

The Leprosy Mission Myanmar are operating under a very difficult situation. Please pray that all those affected by leprosy will be able to get the cure and care they need.

Tuesday 4 April

Please pray for safety for staff of TLM Myanmar, as they try to continue to provide the cure, care and restoration that people affected by leprosy desperately need. Pray for protection as they go about their work and pray that they will have God's assurance of His Presence for themselves and their families.

Wednesday 5 April

Healthcare and education services in the country can provide only low-level service as they are strongly affected by the political situation. This means people affected by leprosy and those affected by disability, who are at the margins of society, are affected much more. Please pray that TLM Myanmar can be even more instrumental in serving people and providing what they need.

Thursday 6 April

At present, TLM Myanmar are working on construction at two sites – a dormitory building in Taungoo Orthopedic and Disability Rehabilitation Workshop and the expansion of Sittwe Orthopedic and Disability Rehabilitation Workshop. Please pray for a smooth construction process amidst the challenges.

Friday 7 April

Good Friday – the day we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. All our sin washed away by His blood – what an amazingly wonderful God we have! Let us take this opportunity to tell others what Jesus has done for us all. Give thanks for God's plan of salvation for all people.

Saturday 8 April/Sunday 9 April

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let's pray that God's grace will reach those in the darkest circumstances, both in NZ and overseas. In some communities where the churches have been partnering with TLM Myanmar, churches have been receiving large numbers of internally displaced people in their communities and cannot give priority to what they agreed to undertake previously.

Please pray for those who are running away and staying under very difficult circumstances and for those communities who are receiving displaced people and having the burden of providing food and shelter for them.

Bougainville

Monday 10 April

The team at the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme are working on the 2023 Work Plan. Please pray for wisdom and direction for the management team to make the best decisions regarding implementation of the programme. Please pray that the plans are developed and implemented so that the lives of people affected by leprosy are greatly improved.

Tuesday 11 April

Please pray that God will make a way for a Post Exposure Prophylaxis Project to take place in Bougainville. The team at BHCP are currently reviewing numbers of leprosy cases with a view to identifying endemic areas for this project. Under this project, close contacts of a person affected by leprosy would be given one dose of an antibiotic to reduce their chance of contracting leprosy.

Wednesday 12 April

Please pray for strong support and partnership with the Dept of Health of the Autonomous Bougainville Government. Pray that there will be active engagement from the management of the Department of Health.

Thursday 13 April

The current phase of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme comes to an end this year. Please pray for the design process for the next five-year phase. Pray for God's wisdom for the Leprosy Mission NZ Programmes team, the staff of the BHCP, local communities and other stakeholders.

Friday 14 April

Access to the medication for the cure for leprosy is always an issue in Bougainville. Please pray for supplies to arrive at the islands regularly. Also pray for the medication to be available at the Health Centres when people need it and arrive to pick it up. This plays a big part in ensuring that people affected by leprosy complete their course.

Saturday 15 April/Sunday 16 April

Village Health Volunteers play an important role in encouraging people to continue taking their medication. If the patient has a leprosy reaction, which is a response from the immune system causing pain and inflammation they can be discouraged from continuing their course of medication. Give thanks for the role the Village Health Volunteers play in encouraging people to complete the cure, and please pray that patients will be motivated so that they can become well.

Indonesia

Monday 17 April

The project in Indonesia supports the work of the local health facilities by intensifying case finding, improving leprosy control, and providing a preventative antibiotic to close contacts of anyone newly diagnosed with leprosy. The project also aims to strengthen community involvement and empowerment. Please pray that the work plans for April and May can be carried out as planned.

Tuesday 18 April

The current project supports the Indonesian government's leprosy programme and has an important role in training health staff about leprosy. Please pray for wisdom, grace and foresight for the team undertaking this work. Also pray that teamwork and the spirit and of the team remain stable despite the challenges they face.

Wednesday 19 April

Please pray that as health staff are trained in the recognition and treatment of leprosy, the service at health centres will improve for those affected by leprosy. Pray that people will be willing to come forward for diagnosis and that close contacts can be identified so that the condition can be curtailed.

Thursday 20 April

The PEPCOM Project providing the preventative antibiotic to close contacts is coming to an end this year. Please pray that the local government stakeholders keep the commitment to implementing the post exposure prophylaxis at the end of the project.

Friday 21 April

Please pray that people affected by leprosy can continue to access the multi-drug therapy. Pray also that people

will be encouraged and motivated to get and take the medication. Please pray that people who have been cured of leprosy will encourage others to complete their course.

Saturday 22 April/Sunday 23 April

Please pray for God's protection for team members as they travel. Pray for engagement by local people receiving assistance and training so that more people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and receive the cure for the condition. Pray that more people can be diagnosed early in the progression of leprosy, so disability does not arise.

India

Monday 24 April

The Leprosy Mission Trust India operates fifteen hospitals in nine states. Give thanks that last year most of the hospitals were upgraded in terms of facilities and services offered. Please pray that God will provide needed surgeons, dermatologists, and general doctors so the hospitals can continue to serve those most in need.

Tuesday 25 April

Please pray for safety and the good health of all staff in the hospitals. Also pray that the skills of staff can be enhanced so that the patient care offered continues to improve. With rising medical costs, please pray that God will continue to provide the resources needed to continue all the programmes from the hospitals, especially for those who cannot pay for services

Wednesday 26 April

Stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy can create a disabling environment for them, affecting their socio-economic conditions and their self-esteem. Give thanks that TLM TI identifies, counsels, and supports individuals to become skilled and to access livelihood opportunities. Give thanks that through ten community-based rehabilitation projects TLM TI focuses on different age groups, genders and locations and customises their work based on local needs.

Thursday 27 April

Please pray that individuals affected by leprosy get quick access to government schemes for education,

health, social security and livelihood so their standard of living can improve. Also pray that more mainstream schools will take children of families affected by leprosy and disabilities so that they can learn alongside their peers and become an accepted part of the society

Friday 28 April

The Advocacy & Communications team works with units and projects within TLM Trust India and with external stakeholders to develop and carry out Information, Education and Communication campaigns. The aim is to build awareness of leprosy in endemic areas and among underserved communities. Please pray for wisdom and creativity for the team so that awareness of leprosy and people affected by the disease will improve.

Saturday 29 April/Sunday 30 April

The team works with national and local governments to push for the repeal of laws that discriminate on the grounds of leprosy. Give thanks that they raise awareness among officials and the general community about how stigma and discrimination create barriers to a leprosy-free India. Pray that TLM TI can work closely with the government and other partners to repeal discriminatory laws that deprive people affected by leprosy of their rights.



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

April 2023

'The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Numbers 6: 25

Research

Saturday 1 April/Sunday 2 April

Already, the ENLIST project has used Leprosy Research Initiative funding to develop an ENL Severity Scale to grade ten major symptoms of Type 2 Leprosy Reaction. Give thanks that this provides a global tool that can be used to measure and compare ENL patients to each other so that we can understand how symptoms change with new treatments.

Myanmar

Monday 3 April

Under military rule for over two years now, Myanmar needs a lot of prayer. Everyone is facing a lot of uncertainty and insecurity in all walks of life.