



October 2019

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding'

Proverbs 3v5

New Zealand

Tuesday 1 October

It's the last few weeks of training in the lead up to the Auckland Marathon on the 20th October. Give thanks for the walkers and runners who are participating in the Leprosy Mission's Running 4 Rights team to raise awareness and funding to cure, care for and restore people affected by leprosy. Pray for strength and persistence in their training towards this big event.

Wednesday 2 October

The Leprosy Mission is blessed when supporters dedicate a bequest to realise the vision of a world without leprosy. Give thanks for those individuals who leave a lasting gift in their will for the work of the Leprosy Mission, a powerful way to serve leprosy-affected families in generations to come.

Thursday 3 October

The support of New Zealanders is fundamental to achieving the LMNZ vision of a world without leprosy. Commit the Leprosy Mission's 2020 strategic fundraising plan to God. Pray that the team will have wisdom, and that God will equip them with innovative ideas for the development of new channels of income and partnership.

Friday 4 October

Applications for 2020 Youth Advocates have just closed. Pray for the interviews taking place later this month, for guidance and wisdom for those selecting the future Youth Advocates. The selected applicants will commit to raising funds and campaigning on issues affecting people living with leprosy. Give thanks for all the young adults who have applied for this opportunity, and pray that they continue to advocate for the Leprosy Mission.

Saturday 5 October / Sunday 6 October

Praise for the fundraising efforts of the current 2019 Youth Advocates: Andre Mason, Sam Verschaffelt, Oliver Sutcliffe, Isabella Mellis, Holly Waldin, Olivia Sewter, Shona Veltman, Hannah Warden & Elissa Quirke who are raising funds for a new vehicle for the Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital. Praise God for their heart for people affected by leprosy and pray for successful fundraising outcomes.

Bangladesh

Monday 7 October

Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world and leprosy is a major health problem. TLM New Zealand has a strong partnership in the Chittagong region, which has a high rate of leprosy. Please pray that through the work of TLM leprosy will lose its stigma so that those who have been diagnosed with the condition are able to still function in their communities.

Tuesday 8 October

The Chittagong People-led Development Project aims to improve the quality of life of people affected by leprosy. Self-help groups have been the key to the success of this project, giving support and training to more than 3475 people affected by leprosy and

disability. Thank God for the help this project is giving and for the improvement to the lives of many people.

Wednesday 9 October

Along with training in employable skills like sewing, mechanics, animal-rearing and business development the project promotes loan and saving schemes and gives knowledge of budget management. Thank God for the increase in savings of members and for the aspirations people are able to have because of the skills and confidence they have gained.

Thursday 10 October

Thank God that the training people have had through project activities means that they have a sense of belonging and can share knowledge and skills with other members. Also thank Him that there is a confidence and a growing sense of community opportunities amongst members.

Friday 11 October

The growing sense of self-worth and dignity that members of the self-help groups are gaining has given them confidence to confront and overcome previous levels of stigma in their community. Thank God that the work of The Leprosy Mission is contributing to the improvement of people's lives as they are cured, cared for and restored.

Saturday 12 October / Sunday 13 October

With the Leprosy Mission's seed funding, and group members' desire to build a new life for themselves and their families, the benefits are many – physical, economic and social. Children are able to go to school because of the improved income of their families, which in turn will help to build a better future. Thank God for the growth and development in people's lives through this project.

Really Good Gifts

Monday 14 October

Our Really Good Gifts catalogues go out this week. For many people affected by leprosy the gifts will provide the extra that will assist them to improve their lives right now and into the future. The gift of a goat or a cow can improve the nutrition of a family so that their overall health improves. Pray for provision

through the Really Good Gifts so that people's lives can improve.

Tuesday 15 October

The immediate needs of medication and hospital beds so that more people can be treated are also assisted by Really Good Gifts. The capacity for hospitals to treat people with leprosy can be increased and hope given to families who have been devastated by the diagnosis of leprosy in a family member. Please pray that more beds and medication will become available because of these Really Good Gifts.

Wednesday 16 October

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

They are called Really Good Gifts for a reason – they make really good things happen for people whose lives have been devastated by leprosy. Pray that through these Really Good Gifts, people affected by leprosy can feel a sense of God's love this Christmas, and be hopeful for their future.

Thursday 17 October

Finding a way to move forward in life when someone has been touched by tragedy is so important for that person and for those around them. Really Good Gifts can help provide that by meeting a specific need of someone affected by leprosy. Please pray that the gifts will be used wisely to help those who need it most and that they will find a way forward.

Friday 18 October

Girls in poverty often miss out on school. Even more so for girls affected by leprosy. By giving a Really Good Gift of an education for a girl, one girl's fees will be paid for a year. She will learn to read and write, develop self-confidence and can have the opportunity to learn a trade. Praise God that this gift will empower a girl for the rest of her life. Pray that New Zealanders choose to give Really Good Gifts this Christmas to help those in the greatest need.

Saturday 19 October / Sunday 20 October

Please pray for those who have trained and prepared for the Leprosy Mission Running 4 Rights

team, as they take part in the Auckland Marathon on Sunday. Thank God for the willingness of people to support The Leprosy Mission and pray that the organisation's profile will be lifted because of these dedicated people.

Bougainville

Monday 21 October

During the last week a national referendum on independence was held in Bougainville. Please pray that the work of TLM staff and volunteers in Bougainville will be able to continue uninterrupted and that they are safe and secure. Also pray that access to health facilities and resources for leprosy patients will not be interrupted.

Tuesday 22 October

Pray that the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project (BHCP) will see improvement in health, hygiene and governance practices as a result of the work of community health volunteers and village leaders, who provide education and support for Bougainville's population.

Wednesday 23 October

Churches are very influential in Bougainvillean society. Please pray that BHCP is able to partner with more churches in the programme and that churches will join in raising awareness of leprosy.

Thursday 24 October

The lack of continuous supply of multi-drug therapy can be an issue in Bougainville. Pray for the efforts of the BHCP team to ensure the health facilities receive what is needed and that people can get to the facilities to receive their treatment.

Friday 25 October

Pray for the partnership between BHCP and the Department of Health. This is a strong, long-standing partnership, with seven BHCP staff members now on the DOH payroll. Thank God for the trust that has developed between the two organisations and pray that this will continue to strengthen.

Saturday 26 October / Sunday 27 October

Over 200 000 people worldwide are diagnosed with leprosy every year. Pray that research and improved diagnostic testing will result in dramatic reduction in the incidence of leprosy. Pray also that leprosy can be diagnosed early in more cases so that injury and disability does not occur.

Indonesia

Monday 28 October

Indonesia has the third highest number of new leprosy cases in the world. The Leprosy Mission New Zealand entered into a funding partnership with Netherlands Leprosy Relief in a project that will help end leprosy in Indonesia. Pray for good co-operation in the partnership and that TLM New Zealand will be able to meet the funding targets for this project.

Tuesday 29 October

This project in Indonesia has an emphasis on finding and curing people with leprosy. It is implementing the approach of 'contact tracing' of leprosy patients, and providing one dose of antibiotic Rifampicin to those who have close contact with leprosy patients. Please pray for a breakthrough in reducing the risk of leprosy transmission.

Wednesday 30 October

The project in Indonesia will use community empowerment activities to increase community awareness to seek early treatment and to reduce stigma. Pray for good community participation by community leaders and people affected by leprosy in Indramayu, West Java.

Thursday 31 October

Pray for the success of the team in Indonesia and the strengthening of the partnership between TLM NZ and Netherlands Leprosy Relief. Pray that our hearts and minds come together as we work towards the common goal of ending leprosy.