



September 2019

'So thank God for His marvellous love, for His miracle mercy to the children He loves.'

Psalm 107:8

Papua New Guinea and Bougainville

Sunday 1 September / Monday 2 September

Elijah lives in a small village in Bougainville. Thanks to the work being done through the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP), Elijah's aunt had trained as a health volunteer and recognised the white patches on Elijah's face as leprosy. He was quickly brought to a health facility and prescribed antibiotics. Praise God for early diagnosis and treatment for Elijah.

Tuesday 3 September

Give thanks! With the generous love and care of supporters like you, the BHCP has grown to 40 staff and hundreds of Community Health Volunteers. It reaches across 95% of the population of Bougainville, even those in the most rural

communities. Pray for more recruitment and training of health volunteers so they will be able to build healthy communities and help find leprosy cases in even the most remote, inaccessible areas.

Wednesday 4 September

Recently in Bougainville, three people lost their lives when the banana boat (a small dinghy with outboard motor) they were on sank while travelling between islands. Pray for the safety of patients, health workers and staff as they travel to and from remote areas in unpredictable weather. Thank God for the willingness of people to undertake these journeys to bring hope and healing to others.

Thursday 5 September

In Papua New Guinea and Bougainville, many areas in which the Leprosy Mission works are poverty stricken with high crime rates and political tensions. Pray for the referendum regarding independence, to be held in Bougainville in October, that the spirit of God will cover Bougainville during this time. Pray for His peace and protection over the staff and volunteers as they work with the project communities.

Friday 6 September

Pray for Ruby Mirinka, the Director of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme, that she will have direction, insight and wisdom as she works to lead the team. Pray for provision as she leads the team toward the goal of ending leprosy transmission in this part of the Pacific. Thank God for Ruby and pray that she and her family will be blessed.

Saturday 7 September/ Sunday 8 September

International Literacy Day - Literacy skills are vital for sustainable development. Today one in five adults is illiterate and of these, two thirds are women. Pray for those leprosy affected people who attend TLM Adult Literacy Centres and literacy classes, that they gain skills in the self-help group. Pray for their futures in being able to manage their own small businesses and lift themselves out of poverty.

New Zealand

Monday 9 September

Pray a blessing on every supporter in New Zealand, without whom we would not be able to cure leprosy and improve the lives of so many people in poverty-stricken situations. Pray that God will meet their everyday needs and bless them in every area of their lives.

Tuesday 10 September

The prayer support we receive is vital for the life of this mission. Pray that each person receives wisdom as they pray so that God's plans for His work are realised and put into place. Thank God for the faithfulness of praying people, whose contribution in this way may not be seen by anyone. Pray that God's favour will enrich their lives.

Wednesday 11 September

Pray for Brent Morgan, the New Zealander who is the International Director of The Leprosy Mission International, based in London. Pray for wisdom and discernment for him and his staff in their involvement in decision-making for so many areas. Also pray for protection for him as he travels.

Thursday 12 September

New Zealand is a supporter country for projects in several nations. Pray that we will be able to fulfil the commitments we have made to projects so that people can be cured, cared for and restored so they can live better lives. Praise God that Leprosy Mission New Zealand is the most generous supporter nation per head of population.

Friday 13 September

Leprosy Mission New Zealand directly supports projects in PNG, Bougainville, India, Nepal, Indonesia and Bangladesh. Pray for programmes staff in New Zealand as they administer and support staff working overseas in these programmes. Pray for cultural understanding as we work together to heal the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 14 September/ Sunday 15 September

Most New Zealanders are not aware that leprosy still exists today. Praise God that strategies are in place to

end leprosy transmission by 2035, and pray that more people will become aware that the disease exists, and will be moved to support programmes to cure people and to care for them and restore their lives so that they can have hopeful futures not limited by disability.

September inTouch Magazine

Monday 16 September

Our 2019 Spring issue of inTouch magazine goes out today. Thank God for the inspiring stories of recovery from leprosy and its effects. Pray that the magazine will be used to educate more New Zealanders about leprosy and that this will encourage more people to become engaged in the global mission to end leprosy transmission by 2035.

Tuesday 17 September

The inTouch magazine is a great way to update our supporters about the progress of people they have heard about and their journeys to recovery from leprosy. It gives an inside view of some of the struggles people have and how your support improves their lives. Thank God for all the kind support that continues to be available from supporters in New Zealand.

Wednesday 18 September

Kanti is our Cure One ambassador for 2019. She is one of many children affected by leprosy in India. Kanti's story started five years ago, when Kanti's mum realised there were discoloured patches all over Kanti's little body. It's not until later when an ulcer developed on the sole of Kanti's right leg, that she took Kanti to the local hospital. Kanti was diagnosed with leprosy. Because of delayed treatment, Kanti has developed drop foot on her right leg. Pray the hearts and minds of supporters will be moved to consider becoming a Cure One supporter today.

Thursday 19 September

Please pray for Kanti and her family. Pray that Kanti will complete her full course of multi-drug therapy. Pray for her mother to have peace about Kanti's recovery and her future. Also pray that many others like Kanti will be able to get the treatment they need.

Friday 20 September

It was a long time after the first signs of leprosy were seen on Kanti's skin before she was diagnosed with leprosy. This has meant the development of an ulcer on her foot and foot drop of her right foot, which could have been prevented with early diagnosis. Please pray for more education about leprosy to be able to be undertaken in communities like the one Kanti lives in, so long term disabilities can be avoided.

Saturday 21 September / Sunday 22 September

Niran was our Cure One ambassador in 2018. He was eleven years old when diagnosed with leprosy. He was unable to close his left eye because the muscle movement around his eye had been affected. Praise God that Niran is well on the way to a total cure and with physiotherapy he can now close his eye. Please pray that the reaction his immune system had to the leprosy bacteria will have no permanent effects.

Africa

Monday 23 September

Ethiopia - LMNZ works in partnership with a local grassroots leprosy organisation in Ethiopia, ENAPAL, whose main goal is to integrate people and families affected by leprosy into mainstream society. Pray for the children who receive educational support grants through this partnership. Pray their lives will be directly improved and they will have brighter futures.

Tuesday 24 September

Ethiopia - Families affected by leprosy find it difficult to escape from poverty. Long stays in hospital, disability, discrimination and lack of access to education make life more difficult. Continue to pray for the Grain Mills Project in Ethiopia, which is providing employment and restoring dignity for people who have suffered with leprosy and the ongoing struggles it has produced.

Wednesday 25 September

Chad – Praise the Lord! The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been discussed in the Chadian Parliament and is ready for approval. Pray that the convention will be signed and that local organisations and communities will put its principles into practice. Pray that through this we will work towards inclusion and active participation of persons living with leprosy-related disabilities in Chad.

Thursday 26 September

Rhema Day is today! Pray that the hearts of every listener would be challenged on Rhema and Life FM as we go live on air. Pray for smooth coordination and positive results. Pray that the listeners open their hearts to curing people affected by leprosy. That they be inspired to call in and offer their support. Pray that this day on air will catapult the work of TLM NZ and forge new relationships.

Friday 27 September

Chad is a semi-desert country which makes providing enough food for its 11.8 million citizens a struggle. Pray that food security programmes will meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged during the rainy season from June to October. Please pray for all TLM Chad staff as they partner with other non-government organisations and the government in delivering leprosy services.

Saturday 28 September/ Sunday 29 September

Nigeria – In recent years, herdsmen have killed and destroyed many communities in various states of Nigeria, and this has also affected some communities where the Leprosy Mission works. Pray that the Federal Government will be impartial in the conflict resolution process between herdsmen and host communities; and that God will restore much needed peace in the nation.

Monday 30 September

Niger – Dr. Mark and Faye have returned back to New Zealand for home assignment this year. Please continue to pray for another missionary doctor to help Dr. Rousseau at Danja Hospital while Dr. Mark and Faye are away. Pray that a doctor with a heart for mission will be stirred and willing to step out in faith in serving people in Niger.