



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

October 2021

***'There is no fear in love. But
perfect love drives out fear...'
1 John 4:18***

New Zealand

Friday 1 October

Give thanks for the visibility of the fight against leprosy because of Rhema Cure One Day held yesterday. Pray that all those who heard about leprosy for the first time will find their hearts moved to action by the difficulties of those affected by the disease. Give thanks and pray a blessing on all those who gave to see people cured, cared for and restored.

Saturday 2 October/ Sunday 3 October

Sustainable livelihoods will mean better nutrition and living conditions so people will not be susceptible to

leprosy as their immune systems will be stronger. Please pray that the ongoing income generation activities and training will be successful in lifting the living standards for many people affected by leprosy.

Cure One

Monday 4 October

Leprosy started for Satendra as itchy patches on his hands and feet. For three years doctors diagnosed mild allergies and dirty water as the causes of his symptoms. Give thanks that Anandaban Hospital diagnosed leprosy and that Satendra has started two years of Multi-Drug Therapy to cure the leprosy affecting his life.

Tuesday 5 October

Satendra is seventeen years old and is one of many in similar situations to his. All need the cure for leprosy and many need care for symptoms and disabilities that have developed because of leprosy. Satendra has needed treatment for terrible blister spots on his arms and legs, almost like burn blisters. Give thanks for the many Cure One supporters who continue to provide for the treatment people like Satendra need.

Wednesday 6 October

Because of nerve damage to his hands Satendra was not able to continue his schooling because he couldn't write. He has suffered from depression and has attempted suicide in the past. Please pray that Satendra and many others will find hope as they receive the cure for leprosy. Pray that God will overcome despair and fear in their lives.

Thursday 7 October

The Leprosy Mission's Cure One programme is a vital way to tell one person's story and reach the hearts and minds of many to provide the cure, care and restoration people affected by leprosy need. Please pray that through the Cure One programme many more people will learn that leprosy is a treatable disease that does not deserve the stigma it has and that they will be moved to pray and to give.

Friday 8 October

A large miracle is often a series of small miracles. Please pray that more people in New Zealand will realise that they can be part of the great miracle of

defeating leprosy by their willingness to give and to pray that God will bless what they give for healing.

Saturday 9 October/ Sunday 10 October

'Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap.' Luke 6:38

Pray that the truth of this scripture will become part of the lives of supporters of people affected by leprosy as they seek to do God's will.

Indonesia

Monday 11 October

Leprosy Mission's partner in Indonesia is No Leprosy Remains Indonesia. At present staff of NLR Indonesia are working from home, due to Covid-19. Please pray that the team will remain safe and productive while working from home. Give thanks that all staff previously infected with Covid-19 have recovered.

Tuesday 12 October

As Covid lockdown in Indonesia has decreased from the top level, staff plan to start implementing postponed field activities over the next two months. Please pray that staff, health workers and communities will be safe and disciplined in implementing health protocols.

Wednesday 13 October

The challenge in implementing health protocols in Indonesia is that many people are not disciplined in following safety guidelines, especially at district level. Please pray that staff are diligent in educating partners about health protocols while in the field.

Thursday 14 October

NLR Indonesia is presently in a transition process towards complete handover from their international entity to a national organisation by mid-2022. Please pray that the process runs well and that approval for the national organisation is gained from the Indonesian government.

Friday 15 October

Strategic planning workshops have been held and Roadmap and work plan documents are in the process of being finalized. Please pray that the

activities and approaches will show markedly positive results towards the goals of Zero Leprosy, Zero Disability and Zero Stigma and Discrimination.

Saturday 16 October/ Sunday 17 October

There is a long way to go to see significant results of the work towards the elimination of leprosy in Indonesia. Please give thanks to God for the endurance of those involved in the contact tracing and education work and pray for His grace on the lives of all those working to improve the lives of people affected by leprosy in Indonesia.

Really Good Gifts

Monday 18 October

Leprosy Mission's Really Good Gifts Appeal goes out this week. Suryakala, a mother of two grown-up daughters became affected by leprosy as a young child, along with her brother and sister. Although healed, she has ongoing problems with her hands. Please pray that many people will take the opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone affected by leprosy by giving a gift on behalf of a family member or friend. The lives of people affected by leprosy can be significantly improved by the gifts contributed by New Zealanders.

Tuesday 19 October

Contact tracing ensures that close contacts of a person diagnosed with leprosy are contacted. Contact tracing helps stop leprosy transmission and brings us closer to the goal of No Child with Leprosy by 2035. Leprosy transmission can be stopped by giving one dose of one antibiotic to the close contacts of someone affected by leprosy. Please pray that this important tool will be able to be well utilised in Indonesia through the Really Good Gifts appeal.

Wednesday 20 October

One month of medicine access enables a person affected by leprosy to access a month of medicine towards being cured from this dreadful disease. If leprosy treatment with multi-drug therapy is started early enough, long-term disability can be completely avoided. Please pray blessing on all those receiving

medicine at present and pray that they will be able to complete their treatment and become totally free of leprosy.

Thursday 21 October

A leprosy diagnosis can cause as much mental anguish as its physical impacts. People affected by leprosy often face terrible discrimination and stigma. The gift of Counselling will enable counsellors to help people overcome their feelings of rejection and give them back a sense of worth. Please pray for those receiving counselling as part of their treatment at Anandaban Hospital, where people affected by leprosy are cured and cared for before they can be restored to their communities with hope for the future.

Friday 22 October

If the loved ones of supporters are animal lovers they will be thrilled that a goat or a piglet has been given in their name. The animals can be bred to provide food for the family and young to sell. Please pray that families who receive these Really Good Gifts will be able to improve their income and their standard of living through the generosity of New Zealanders.

Saturday 23 October/ Sunday 24 October

Rickshaws are a form of common daily transport in countries like India and Bangladesh, providing a good livelihood. What an exciting gift! A family provider can have a reliable income for many years to come. Please pray a blessing on the Really Good Gifts appeal and all those who give, that God will meet all their needs and bless them abundantly. Pray for the people affected by leprosy who receive these gifts, that their lives will improve and will result in praise to God.

Bangladesh

Monday 25 October

Self-help groups in Bangladesh are organised into groups of co-operatives, which in turn become federations. There are eleven federations of co-operative groups under the Disadvantaged People's Association, a partner of Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh. John Samaddar, the Programme Leader for TLM in Bangladesh has asked us to pray for safety for DAPA and TLM staff working with self-help groups in the community.

Tuesday 26 October

Give thanks that no staff members of DAPA or members of self-help groups in Chattogram or Dhaka have been infected with Covid-19. Give thanks for the hygiene and sanitation training that was given at the start of the pandemic, and for the hygiene materials that were able to be distributed. Pray that people will continue to put into practice what they have been taught.

Wednesday 27 October

Pray that members of self-help groups and DAPA staff members will continue to be Covid-free. Pray that SHG members will be able to re-start or expand their businesses to bring financial support to their families. Give thanks for the self-help groups as the members provide emotional support for each other.

Thursday 28 October

Training in income generation is planned for self-help groups. This can provide people with more ideas and options to improve their income and can give them the skills to begin to implement their plans. Please pray for the facilitators of these training sessions and that the right members will be selected to attend. Pray for the development of skills and knowledge so that those affected by leprosy can grow in confidence in their abilities.

Friday 29 October

Leaders of self-help groups are to receive training in exchange visits by Federation leaders. This will be two-way learning (federation visiting and the federation to be visited). Please pray for the growth of knowledge and the development of skills for the leaders of the self-help groups so their effectiveness will grow.

Saturday 30 October/ Sunday 31 October

The Annual General Meeting of the eleven federations of co-operative groups will be held this month. Please pray for learning about past performance to be shared openly so that participants can benefit and so that future performance can be improved. Also pray for the safety of all participants as they travel and attend this group gathering.