



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

September 2021

***'The Lord will give strength
unto his people; the Lord will
bless his people with peace.'***

Psalm 29:11

Bougainville

Wednesday 1 September

Give thanks that Aimy has been cured of leprosy and because the condition was diagnosed and treated early she has no ongoing effects. Please pray that other children in Aimy's situation will be able to receive early treatment so their lives will not be affected long-term by the condition.

Thursday 2 September

Please pray for Raphael Clemente, the Leprosy Programme Officer for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project. Pray for continued blessing on his tireless work in remote communities, diagnosing

and treating people affected by leprosy. Please pray that the Department of Health will take a leading role in the delivery of the leprosy programme in Bougainville.

Friday 3 September

Pray for Clement Totavun, Bougainville's Health Secretary, as he plans for the integration of the BHCP into the Department of Health. Pray that he will demonstrate strong leadership and wisdom, and will show support for the long-term sustainability of the programme.

Saturday 4 September/ Sunday 5 September

Pray for the communities in Konnou and Buin Districts that God will bring to an end the four-year long conflict. Pray that BHCP and church groups will be able to have easy access to provide much-needed support to individuals and families affected by the conflict.

Nepal

Monday 6 September

Covid-19 has surged in Nepal since the beginning of this year. There have now been over 9000 deaths from the virus. Anandaban Hospital is among those the Nepali government has requested to have a dedicated Covid ward. They have treated over 250 people and had one death. Give thanks for the care that Anandaban Hospital is giving and pray blessing on the staff.

Tuesday 7 September

New Sadle is a social enterprise, closely associated with Anandaban Hospital. The employees are mainly people affected by leprosy or disability. You may remember Bishal and his mother, Lalsari, who works at New Sadle. Please pray that this enterprise will be able to thrive despite the ongoing challenges.

Wednesday 8 September

Twenty-three people of seventy-five tested for Covid-19 from New Sadle had positive results after a security guard had been diagnosed with Covid. Of these, four are in critical condition and are now being treated at Anandaban Hospital. All the others are self-isolating at home. Please pray for total healing for these people, who are more vulnerable than most because of low immune systems due to poverty and poor nutrition.

Thursday 9 September

Because of the generosity of New Zealand supporters, Leprosy Mission NZ has been able to contribute additional funds for livelihood support for people affected by leprosy in Nepal. This has meant care packages including food and hygiene items such as hand sanitiser and face masks have been able to be distributed.

Friday 10 September

Satendra is a boy of seventeen. The first symptoms of leprosy he noticed were itchy patches on his hands and feet and swollen fingers and toes. He visited many doctors but leprosy was not diagnosed until three years later. It is very common that people do not receive the correct diagnosis for leprosy. Please pray that training will be able to be given so that doctors can diagnose leprosy correctly and early, so that people do not have to suffer unnecessarily.

Saturday 11 September/ Sunday 12 September

Please pray for Shovakhar Kandel, the Country Director of Leprosy Mission Nepal, as he leads the team during this challenging time. Give thanks for the management skill he has and for the dedication, compassion and ability of the staff in Nepal. Pray for their safety and for a blessing on their families.

India

Monday 13 September

Give thanks that Shabnam, the Leprosy Mission Cure One ambassador for 2020 has been able to continue to receive the treatment for leprosy from Naini Hospital even during the Covid crisis. The ulcer on her foot has healed and she is living with the Missionaries of Charity. Praise God that she is safe and her healing is continuing.

Tuesday 14 September

Self-care is an important component of healing for people with leprosy. Give thanks that at all the Leprosy Mission hospitals patients are taught to inspect for wounds, do stretching exercises to prevent stiffness and to oil their skin to prevent dryness and cracking. Thank God that all this helps with self-awareness and building independence.

Wednesday 15 September

Have you wondered how people affected by leprosy and disability survive the onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic lockdown? It is the power of collectivism. Give thanks that Leprosy Mission is working to empower people with skills and encourage them to be entrepreneurs. Please pray for those who are currently struggling to meet the day to day expenses of their families because of the restrictions.

Thursday 16 September

Give thanks for Dr Ruby Marshala and her staff at Naini Leprosy Mission Hospital who have continued to provide emergency services for people in need even though 90% of the staff and their relatives tested positive for Covid 19 during the last few months. Also give thanks that they are available over the phone for patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even while isolating at home.

Friday 17 September

Supporters in New Zealand gave \$95,000 towards the provision of breathing apparatus for Leprosy Mission Hospitals through a special appeal. Give thanks for everyone who has given to help the most vulnerable in India during the latest wave of the pandemic.

Saturday 18 September/ Sunday 19 September

July 1 was National Doctor's Day in India. Give thanks for the doctors who have put aside their own convenience to relieve others of pain. Pray that they will not be overwhelmed by fatigue, stress and a sense of helplessness as they commit themselves to the recovery of all those who come to them with hope. Pray for inspiration and optimism as they go about their work.

Worldwide

Monday 20 September

Please pray for the people of Myanmar, which has been under military rule since 1 February, when a coup deposed the elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. It is progressively more difficult for staff of Leprosy Mission to carry out their work and for people affected by leprosy to get the cure and care

they need. Pray for peace for the nation and for safety for staff and patients.

Tuesday 21 September

Today is **International Day of Peace**. Recently in Nigeria nurses, security guards and babies were abducted from the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Centre in the north-west of the country. Reports say that bandits have been carrying out kidnappings in order to demand ransom from the state government. Please pray for peaceful resolution and for the release of all hostages safe and well.

Wednesday 22 September

More than 700,000 people have been internally displaced in northern Mozambique because of a military insurgency which is threatening to cause instability in the region. Please pray for wisdom for the government and for justice to prevail so that resolution of issues can take place. Pray that the truth will come out of what is really behind the insurgency so the appropriate action can be taken.

Thursday 23 September

In Ethiopia the government and northern Tigray forces have been fighting since late 2020. There have been thousands of deaths and 1.7 million people have been displaced. In June this year, the UN declared that the region of Tigray was undergoing a severe famine. Please pray for the people of Ethiopia, caught in this life and death situation.

Friday 24 September

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, there has been ongoing violence by armed groups in the east and internal displacement of people due to the eruption of Mount Nyiragongo. Covid-19 and Ebola are also ongoing challenges. Please pray for the government of DRC for wisdom and discretion in the face of these challenges.

Saturday 25 September/ Sunday 26 September

Mark and Faye Griffiths in Niger are returning to NZ for at least six months. Please pray for them as they complete the assignments they need to do before leaving and that God will continue to work among those they leave behind in Niger.

Also please pray for the security situation in Niger, as the country's borders are very risky. Please pray for lasting peace and for wisdom for the government of the country so they can find a long-term solution to the problem of insecurity.

New Zealand

Monday 27 September

Join us in giving thanks for God's goodness and blessing on the fundraising campaigns undertaken by Leprosy Mission NZ this year. Please pray for His continuing increase and favour, that the work of our hands may be established. Give thanks for the love and compassion of our loyal supporters, many of whom have given sacrificially even when they are facing their own difficult times.

Tuesday 28 September

Give thanks for the positive relationships LMNZ has developed with the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and with implementing countries and partner organisations. Pray that these relationships continue to strengthen so that hope and lasting impact can be brought to people affected by leprosy around the world.

Wednesday 29 September

Over 12000 New Zealanders actively support the work of Leprosy Mission NZ, helping to realise our global goal of 'Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035'. Give thanks for the commitment of these supporters, who uphold the Mission's work financially and prayerfully, give their time to volunteer at the office, and to speak at community and church groups. Thank God for the lives that are being transformed in Bangladesh, PNG, Bougainville, Ethiopia, India, Nepal and Indonesia.

Thursday 30 September

Today is the Cure One Day on Radio Rhema. Thank the Lord for this opportunity to reach many people who many not know about leprosy. Please pray that many hearts will be opened by what is presented so that more New Zealanders will realise they can contribute to the cure, care and restoration of people affected by leprosy.