



Prayer & Praise

***Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer***

October 2020

***'Hear Oh Lord and have mercy
on me. Lord, be my helper.'***
Psalm 30:10

Cure One

Thursday 1 October

Please pray that many people will learn about leprosy today, as Rhema Cure One Day is held. Pray for hearts of compassion among listeners so that many more people can receive the cure, care and restoration they need.

Friday 2 October

Give thanks for the improvement to the lives of many people affected by leprosy. The Cure One programme has been supported by many New Zealanders, who have given generously to provide the cure, care and restoration people need. Please pray a blessing on everyone who has become part of the Cure One programme.

Saturday 3 October/Sunday 4 October

In Ethiopia, stigma and discrimination against women affected by leprosy is very strong. People often believe that children of a woman affected by leprosy will be born with the condition. Please pray that education programmes will be able to address the stigma and that women will feel able to come for treatment before disability develops.

Bougainville

Monday 5 October

In Bougainville, a general election has been held to elect the President. The counting of votes is now underway. Please pray for integrity in the process and peace in the nation when the election results are announced. Please also pray for the newly-appointed candidate and their team.

Tuesday 6 October

One case of Covid-19 has been identified in Bougainville. Please pray that the illness does not spread into the communities. There is very little healthcare and people affected by leprosy would be particularly at risk. Please pray that people will realise that implementing the measures they have been hearing about hygiene and sanitation will help to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Wednesday 7 October

Please pray that the programme activities set up by the Leprosy Mission in Bougainville are able to continue so that people affected by leprosy can still receive their medication and the care and training they need to improve their lives.

Thursday 8 October

In Bougainville each local ward has two ward members on a Ward Steering Committee. Because the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme is integrated with the local Department of Health, they have started training Ward Steering Committee members in health, leadership and effective governance, aiming for healthier communities. Please pray for the effectiveness of this training.

Friday 9 October

Pray for the training team of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme as they travel to remote communities and provide health and leadership training. Pray for wisdom to fulfil their roles and for safety and good health. Please pray that they will see positive results from their work.

Saturday 10 October/Sunday 11 October

The District Facilitators, who oversee Village Health Volunteers, travel in rough conditions to remote locations to provide support for volunteers and to monitor the success of the programme for those affected by leprosy. Please pray for them as they travel and face the challenges of working in the various communities.

India

Monday 12 October

Please pray for the students of the Vocational Training Centres, who have been studying from home due to Covid-19. They are due to sit exams next month but are unsure if they will go ahead, which means the students may not be able to graduate as expected.

Tuesday 13 October

Vocational Training Centres have an important role to play in transforming the lives of young people affected by leprosy. Please pray for God's guidance, wisdom and protection for all staff and for the people affected by leprosy who are undergoing training through these centres.

Wednesday 14 October

The stigma of leprosy can be broken down as a person affected by leprosy starts a business or creates an income, which can give them standing in their communities. Give thanks that Really Good Gifts are a practical way to help to break down the stigma of leprosy and to give hope for the future.

Thursday 15 October

The ambassador for the Really Good Gifts programme for 2020 is Shahan, a young woman who has been cured of leprosy and is undergoing training through Faizabad Vocational Training Centre. Pray that she and her fellow students will be able to use the

skills they learn to improve their own and their families' lives.

Friday 16 October

Please pray that through the generosity of supporters many people affected by leprosy can receive a Really Good Gift that will enable them to improve their standard of living so they and their families can put leprosy behind them.

Saturday 17 October/Sunday 18 October

Covid-19 cases in India have continued to climb and the economy has contracted by 23.9 percent. People affected by leprosy are among the most vulnerable in the country and may suffer more as the economic impact is felt. Please pray for ongoing support, employment and business opportunities for those affected by leprosy.

Nepal

Monday 19 October

The rates of Covid-19 in Nepal have risen significantly in the last couple of months. Field activities, workshops and meetings for people affected by leprosy are still under postponement and Kathmandu Valley is under partial lockdown. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will be able to continue to get treatment and encouragement, as Anandaban Hospital is still operating.

Tuesday 20 October

Anandaban Hospital recently received permission from the government of Nepal to conduct Covid-19 testing. This is able to be done with a focus on leprosy-affected individuals and their families. Give thanks for the granting of this government permission.

Wednesday 21 October

Twenty percent of the beds at Anandaban Hospital have been designated for Covid-19 patients, as directed by the Nepali government. An isolation ward has been set up, totally separate from other wards and with strict protocols regarding staffing. Please pray for the continuation of treatment for people affected by leprosy during this time.

Thursday 22 October

Give thanks that there is also an isolation ward for new patients for leprosy-related treatment. Patients are placed on the isolation ward to quarantine on arrival at Anandaban and tested for Covid before they are placed into the main hospital for their continuing leprosy treatment.

Friday 23 October

Give thanks and praise that construction of the new Trauma Centre on the Anandaban Hospital campus has restarted, although at a slower pace because of the changing lockdown restrictions. This new Centre is being purpose built to meet the needs of the community and is disability friendly.

Saturday 24 October/Sunday 25 October

Pray for God's protection for frontline staff who are the hospital heroes attending to the needs of their community in very challenging circumstances. Pray that they lift their burdens to the Lord and know that He will sustain them. Thank the Lord for their continuing commitment to the people they serve.

New Zealand

Monday 26 October

'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'
Luke 6: 31. Thank God for the faithful support of many New Zealanders, who have continued to give generously during this year. Please pray that God will bless them with everything they need.

Tuesday 27 October

Please pray blessing on staff and volunteers of The Leprosy Mission NZ as they continue to work under the different conditions brought about by the impact of Covid-19. Give praise for the flexibility and adaptability of staff in the changing circumstances and for the new ways of working they have learnt.

Wednesday 28 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 29 October

Give thanks for the fundraising efforts of the 2020 Youth Advocates, who have had to work hard to raise funds in the year of Covid-19 restrictions. Please pray for creative, practical ideas for individuals to meet the commitment they made. Pray also that more people will learn about leprosy from the efforts of the Youth Advocates.

Friday 30 October

The prayer support for people affected by leprosy is vital to see lives changed and leprosy defeated. Pray a blessing on all those who faithfully pray for Leprosy Mission NZ and for those we serve. Please pray that the goal of zero transmission of leprosy by 2035 will be reached. Pray that all the efforts to increase awareness of leprosy around the world will mean more people able to be cured, cared for and restored.

Saturday 31 October/Sunday 1 November

The Auckland Marathon is on Sunday 1 November. 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.