income within India for Leprosy Mission Hospitals, Community-Based Rehabilitation and Vocational Education Centres. Pray God will open doors to further enhance TLM India's fundraising endeavours.

Saturday 22 / Sunday 23 October

Praise for Carolyn Currie (Moneybox Coordinator LMNZ). Carolyn liaises with our New Zealand wide moneybox collectors who diligently give of their time, collect donations from people on their moneybox lists and then bank the money into the Leprosy Mission's bank account. Collectively so far, this year's moneybox contributors have donated \$48,477 towards our projects in Chittagong, Bangladesh. We praise God for our moneybox collectors' integrity and faithfulness to the vision of the Leprosy Mission to see leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

India

Monday 24 October

Jasleen Kler (Programmes Manager LMNZ) after attending and participating in TLM India's Country Learning last week in Delhi, for the next two days is in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh. The purpose of Jasleen's visit to the Women's Empowerment Project is to inform and equip staff and volunteers on how to address gender based violence in communities. Pray this instruction will be well received and for safety of Jasleen.

Tuesday 25 October

Vocational Education Centres (VECs) provide training to young people and adults affected by leprosy in vocational trades and skills which meet both the market demand and their specific physical needs. Pray today for good health, quality training and God's blessings on pupils at the Faizabad VEC. Pray also they will obtain profitable employment once they have completed their training. Remember Keshaba Thanapati, In charge at VEC Faizabad.

Wednesday 26 October

Jasleen Kler (Programmes Manager LMNZ) for the next two days is at the Faizabad Vocational Education Centre giving training on reproductive health to girls and women affected by leprosy. Pray that this instruction knowledge will be circulated to other communities. This

will help in addressing myths about reproduction and promote hygiene. Pray all instruction will be taken on-board and put into place once the girls and adults return to their village communities.

Thursday 27 October

Pray for the speedy recovery of eye surgical patients at TLM Salur Hospital in Andhra Pradesh where one person after their operation is suffering from leprosy reaction. Salur Hospital sees more than 26,000 patients each year. It provides general health care as well as serving people with leprosy. Pray for God's protection for staff as malaria and dengue cases have increased in the town.

Friday 28 October

Pray for God's protection and travel mercies for project staff and volunteers involved in TLM India's Community-Based Rehabilitation programmes. Pray for their good health as well as God's strength and wisdom to help them work effectively and efficiently. Pray staff may continue to be relevant to the needs of families affected by leprosy. Remember Tina Mendis, Head of Livelihoods and Empowerment.

Saturday 29 / Sunday 30 October

Praise for all the Running 4 Rights team participating this weekend in the Auckland Marathon. Thanks also to all the supporters who have sponsored the team. Pray that this event will continue to be a successful avenue to raise awareness and funds within the New Zealand public arena. *'But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.'* Isaiah 40 v 31

Praise and Thanksgiving

Monday 31 October

Praise for Leprosy Mission supporter Blair Matheson of Taupo who is volunteering his business expertise for people in PNG. Beekeeping will be one of the activities being incorporated into Leprosy Mission's new project in PNG commencing January 2017. Blair's mentoring intuition for small scale businesses and marketing expertise will add much value to this income generation activity.