



Prayer & Praise

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

September 2020

***'I am the good shepherd. I
know my sheep and my sheep
know me.'***

John 10:14

Tuesday 1 September

Due to disruption caused by the lockdown we had to find new ways to work and communicate with supporters. Working from home and using mobile phones for supporters to contact us had challenges that were mostly overcome. Give thanks for the positive outcomes and pray that we can build on what has worked for staff and supporters.

Wednesday 2 September

Because of international border restrictions Programmes staff are not able to carry out scheduled visits to projects. Please pray for continued healthy, practical communication between staff on the ground and those in NZ. Also pray for computer systems to function well so that there is continuity of communication.

Thursday 3 September

Please pray for wisdom and foresight for the Board Members of the TLM NZ Trust, as they consider the ongoing effects of Covid-19 on the work for people affected by leprosy. Praise God for their commitment and the knowledge and understanding they bring to their roles in the oversight of TLM NZ.

Friday 4 September

Give thanks for all the staff and volunteers at TLM NZ and for all that has been accomplished in spite of the lockdown. Pray that we will be able to implement and learn a new database system with no ongoing issues and that it will prove to be a real advantage.

Saturday 5 September / Sunday 6 September

This Sunday is Fathers' Day. Pray a blessing on all fathers in NZ. Please also pray for great improvement in the lives of fathers around the world who are affected by leprosy. Pray that they will be able to get the medication they need to be cured and the care they need to prevent or assist with disabilities so they can provide for their families.

Bangladesh

Monday 7 September

Please pray for community based self-help groups in Bangladesh. Give thanks for the mutual support people receive, and pray for livelihood opportunities for people affected by leprosy, disability and poverty. Pray for the effectiveness of these groups to increase and for more people to receive encouragement and mentoring.

Tuesday 8 September

Pray that the self-help groups will be successful in providing training in skills development, access to micro finance and education for children of people affected by leprosy. Pray that more children will be able to go to school and that more youth will be able to learn skills that will provide greater family income.

Wednesday 9 September

Every year in Bangladesh print and electronic media reports are published and telecast for mass awareness, stigma reduction and to draw the attention of policy makers towards positive changes in leprosy work.

Please pray for the team who liaise with journalists and policy makers.

Thursday 10 September

Self-advocacy through self-help groups is being promoted by involving more people and improving negotiation skills amongst people affected by leprosy. Please pray that advocacy will result in more opportunities for people affected by leprosy to take their place in their communities without stigma.

Friday 11 September

Give thanks to the Lord for the faithful supporting partners, their teams, volunteers and supporters who have ensured financial, prayer and motivational support for TLMI Bangladesh. This has meant that TLMI Bangladesh has been able to continue activities to change the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 12 September / Sunday 13 September

Give thanks that the ongoing work of The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh is influencing the policies and practices of the Government and other decision makers. Give thanks for the development of positive attitudes among medical personnel, NGOs and communities regarding the rights of people affected by leprosy.

Spring inTouch

Monday 14 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 the support of generous-hearted supporters improves their lives. Thank God for all the support that continues to be available from supporters in New Zealand.

Tuesday 15 September

Our Spring 2020 issue of inTouch magazine goes out this week. 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 eradicate the disease.

Wednesday 16 September

Give thanks that Kanti, our 2019 Cure One ambassador, has completed her multi-drug therapy and has been cured of leprosy. She has had surgery for drop foot and care for her foot ulcer. Protective sandals have been provided and she is being helped to go back to school. Please pray that she will be able to fit back into school and continue her education so that a bright future is available for her.

Thursday 17 September

Our Cure One ambassador for 2020 is Shabnam, a sixteen year old girl from India. She was diagnosed with leprosy in 2018 and has completed fourteen months of MDT, with ten months to go. Please pray that Shabnam and many others can receive the cure, care and restoration they need through the kindness of New Zealand supporters.

Friday 18 September

The ridge of Shabnam's nose has collapsed due to leprosy and she has painful nodules, mainly on her hands. She has daily physiotherapy for her hands at the Physiotherapy Department of Faizabad Hospital. Please pray that the treatment she and others are receiving will be successful in reducing or eliminating disability and they can go on to lead successful lives.

Saturday 19 September / Sunday 20 September

Shabnam is among a group of students in a vocational group learning tailoring and pattern making. Their qualified tutor had also been affected by leprosy in the past. Please pray for the success of the vocational training courses being undertaken by people affected by leprosy. Pray that at the end of the twelve-month course the students will find suitable employment.

Global Fellowship

Monday 21 September

Meetings of member countries are being held on line this week. Please pray for the stability of technology and for internet access, particularly for countries for which the available technology is not easily accessible and where internet connections are not stable.

Tuesday 22 September

Please pray for Brent Morgan and the Senior Leadership of the Global Fellowship, as they continue to manage the many issues that arise for all countries due to Covid-19. Pray for wisdom and forbearance and the ability to continue to provide stable leadership. Please pray that channels of communication can remain open so that everyone can get what they need and contribute to the wider fellowship.

Wednesday 23 September

Give thanks for the Global Fellowship Board, which includes New Zealander Anne Ratliffe. Pray that they will not be side-tracked by news and anxiety about Covid-19 but are able to keep a strategic perspective on the three core goals of zero leprosy transmission by 2035, zero leprosy discrimination and zero leprosy disability.

Thursday 24 September

Please pray that The Leprosy Mission can continue its important work during and after the pandemic. Pray that communication between Implementing Countries and Supporting Countries will continue positively and that out of this situation understanding and willingness to learn and change will grow so that the ongoing work can have greater effectiveness.

Friday 25 September

Please pray about changes of personnel at the International Office. Pray that new staff will settle in well and be able to undertake their new roles successfully. Pray for peace and enthusiasm for all those involved in these changes and that the right people will be found for vacant positions.

Saturday 26 September / Sunday 27 September

There are more than 2000 people working for The Leprosy Mission worldwide. Please pray for each of these people - thank God for their commitment to defeating leprosy and transforming lives and pray for God's blessing on them. Pray that each person's needs will be fulfilled as they follow God's plan.

International

Monday 28 September

Coronavirus was an unknown quantity and Dr Mark and Faye, missionaries in Niger, were worried that Niger would be overwhelmed. Please thank the Lord that Coronavirus has not so far had the widespread effect feared. Give thanks that Dr Mark did not get Coronavirus from one of his patients who was later diagnosed with it. Please pray for their continued protection and that they will be able to continue their work in the hospital and prison.

Tuesday 29 September

Give thanks that due to the intervention of TLM Myanmar, the government of Myanmar have decided to provide financial support to 15000 people affected by leprosy, along with 200 000 people with disabilities. Please pray that the transfer of payments will go smoothly. Pray God's blessing on that nation as they provide support for so many severely disadvantaged people.

Wednesday 30 September

The Leprosy Mission Chad have been able to extend their activities to a neighbouring province where leprosy work has not been developed until now. Please pray for the establishment of the new office, for new contacts to be made and for the increase of leprosy control, prevention of disability and the eradication of stigma.