



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

January 2023

***Wherefore God has highly
exalted Him and given Him a
name which is above every
name.***

Philippians 2:9

India

Sunday 1 January

Please pray that in 2023 millions will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Pray that the process towards Zero Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Discrimination will forge ahead with greater impact for all people affected by leprosy.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 2 January

Give thanks for a successful induction programme for the staff of the new Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) in Papua New Guinea. Give thanks that staff were actively engaged, full of ideas and energy and keen

to get into the field. Please pray that their work will bear much fruit.

Tuesday 3 January

The PHACE launch workshop with government departments, community organisations and volunteers was held successfully. Give thanks that stakeholders showed full support for the programme. Please pray that a meeting between TLM staff and the Dept of Provincial and Local Government affairs will be successful in exploring how a partnership can grow to achieve health development outcomes in the target communities of the new PHACE programme.

Wednesday 4 January

The co-ordinator of Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning, employed by The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea, has resigned. Please pray for a suitable new candidate to be appointed without delay. This will mean the MERL framework tools can be designed for implementation as soon as the PHACE programme gets underway.

Thursday 5 January

Please pray for the strengthening of the relationship between The Leprosy Mission PNG and the Leprosy Control Unit of the PNG Ministry of Health. Pray that the supply of the antibiotics needed to treat leprosy, which are issued by the Ministry of Health, will be consistent and ongoing.

Friday 6 January

Under the PHACE project new Community Facilitators have been appointed to build relationships with leaders and other members of target communities. This is a pivotal role for the success of the project as everything operates through relationship. Please pray for the Community Facilitators as they travel to communities new to the project. Pray for strong, trusting relationships to be built.

Saturday 7 January/ Sunday 8 January

Give thanks that The Leprosy Mission New Zealand has been working closely with TLM Papua New Guinea in reducing the medical, social and economic burden of leprosy in PNG since the 1960s. Praise the Lord for the ongoing kindness of supporters and the ongoing partnership with the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

India

Monday 9 January

Government hospitals and health centres in India provide multidrug therapy (MDT), but they are not uniform in providing services for complications of leprosy. Give thanks that because of the varied manifestations of leprosy, TLM Trust India, in dealing with the various problems of the disease, has acquired experience and skills in various medical and surgical disciplines, including General Medicine, General Surgery and Ophthalmology.

Tuesday 10 January

TLM Trust India plays a major role in the implementation of the Government of India's National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP). In two states (Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra) TLMTI works as NLEP coordinator and supports the government in building the capacity of NLEP staff in leprosy. Give thanks that the well-trained staff of Leprosy Mission hospitals can train and assist others so that more people affected by leprosy can receive the treatment and care they need.

Wednesday 11 January

Give thanks for The Leprosy Mission Trust India's Sustainable Livelihood programme, which recognises that it is crucial for communities to be self-reliant. TLM TI aims to increase people's capacity to provide for themselves and lift themselves out of poverty. Give thanks that TLM TI emphasises livelihood as an inherent right of people affected by leprosy. Please pray for creativity and sustainability of schemes to improve people's income.

Thursday 12 January

TLM TI promotes the awareness among communities and employers of the need for including people affected by leprosy in the local workforce. Give thanks that every year, over 2,500 unemployed young people affected by leprosy or disability are provided comprehensive market-aligned skills training. Praise God that through innovative employer engagement programmes and disability-friendly workplace solutions equal, inclusive, and dignified employment is provided.

Friday 13 January

At TLMTI, research is carried out in its molecular biology research laboratory and in its hospitals, vocational training centres and community empowerment projects. Give thanks that TLMTI's goal is to generate evidence-based knowledge through research, to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy. Pray that the research will result in great progress towards the eradication of leprosy.

Saturday 14 January/ Sunday 15 January

Give thanks for The Leprosy Mission Trust India, the largest leprosy-focused non-governmental organisation in India. The organisation works with people affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), people with disabilities, and marginalised communities, especially women. Pray for successful outcomes for all programmes and that the lives of people affected by leprosy can be restored.

Bangladesh

Monday 16 January

2023 is the final year of outside financial support for the Disabled Persons' Association in Bangladesh. Please pray that the leaders of DAPA and the federations of Self-Help Groups that band together as DAPA will have the necessary skills and knowledge to run their organisation. Also pray that leaders and members can attain 100% financial sustainability.

Tuesday 17 January

The Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh is involved in a study of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis with four other countries. Please pray for the capacity building of the team, for the procurement of the medication and for success in the early stages of the clinical trials.

Wednesday 18 January

DBLM is a Leprosy Mission Hospital in Nilphamari, providing services for leprosy complications. Give thanks that arrangements have been made for a local surgeon to do reconstructive surgery there every month. Please pray for the success of this service, that those affected by leprosy can be fully treated and restored to good health.

Thursday 19 January

Bangladesh's leprosy burden ranks fourth highest in the world. Four thousand new cases are detected annually – an average of 11 to 12 cases per day over the last 10 years. Please pray that with the support of the Government of Bangladesh, the World Health Organisation and other bodies people affected by leprosy and related disability will receive the cure and care they need to recover and have a healthier life.

Friday 20 January

The human suffering resulting from the physical deformities and related social problems of leprosy is immense. Give thanks for the stated commitment of the Government of Bangladesh to ensuring proper treatment for those suffering from leprosy. Please pray for continuing government support to be available.

Saturday 21 January/ Sunday 22 January

Give thanks that the focus of TLM Bangladesh is on leprosy diagnosis, rehabilitation and advocacy, and their research and health programmes are a major contributor to the global understanding of leprosy. Praise God that TLM Bangladesh is well regarded so is a senior member of the National Leprosy Elimination Program (NLEP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Churches

Monday 23 January

Give thanks for the support of churches, which has been vital for the ministry of The Leprosy Mission since it began. Whatever support the churches give they are ministering God's love and care. Thank God for the love and passion He gives to His people for those in need.

Tuesday 24 January

Give thanks for the churches that offer services directly to people affected by leprosy. Give thanks for services such as leprosy awareness camps, health services and visiting people in hospital. Pray that all these services and activities will encourage and motivate people affected by leprosy so they can move positively into the future.

Wednesday 25 January

Please pray for all churchgoers who follow in Jesus' footsteps by offering healing and hope. Pray for all those churches in communities where leprosy has a stigma and pray that standing beside people affected by

leprosy will help to break down the stigma, so people find acceptance and hope.

Thursday 26 January

In countries without leprosy churches give vital support through fundraising and prayer so that the vision of Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed can become a reality. Give thanks for all the fundraising activities and events carried out. These include hosting World Leprosy Day services and inviting speakers from The Leprosy Mission.

Friday 27 January

Give thanks for the thousands of generous people who have heard about leprosy through their churches or parents and have been inspired to give to those who need it. Pray a blessing on the families who have continued to give through several generations and pray that this will continue.

Saturday 28 January/ Sunday 29 January

World Leprosy Day 2023 on 29 January raises awareness of leprosy, a disease that many people think no longer exists. Please pray that through the activities held in many nations more people will be motivated to see an end to this condition. Pray that thousands of lives can be transformed as people are cured, cared for and restored to a better life.

Worldwide

Monday 30 January

The difficult conditions within Myanmar make it harder to find and treat people affected by leprosy. Please pray that The Leprosy Mission Myanmar can continue to operate and that staff and those affected by leprosy will be safe in these uncertain times.

Tuesday 31 January

Give thanks that a three-pronged approach to Zero Leprosy by 2035 is being undertaken in Indonesia. Please pray that the combination of community awareness, contact tracing of active cases and the administration of one dose of Rifampicin to close contacts of those affected by leprosy will bring great difference to the number of new cases. Also pray that cases can be diagnosed early so that disability can be avoided.