



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

April 2022

***‘Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.’
Colossians 4:2***

Cure, Care, Restore

Friday 1 April

Hawa from Niger was thrown out of her community because of the stigma surrounding leprosy. She had lost her fingers and was very sick when she arrived at Danja Hospital, where she received the treatment and care she needed. Hawa now has a stall outside her home, where she sells fruit, herbs and spices and can earn enough to feed and clothe herself. Give thanks for all the supporters who give so that people like Hawa can be cured, cared for and restored to a life of dignity.

Saturday 2 April/ Sunday 3 April

Give thanks for the support of Leprosy Mission donors, who have enabled staff and volunteers in many third world countries to reach into communities with information and resources. This has meant that

more people have been able to get through lockdowns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bougainville

Monday 4 April

Following the retirement of Ruby Mirinka, Programme Director of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme since it started, a new leader must be found. Please pray for the success and openness of the process to find the right person to take over the position. Also please pray for Ruby and her family as she adjusts to her retirement.

Tuesday 5 April

Please pray for wisdom for team members of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme who are developing training manuals for preventative health training to be used at community level. Pray that the training will address needs for people affected by leprosy and others within the communities.

Wednesday 6 April

A key contact person between the BHCP and the Autonomous Bougainville Government has passed away. He was from the government and had been very helpful with communication over the years. Please pray for his family during this difficult time. Please also pray that the BHCP team can maintain a positive, helpful relationship with the government.

Thursday 7 April

Please continue to pray for leprosy referral pathways to be strengthened so the people affected by leprosy feel confident to receive treatment. Pray that the supply of Multi-Drug Therapy can be maintained so no-one misses out and please pray for early detection of leprosy in remote communities.

Friday 8 April

Give thanks for the nineteen district facilitators who regularly travel to remote villages where they train and monitor village health volunteers, who are then responsible for providing health education in their communities. Please pray for safety as they travel and that they will build and maintain great relationships with the communities they serve.

Saturday 9 April/ Sunday 10 April

The volunteers raise awareness about diseases such as leprosy and malaria, identify villagers who are ill, and refer people to district health clinics for diagnosis and treatment. Give thanks that since the BHCP began, more than 2,500 village health volunteers and 2,100 village leaders have been receiving training on community health development, leadership and governance.

India

Monday 11 April

Pray that integrated leprosy services can be provided in areas low on resources, so that people affected by leprosy can be cured. Please pray that the care they receive will empower people to become advocates for themselves and others, so the stigma of leprosy is broken.

Tuesday 12 April

Children from families affected by leprosy are stigmatised and often lose the motivation to study. TLM Trust India provides educational support to many children and mentors them to continue their education. Please pray that children will be encouraged so they can learn and have a hopeful future.

Wednesday 13 April

Give thanks for the staff who are devoted to the work of TLM Trust India and to the people they work among. Many serve with sacrifice and prayer. Pray for God's provision, peace and protection for them and their families.

Thursday 14 April

Please pray for those affected by leprosy who take the lead in driving social change through awareness-raising and advocating for the rights of people affected by leprosy. Please pray for relationships to be built and that they will truly be accepted as part of their communities.

Friday 15 April

Good Friday

Give thanks for God's sacrifice for sin, through Whom we have access to the Throne of Grace. Through the Blood of Jesus we are washed clean of our sin and all

our shame is taken away. Praise God for the reconciliation that He has provided.

Saturday 16 April/ Sunday 17 April

Pray that many people affected by leprosy will find restoration, healing and reconciliation with God through the ministry of those who minister to their needs. Give thanks for the love and patience shown by doctors, nurses and carers all over the world.

Monday 18 April

Please pray that the relationship between Leprosy Mission, No Leprosy Remains Indonesia and local health facilities will continue to grow positively. Pray that these relationships will mean that more people affected by leprosy will be able to be diagnosed and treated.

Tuesday 19 April

Please pray that as more cases of leprosy are found, more close contacts will be able to receive a preventative antibiotic. The aim is to reduce the likelihood of leprosy being transmitted among close contacts of a person affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 20 April

Please pray for success for all the activities in Indonesia that are working to break down the stigma of leprosy. This stigma can make patients and their families reluctant to seek treatment, so the disease continues to be transmitted. The stigma also leaves people in poverty as it limits their economic activity.

Thursday 21 April

The other effect of the stigma can be that people develop disabilities because of delay in seeking treatment for leprosy. Please pray that knowledge about the seriousness of the condition and that it can be cured will motivate people to get and complete the treatment before disabilities develop.

Friday 22 April

Currently, Indonesia has a strict lockdown with restrictions on domestic and inter-regional travel because of Covid 19. Please pray that the case finding teams can continue working in spite of the delays in training, awareness raising and active case finding.

Saturday 23 April/ Sunday 24 April

Pray that people affected by leprosy in Indonesia will want and be able to continue their treatment. Please pray that they will be able to get the medication they need to cure leprosy.

Nepal

Monday 25 April

With decreasing numbers of cases of Covid 19, Nepal has no current lockdowns in place. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will be able to get the treatment they need without fear of Covid and pray a blessing on all staff at Anandaban Hospital who have worked through the pandemic.

Tuesday 26 April

Doctors at Anandaban Hospital are trialling a new treatment for skin wounds. The patient's blood cells are used to make a membrane in gel strips called L-PRF, which mimics the body's natural healing processes. Dr Indra Napit, who developed the technique has said he has seen faster healing times with this treatment. Please pray that current research will evaluate this treatment so it can become widely-used and provide hope and healing around the world.

Wednesday 27 April

In Nepal, people in village communities often see leprosy as a punishment. This leads people to hide the early signs of leprosy, making them vulnerable to severe disability. Please pray that training programmes can break down the misunderstanding that has led to stigma for those affected by leprosy.

Thursday 28 April

Give thanks for the satellite clinics in Butwal, Biratnagar and Chitwal, where people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and receive treatment for the condition. Pray for the staff who run these clinics and give thanks for the care and skill they provide to the most vulnerable.

Friday 29 April

The Leprosy Mission Nepal has a Training and Technical Support Centre as part of Anandaban Hospital. Give thanks that training is provided to Nepal's Government Health staff, national and international medical students and doctors, and community volunteers. Pray that the training given will lead to more

early case detection and management of leprosy complications.

Saturday 30 April/ Sunday 1 May

TLM Nepal has increased its training capacity through the years. Give thanks that training can be provided in community level injury and trauma management, disability management and peer support.



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**