



Prayer & Praise

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

November 2022

***For He that is mighty has done
to me great things; and holy is
His Name.***

Luke 1:49

India

Tuesday 1 November

TLM Trust India has formed and strengthened many local self-help groups of people affected by leprosy. Please pray that the role these groups play in empowering communities will be effective and that the groups can grow and be sustainable. Please also pray that TLM Trust India's partnerships with government and local organisations will remain strong and be effective in fighting leprosy-related stigma and discrimination.

Wednesday 2 November

Please pray that the educational scholarships provided by TLMTI to children with a background of leprosy will be effective in changing young people's perspectives. Pray that the young people will be

encouraged to continue their education and that the cycle to ill-health and poverty will be broken.

Thursday 3 November

With healthcare demands changing the hospitals need upgrades of infrastructure and equipment. Please pray that God will provide resources for the hospitals so they can continue providing the best services. Please also pray for the new generation of healthcare professionals joining TLMTI. Pray for their spiritual growth as they work for and with those affected by leprosy.

Friday 4 November

TLM Trust India's advocacy and communication work supports people affected by leprosy to speak out on the issues important to them. The Advocacy and Communications team has to develop creative ideas and strong internal and external messages via various forms of media. Please pray for new members for the team and for great ideas. Pray for success for all new initiatives.

Saturday 5 November/ Sunday 6 November

Give thanks that The Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative are holding a Global Forum of People's Organisations on Hansen's Disease (leprosy) from 6-7 November. This forum will discuss the challenges faced by people affected by leprosy and their vision for the future.

International Conferences

Monday 7 November

Some staff of The Leprosy Mission Trust India will be attending the Global Forum of People's Organisations on Hansen's Disease. Give thanks that The Leprosy Mission can also sponsor attendance by ten people affected by leprosy. Please pray that many will be encouraged and empowered towards a hopeful future through this forum.

Tuesday 8 November

The International Leprosy Congress will be held virtually and physically from 8-11 November, following the Global Forum. Please pray for the impact of various virtual presentations by countries of the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship. These will highlight research and innovations towards the Triple Zero goals – i.e. Zero transmission, Zero disability, Zero discrimination.

Wednesday 9 November

The ILC 2022 is an opportunity to understand the current status of leprosy control, its transmission, newer diagnostics, treatments and vaccines. Please pray that all attendees, in person or via the internet, will gain by hearing from colleagues across the world.

Thursday 10 November

The scientific sessions in the ILC will cover a wide range of topics and will provide a comprehensive update on the key advances made in fighting leprosy and its effects. Please pray for young budding researchers and postgraduate trainees who will present their original work as oral and poster presentations. Pray for clarity of presentation and that they will be encouraged in their work.

Friday 11 November

The International Leprosy Congress is the key event for leprosy workers and all stake holders for scientific updates and fostering professional & personal ties. Please pray that The ILC will be an opportunity to assess, energize and start a new phase in the fight against leprosy.

Saturday 12 November/ Sunday 13 November

Please give thanks that the ILC was able to be held and pray that those in attendance will feel encouraged and motivated to carry forward the fight against leprosy and its effects.

Bangladesh

Monday 14 November

A great number of members of the Self-help Groups in Bangladesh have been unable to restart their businesses which were lost in 2020/21 due to Covid-19. This has caused hardship and discouragement for many families. Please pray for these people to be able to recover their businesses or start other activities.

Tuesday 15 November

Collectives of Self-help Groups form federations, which band together under DAPA, the Disabled People's Association. The loss of businesses means weakened federations, which further weakens DAPA. The loss of this collectivisation means that advocacy for people affected by leprosy and disability is

weakened. Please pray that God will provide what is needed so that people affected by leprosy and disability can advocate for themselves and the stigma of leprosy can be broken.

Wednesday 16 November

Regular service provision for people affected by leprosy was disrupted by Covid. Please pray for the team of TLM International Bangladesh to work through the challenges they face. Pray for the mental and physical health and wellbeing of staff as they pick up and maintain services in the field.

Thursday 17 November

Please pray for staff of the Country Office in Dhaka. Pray for those responsible for providing support for and oversight of projects. Pray for good communication and positive networks with partners and for strong relationships with relevant organisations and government departments.

Friday 18 November

Great work is done at DBLM Hospital, which provides inpatient services for those affected by leprosy and those suffering from other conditions. The funding from local income initiatives was hit hard by Covid and this is an ongoing challenge. Please pray for restoration of local funding initiatives so that the hospital can return to the provision of the best services it can.

Saturday 19 November/ Sunday 20 November

The pandemic took a great toll on the mental wellbeing of staff and patients at DBLM Hospital. Please pray that God will bring hope to people suffering from leprosy and its complications and to those with other conditions. Also pray that the staff will be encouraged in their work and will have renewed purpose and strength.

Nepal

Monday 21 November

The new state-of-the-art Trauma Centre building at Anandaban Hospital has recently been completed and dedicated. Please pray that many people affected by leprosy and their families will benefit. Pray for the recruitment of well-qualified, committed

staff who are motivated to work in a faith-based organisation like The Leprosy Mission.

Tuesday 22 November

Anandaban Hospital is expecting to begin the design of a new Prevention of Disability building. Please pray for a design fit for purpose that will mean people affected by leprosy can receive care that will make a huge difference to their lives. Please pray for the funding to be available for this facility.

Wednesday 23 November

The Leprosy Mission Nepal works in partnership with the Government of Nepal, providing specialist care and technical support for leprosy control programmes. Please pray that Government leaders and civil servants will develop effective systems and that positive working environments will be created and maintained.

Thursday 24 November

Building capacity and providing technical support at Nepali health institutions is vital for early case detection and management of leprosy. Please pray that the training staff of The Leprosy Mission Nepal will provide effective training to government health workers so that leprosy can be diagnosed early in its progression.

Friday 25 November

TLM Nepal has a project called Fuelling Opportunities to end Unemployment for Nepalis with Disability (FOUND). The project aims to support unemployed skilled people to find and thrive in formal or self-employment. Please pray for the successful implementation of FOUND activities so that people affected by leprosy and disabilities will be empowered.

Saturday 26 November/ Sunday 27 November

Please pray that FOUND will be able to attract business owners and employers willing to employ people with disabilities. Also pray for success for the efforts of the team at FOUND. They continuously work to produce and sustain skilled people with disability in the job market. Give thanks for the support provided to vulnerable people and for employers willing to employ those with disabilities.

Worldwide

Monday 28 November

Yvonne Kavuo has started her induction as the incoming Country Leader of TLM DR Congo. Yvonne has more than 20 years on-the-ground expertise and international and local experience. Her background is in HIV and AIDS, reproductive health, and gender-based violence programmes. Please pray for her as she starts this new role and pray for Sabuni, the outgoing Country Leader, as he moves towards his retirement at the end of this year.

Tuesday 29 November

In Chad, The Leprosy Mission's notable achievement has been the formation of disabled people's organisations. Please pray for these organisations as they aim to create an atmosphere where people with disabilities can support each other, develop new forms of income, and become active in local society.

Wednesday 30 November

The Leprosy Mission 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 for compassion and wisdom for staff and volunteers as they tackle the issues while under the pressure and strain of the current political situation in Myanmar. Pray that those affected by leprosy will know they are cared about and will find the treatment and support they need.