



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

October 2022

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'.

Luke 1:46-47

Worldwide

Saturday 1 October/ Sunday 2 October

As conflict and the climate crisis combine, the World Food Programme has warned that one in three children under five in the Tigray region of Ethiopia are malnourished. There is ongoing war and there have been four years without significant rain. Please pray for the provision of food and shelter for the vulnerable people affected and for God's help for the Leprosy Mission Ethiopia team.

Indonesia

Monday 3 October

In Indonesia, the number of cases of Covid-19 continues to rise. Please pray for staff of No Leprosy Remains, the partner of The Leprosy Mission in

Indonesia, that they will fully recover after being infected and that they will have no long-term effects of Covid.

Tuesday 4 October

Please pray that the team in Indonesia stay healthy while carrying out their activities. Pray that new action plans for intensive case finding can be carried out successfully and that many cases of leprosy can be diagnosed early so that treatment can start before disability arises. Please pray that people will be willing to come forward for treatment.

Wednesday 5 October

Pray for the success of close contact tracing activities, aiming to limit the transmission of leprosy. This requires permission from a patient who has been diagnosed with leprosy. Please pray for willingness on the part of those affected by leprosy to identify their close contacts despite the fear that can arise with a diagnosis of leprosy.

Thursday 6 October

The Post-Exposure Prophylaxis team from Indonesia will be attending the International Leprosy Congress in November, some online and some in person. Please pray for the successful preparation and presentation of the address they will make regarding the administration of a post-exposure prophylaxis to close contacts of people affected by leprosy.

Friday 7 October

Please pray about the commitment and co-ordination of the relationship between No Leprosy Remains and the Indramayu Health Office. Effective relationship is important so that the programme of leprosy detection and elimination in Indramayu can be achieved. Pray that communication will be effective and trust will grow.

Saturday 8 October/Sunday 9 October

Give thanks and pray for the NLR Indonesian staff team, who support the leprosy programme of the Ministry of Health, training health staff on leprosy. Give thanks for their commitment and pray for grace, wisdom and foresight for the work they do. Pray that the training will be successful so that more health staff will be able to diagnose leprosy.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 10 October

The Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Project (PHACE) is starting in Papua New Guinea, with funding from NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and from Leprosy Mission NZ. Please pray for new staff appointed to positions within TLM PNG, for their commitment and integrity in carrying out the programme activities entrusted to them. Pray that they and their families will be blessed.

Tuesday 11 October

Jasleen Kler, Programmes Manager of TLM NZ, and Tony Wrightson, Consultant, are travelling to PNG for orientation activities with staff of the new PHACE Project. Please pray for safety while travelling and while in PNG. Also pray for wisdom in the delivery of workshops during the Orientation Week. Pray for a keen reception and positive communication for all involved.

Wednesday 12 October

Please pray that the workshops held during Orientation Week will be fruitful and helpful for the new staff. Pray that they will be equipped with the knowledge they need so they can deliver the programme with confidence and competence. Pray that enthusiasm will grow as the new staff become oriented to the new project.

Thursday 13 October

There will also be a PHACE Project Stakeholders' Workshop involving TLM staff, officials from the PNG Department of Health and community leaders. All key partners will learn about the new project. Please pray that the project will be well received and that this workshop will help build good working relationships between all groups involved in the project.

Friday 14 October

At the start of the roll-out of the PHACE Project the team will introduce the programme to existing and new communities. Pray for relationships with existing communities to be strengthened and for the start of strong, positive relationships with new communities. Pray that these communities will want to support the project and pray that the establishment of the project will go smoothly.

Saturday 15 October/Sunday 16 October

Please pray that the PHACE Project will be seen as support for the PNG government's National Leprosy Elimination Programme. Pray that people affected by leprosy will be found and treated and that the stigma will be eliminated. Also pray for opportunities for people to improve their livelihoods so they become healthier and have resistance to leprosy and other diseases.

Timor Leste**Monday 17 October**

Pray for God's protection for the Leprosy Mission Timor-Leste Country Leader, Board of Trustees and team. Please pray for their health and safety and give thanks for their commitment to supporting people affected by leprosy and disability. Please pray a blessing on these people and their families.

Tuesday 18 October

Leprosy Mission NZ and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade are working with Leprosy Mission Timor-Leste to start a new project, Preventative Health and Community Empowerment (PHACE) in Timor-Leste. Please pray for the new staff who have been appointed for this project. Pray that they will settle in well in their positions and become part of the team. Pray for communication within the team to be easy and positive.

Wednesday 19 October

Please pray about the early stages of the implementation of the PHACE Project, which is just starting. Pray for the relationships among all the organisations and government departments to begin to build positively, with clear communication. Pray that significant links will begin to be built between staff, government officials, volunteers and communities.

Thursday 20 October

Please pray for those working within communities to diagnose leprosy and for those affected by the disease, which has a lot of stigma in Timor-Leste. Pray that leprosy can be successfully diagnosed and treated early so that disability can be avoided. Pray

for the success of projects in breaking down stigma with education and treatment.

Friday 21 October

People affected by leprosy in Timor-Leste are applying for government registration for a Leprosy Association. Please pray that Leprosy Mission Timor-Leste can show support for this self-empowerment initiative. Please pray also that those affected by leprosy will show commitment to the association and that the registration process will go smoothly.

Saturday 22 October/Sunday 23 October

Please pray that the partnership between TLM Timor-Leste and the church will continue to grow. Pray that this partnership will provide services and help in parishes where there are people affected by leprosy and disability. Please pray that there will be growing trust between people affected by leprosy and TLM Timor-Leste.

Bougainville**Monday 24 October**

Please pray for the relationship between the staff of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project and the local Department of Health. This is key to the success of the project. Pray for a good working relationship and that the officials will be supportive of the project.

Tuesday 25 October

Please pray for the Finance Team as they get used to the new system they have recently been trained in. Pray that they will be able to work efficiently and effectively to ensure the programme activities can run smoothly. Please pray that they will enjoy their work.

Wednesday 26 October

Give thanks for the Monitoring and Learning Team of the BHCP, who collect data and prepare reports to monitor the project. They also share what has been learnt with the communities and plan for future implementation of activities within the programme. Pray that their work will be successful as they provide much-needed technical support for the project.

Thursday 27 October

Women affected by leprosy face double discrimination, both gender-based and the stigma of leprosy. Please

pray that the BHCP will have success in breaking down the stigma of leprosy. Pray also that parts of the programme addressing gender-based violence and discrimination will be effective in bringing change to communities and people's lives.

Friday 28 October

The BHCP is a community-based and owned programme, covering 95% of Bougainville's population. Give thanks for this preventative health model, which improves health, hygiene and governance practices. Pray that the effectiveness of the BHCP will continue so that the lives of people affected by leprosy and other diseases can improve.

Saturday 29 October/Sunday 30 October

Give thanks for the Leprosy Co-ordinator, who ensures a continued focus on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy, in spite of challenging terrain and limited health infrastructure. Please pray for safety as he travels to remote communities and carries out his work there. Pray that his relationship with the communities will continue to be one of trust so that people affected by leprosy will feel confident to approach him for what they need.

India**Monday 31 October**

TLM Trust India has fourteen hospitals and five old age homes across ten states. These all serve those affected by leprosy. Please pray for God's touch on the work, for healing and guidance. Pray also that through the work of TLMTI people affected by leprosy will realise God's love and care. Give thanks for the extensive coverage of the work of TLMTI and for the thousands of lives that are improved each year because of their work.