

September 2018

***‘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 1v17***

Saturday 1 September / Sunday 2 September

Father’s Day weekend - we give thanks and honour all fathers for their love, sacrifices and provision for their families. Pray God fills every father with joy, wisdom and strength, especially this weekend.

Papua New Guinea and Bougainville

Monday 3 September

For many years LMNZ has been working closely with TLM PNG in reducing the medical, social and economic burden of leprosy in PNG and Bougainville. We have provided access to medical treatment to people affected by leprosy and helped improve the detection and management of new cases which helps to limit the spread of the disease. Remember the team in PNG and Bougainville, pray for God’s guidance as they work together in supporting people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 4 September

In PNG and Bougainville, many areas in which the Leprosy Mission works are poverty stricken with high crime rates. Pray for protection over the staff in PNG and Bougainville as they travel long hours over

rough terrain to visit project communities. Praise God for their devotion and heart for leprosy-affected individuals and families.

Wednesday 5 September

Praise for the many village health workers in PNG and Bougainville. They receive training from the Leprosy Mission in diagnosing leprosy cases in their communities, and in helping people affected by leprosy access the cure. Pray for openness in hearts and minds of the people in PNG and Bougainville, so more people will come forward to be village health volunteers in their community.

Thursday 6 September

With the declining number of people using cash, we are very appreciative of our moneybox supporters who faithfully support leprosy-affected people through our moneybox programme. Praise God for our nationwide moneybox collectors who devote their time in collecting money to help in curing, caring for and restoring people affected by leprosy.

Friday 7 September

Please continue to pray for Oswald, a 5 year old boy from Bougainville who we wrote to our supporters about in July. Leprosy has given Oswald patches on his body and face, thickened earlobes and a small ulcer on his right foot. Pray that little Oswald can receive the medicine he needs to completely cure his leprosy. And for a bright future as he looks forward to going to school and receiving an education.

Saturday 8 September / Sunday 9 September

It is **International Literacy Day**. Literacy skills are key drivers for sustainable development. Today one in five adults are illiterate and of these, two thirds are women. Pray that TLM Adult Literacy Centres and Literacy classes for self-help group members will enable people with leprosy to manage their own small business, thus lift themselves out of poverty.

New Zealand Supporters

Monday 10 September

In our projects, leprosy-affected people are comforted to hear that supporters in New Zealand are praying for them. Pray today for our prayer partners across New

Zealand who faithfully pray for those suffering with leprosy. Prayer is a powerful way to help those affected by leprosy to feel God’s care for them and to know His love.

Tuesday 11 September

One of our supporters, Beverley Cross, joined our supporter tour in 2016. She bought William the teddy bear along. They visited Leprosy Mission Hospitals and projects. Beverley wrote a children’s book on her and William’s adventures to help raise funds and awareness for the Leprosy Mission. Praise God for Beverley’s passion and for the myriad ways He uses the talents of our supporters to fulfill His plans.

Wednesday 12 September

Every year the Leprosy Mission sends out a supporter survey and it is humbling to read the heart our supporters have for the Mission and God’s work. Our supporters remind us of Jesus’ compassion and that He performed miracles and healed those with leprosy. Pray the Leprosy Mission continues to follow His path and we are all strengthened as we undertake our part in the mission to cure and heal people of this disease.

Thursday 13 September

Praise the Lord for our supporters who are inspired to talk about the Leprosy Mission with their friends, family, in their community and in churches. Pray that as the message and the needs of leprosy-affected people is shared, it will resonate and more people will be willing to support the Mission work and partner with people affected by leprosy.

Friday 14 September

All supporters who joined the Supporter Tour earlier this year went on to raise awareness and funds for the Leprosy Mission. They did this in a variety of ways from speaking at churches to hosting a dinner. Praise God for their initiative and the positive impact it has had on their lives and in raising vital funds for the work of the Mission.

Saturday 15 September / Sunday 16 September

The Supporter Tour is a wonderful way to witness the work of the Mission, to spend time with people affected by leprosy and to hear firsthand their stories of healing and transformation. Pray for supporters

who are considering joining the Supporter Tour in 2019. Pray the Lord will guide them in their decision making and if it His Will He will make a path for them.

Ethiopia

Monday 17 September

This week Gillian Whitley, LMNZ Executive Director, will be in Ethiopia visiting our project work and attending the Leprosy Mission Members Meeting. Pray for safety and good health as she travels to and around Ethiopia. Pray also for wisdom and strength as Gillian attends a series of meetings with other Country Leaders.

Tuesday 18 September

LMNZ has been working in partnership with ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy) for many years. ENAPAL's vision is a stigma-free society without isolation or discrimination. Today Gillian is visiting the project work of ENAPAL and meeting Tadesse Tesfaye, the Managing Director. Praise God for the lives of the thousands of leprosy-affected people being transformed in Ethiopia.

Wednesday 19 September

Pray for continued success with the running of the Grain Mills. These enterprises provide income and training for men and women affected by leprosy. In addition, profits from these mills enable ENAPAL to care for leprosy-affected people within their community, by providing schooling for children, as well as blankets and necessities for the elderly. It also breaks down barriers between people affected by leprosy and the wider community.

Thursday 20 September

In the following days, Gillian will be having a series of meetings with other TLM's Country Leaders in Ethiopia. Pray for wisdom, understanding and oneness in hearts, that all those participating will be engaged and open to discussion, in which positive decisions may be made for the future of TLM's work.

Friday 21 September

Today is the **International Day of Peace**. Pray that all nations and all people recognise the inherit

dignity and equal rights of all members and human rights, including people affected by leprosy. Pray also for people affected by wars in their country. Pray for God's protection and the spirit of peace and reconciliation upon them.

Saturday 22 September / Sunday 23 September

Pray for leprosy-affected children in Ethiopia who are receiving educational scholarships to support their schooling through ENAPAL. The scholarship provides children the opportunity to attend school with a schoolbag, books and a uniform. Education is their best means of escaping poverty which provides them with greater prospects for fullness of life.

Spring InTouch Magazine

Monday 24 September

Last week we sent out our Spring InTouch magazine to supporters. Pray for a positive response, that the message can reach the wider New Zealand community. Pray also the hearts of New Zealanders will be stirred into action with a willingness to support the work of the Leprosy Mission, in transforming the lives of those affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 25 September

For almost a year we have shared Hasan's story with supporters. Thank you for your prayerful support. Hasan is cured of leprosy, and received regular check-ups from Leprosy Mission health workers. Hasan's mother also joined a self-help group and received a loan to build a mud house so they no longer need to spend a huge portion of their income on rent.

Wednesday 26 September

Niran is an 11 year old boy from India. 2 years ago, Niran started having white patches on his face - a sign of leprosy. And because of leprosy, his fingers started to claw and his left eyelid was not able to close. Pray that through the support from Leprosy Mission, Niran can receive and complete the full course of multi-drug therapy, the cure of leprosy; and have the opportunity to have reconstructive surgery on his hands and eye.

Thursday 27 September

Pray for and Praise God for the time and commitment of this year's Youth Advocates. Their fundraising goal is to

raise \$30,000 to upgrade the prosthesis and orthoses equipment in Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. This new and advanced equipment will be life-changing as at the moment, staff members make all prostheses manually, and it takes 2-3 days to complete one prosthesis.

Friday 28 September

This is the last year of LMNZ's 5 year project (Chittagong People-led Development Project) of government matched funding in Bangladesh. Praise God for His guidance and provision in these five years, that the Leprosy Mission is able to improve the quality of life of thousands of disadvantaged people, particularly by leprosy and disability, through self-help groups and income generating activities. Pray for the next stage of the project and its sustainability.

Saturday 29 September / Sunday 30 September

LMNZ is blessed when supporters dedicate a bequest to realise the vision of a world without leprosy. Praise for those individuals who leave a lasting gift in their Will for the work of the Leprosy Mission. It is a powerful way to serve leprosy-affected families for generations to come, and help LMNZ make its vision of *leprosy defeated, lives transformed* a reality.