



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

July 2022

'I will tell of the loving-kindnesses of God. I will praise Him for all He has done.'

Isaiah 63:7

International Office

Friday 1 July

Please pray for new staff at the International Office in Brentford, England. Please pray that they will be able to easily take up their roles within the fellowship and will soon feel at home among their fellow-workers. Give thanks for all staff and volunteers who contribute to the work of the International Office.

Saturday 2 July/ Sunday 3 July

Give thanks for the Global Day of Prayer held in July. Thank the Lord that many people were able to gather together in fellowship to pray for the work of The Leprosy Mission. Pray that this initiative grows and is strengthened in the years to come.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 4 July

A visit is planned for the staff of Leprosy Mission PNG to the Department of Provincial and Local-level Government Affairs. The aim is to explore how their partnership can develop further. Please pray for a stronger partnership to develop. Pray for open hearts and minds and for wisdom for the leaders of both groups.

Tuesday 5 July

The first progress monitoring survey collecting data of the activities in the field is under way. This is a 3-week exercise as part of the Strongim Helt Long Komuniti Project (Building Healthy Communities). There is a need to re-set this whole monitoring approach so that it becomes a continuous exercise, not blocking large chunks of time where other implementation activities are stopped. Please pray for wisdom on this.

Wednesday 6 July

Leprosy Mission NZ has received approval from the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a Negotiated Partnership between the two organisations and local partners. A project in PNG will be part of this partnership. Current projects and related staff will be transitioned to the Negotiated Partnership Programme. Please pray for wisdom and smooth transition for all involved.

Thursday 7 July

A country of immense cultural and biological diversity, Papua New Guinea is known for its active volcanoes, dense rainforest and large, crocodile-infested wetlands. Please pray for the safety of all staff and community volunteers who reach out to those affected by leprosy and pray a blessing on them and their families.

Friday 8 July

Sustainable livelihoods are key to the change of life for people affected by leprosy, so they can lift themselves out of poverty and make better lives for their children. Leprosy Mission PNG runs projects that focus on sustainable livelihoods and health. Please pray for ongoing enthusiasm for participants in these projects and for change to be seen in communities as the projects mature and become self-sustaining.

Saturday 9 July/ Sunday 10 July

National elections are scheduled to be held in Papua New Guinea at the end of July. Elections are held every five years. Please pray for a peaceful run-up to the elections and that the elected candidates will have wisdom, a desire for justice and hearts for the people.

Nepal

Monday 11 July

Praise the Lord that the COVID situation has become normal, and all restrictions have been lifted in Nepal. Things are coming back to normal, so many people whose livelihoods were affected badly are trying to get their lives back together. The Lord has been good to TLM Nepal as they were able to run Anandaban Hospital smoothly and also serve as one of the centres for COVID testing and treatment.

Tuesday 12 July

We want to praise the Lord that we are raising funds for the reconstruction of our Research Lab building at Anandaban Hospital. We want to thank our supporters who have donated, and all our friends and partners involved in fundraising. We appreciate their deep love for Nepal and especially for the work for people affected by leprosy. We trust in our Lord to provide the remaining funds needed so that our new laboratory building will see the light of day soon.

Wednesday 13 July

Pray for the completion of the Trauma Centre at Anandaban Hospital and for the safety of everyone involved in the construction. Please pray that TLM Nepal will be able to recruit dedicated staff with the passion to serve people and communities so that ultimately the people of the region will benefit from the services that become available in our Trauma Centre from next year.

Thursday 14 July

Please pray for those leprosy cases who have yet to be diagnosed. We are still seeing fresh leprosy cases in Skin Camps. Pray that Leprosy Mission Nepal will be able to find resources to organize more of these Skin Camps so that they can find those hidden cases and treat them early to avoid disability.

Friday 15 July

Pray for good relationships between the government of Nepal and all international NGOs working to tackle leprosy. Pray that all will follow the long-term Strategic Plan for Zero Leprosy. Give thanks for the resourcefulness and resilience of people in Nepal working for and with those affected by leprosy.

Saturday 16 July/ Sunday 17 July

Pray for those elected in local elections held on 13 May. Please pray that the officials will be visionary and be able to see and implement what the people need. Pray that their hearts will be open to those affected by leprosy and disability and that bureaucracy will not hinder implementation of ideas that will help people.

Bangladesh**Monday 18 July**

We have heard from Leprosy Mission Bangladesh that it is assumed there that Coronavirus may adversely hit the world again some time in 2022. They are deeply concerned that if it does, the people of Bangladesh won't be able to bear it. The Self-Help Group members would be some of the most affected groups. Please pray so that Covid does not break out and pray that the people of Bangladesh will find hope despite their extremely difficult situations.

Tuesday 19 July

There is a possibility that the political environment in Bangladesh will be critical in 2022 and beyond, bringing further instability and lack of security to the nation. This would affect the normal activities of Leprosy Mission Bangladesh. Please pray that political leaders think and work sensibly and that they consider the people in all decisions made.

Wednesday 20 July

Self-help groups aim to improve the quality of life of people affected by leprosy, through social and economic development, moving towards sustainability. Self-help groups provide support and skills training to people living with leprosy and disability. Give thanks that Self-help Groups in Bangladesh have continued to operate and grow in the last two years and those leaders have been able

to undergo training to help their members become self-sufficient.

Thursday 21 July

Self-help Groups are involved in loan and micro-credit schemes and impart knowledge of savings management. Please pray that as Bangladesh recovers from the effects of Covid-19 the saving levels of individual members will increase and people will be able to plan again for what to do with their savings.

Friday 22 July

Collectives of Self-help Groups form federations, set up to give people affected by leprosy a powerful voice. Leaders are trained to advocate on behalf of federation members. Give thanks for this initiative and for the advocacy taking place.

Saturday 23 July/ Sunday 24 July

Please pray that the sense of confidence and general awareness of community opportunities amongst group members will develop again, along with a growing sense of dignity and self-worth as they receive wider acceptance in the community. Give thanks that the confidence of members of Self-help Groups helps them confront, and overcome, levels of stigma existing in the wider community.

Worldwide**Monday 25 July**

An ongoing government and financial crisis in Sri Lanka have led to a sharp increase in the price of medicines in the country. Antibiotics, certain painkillers and medication for heart conditions are among those hit by a 40 percent mark-up. This comes against the backdrop of explosive public anger at the rising prices of other essential items such as cooking gas, milk powder and fuel. Thousands of people have been protesting against the worsening shortages and the Prime Minister has resigned. Please pray for Sri Lanka, for wisdom for the government and for resolution of the deepest need.

Tuesday 26 July

TLM Myanmar aims to achieve zero leprosy transmission and ensure that leprosy-affected individuals have a place in their society. All TLM Myanmar's projects aim to help people affected by leprosy and disability overcome the barriers of delayed

access to health services, lack of access to public and private spaces, and the ignorance and discrimination that prevent their full participation in society. Please pray that the plans of TLM Myanmar can continue to go ahead and that staff, volunteers and those affected by leprosy can find God's wonderful provision and peace in their situations.

Wednesday 27 July

TLM Mozambique works in close cooperation with the Health Department to support the Leprosy Control project in the province Cabo Delgado, which features the innovative use of mobile phone technology for data recording. Please pray that during the current unrest in parts of the country, TLM Mozambique can continue working with those affected by leprosy to improve their lives.

Thursday 28 July

At their office in Addis Ababa, TLM Ethiopia's staff work to achieve their vision, which is "The lives of people affected by leprosy in Ethiopia are transformed'. The country is divided by a civil war in the northern Tigray region and ethnic violence in many parts of the country. Please pray for the operations of TLM Ethiopia to continue effectively and for the vision to continue to be achieved in the lives of many.

Friday 29 July

TLM Timor Leste runs projects that focus on early diagnosis and treatment, prevention of disability, and greater leprosy awareness in communities. Please pray for new opportunities for potential donors to support the work in Timor Leste through prayer and finance.

Saturday 30 July/ Sunday 31 July

The Leprosy Mission helps provide funding, staff or other support to Hombolo Leprosy Hospital, near Dodoma, Tanzania. They work to stop the spread of leprosy through awareness programmes within communities and a mobile clinic which carries out screening for leprosy. Praise God that the Dodoma Regional TB and Leprosy Co-ordinator is working in partnership with TLM, which is bringing positive results for the communities they serve.