

strengthened and that collaboration can increase for the benefit of families affected by leprosy.

Thursday 3 August

Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is a dose of medication that is given after a person has been exposed to a disease but does not have symptoms. Nations need to trial PEP in their own contexts to find out if it is effective there. Give thanks that in Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, and India there are research trials for PEP. Please pray that the data can be well recorded and analysed so that the effectiveness of the trials can be clearly assessed.

Friday 4 August

Give thanks that in the remote and conflict-affected north-east of Myanmar, The Leprosy Mission is working with a church-run partner. They aim to find new cases of leprosy and raise awareness of the disease, improve safe water supplies and sanitation, provide hydropower to light up villages and set up local schools. Give thanks also that The Leprosy Mission can also provide training to churches and theological colleges so they can help identify new cases of leprosy and work towards greater inclusion of people affected by leprosy or disability in their congregations.

Saturday 5 August/Sunday 6 August

Please pray for The Leprosy Mission in Mozambique, working with the Ministry of Health, local disabled people's organisations and leprosy-affected people's organisations to improve healthcare. Give thanks that staff are trained about leprosy, disease control and disability prevention. Pray for the projects that also train leprosy-affected communities to recognise the signs of leprosy, complete their treatment plans, look after their wounds and support each other in their journey to healing.

India

Monday 7 August

Pray that many people affected by leprosy will find restoration, healing and reconciliation with God through the ministry of those who minister to their needs. Give thanks for the love and patience shown by doctors, nurses and carers in TLM hospitals and clinics in India.

Tuesday 8 August

Give thanks that TLM Trust India treats thousands of patients every year, trains many youths in trades, undertakes rigorous research about clinical and social aspects of leprosy and provides training about leprosy. Please pray that TLM TI's investment in generating sustainable livelihoods and empowering under-served communities bears fruit for those affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 9 August

TLM Trust India has strengthened over 1700 collective groups, mostly of people affected by leprosy. Please pray that these groups will collaborate with civil society and government and influence decision makers as they advocate for themselves. Please pray for the strengthening of all partnerships.

Thursday 10 August

Pray for God's wisdom for the national and unit leaders of TLM Trust India so that those in leadership will be good stewards of God's resources and talents. Pray that all staff members will be empowered to work together humbly to serve the most vulnerable and marginalised people in society.

Friday 11 August

Please pray that TLM Trust India will be a great witness for God so that the younger generation will be inspired to work and serve there. Pray especially for the provision of committed doctors who are willing to work with the most vulnerable people. Give thanks to God for all those currently serving and pray His blessing on them.

Saturday 12 August/Sunday 13 August

Pray for the clinical services at the TLM hospitals to function well so that people affected by leprosy continue to receive healing and restoration. Please pray for God's guidance for the provision of high quality, relevant services. Pray that the hospital units can be sustainable so that all the resources required can be available.

Indonesia

Monday 14 August

In Indonesia, a local non-governmental organisation is called a Yayasan. Give thanks that in June Yayasan NLR Indonesia was launched. From now on NLR Indonesia will run a single, local organization, which is Yayasan NLR. Please pray for a greater impact and

effectiveness through the local NGO and that people affected by leprosy will benefit from the change.

Tuesday 15 August

Please pray for the stakeholders for the PEPCOM Project in Indramayu to be able to implement planned activities as per the schedule. Particularly pray that they can take up intensive case finding activities, as without them many people affected by leprosy would go undetected.

Wednesday 16 August

Give thanks that five key local people have been selected from women's and social welfare groups to engage with PEP activities. Please pray that these women can assist relationships between communities, health workers and Yayasan NLR staff, so that people become more aware of leprosy in the community.

Thursday 17 August

Please pray that the spirit of co-operation and the teamwork among those undertaking the project work will continue to be stable. Pray God's blessing on all those in Indonesia who are involved in this project. Pray for the relationships between those in the project and the local government stakeholders. It is important that local government continues their commitment to implementing this project, for the benefit of those affected by leprosy.

Friday 18 August

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.

Saturday 19 August/Sunday 20 August

To overcome and eliminate leprosy in Indonesia, the local Health Ministry is encouraging case detection and early treatment. In 2022 when the Covid-19 pandemic was abating the government started to intensify early detection to understand the trend of leprosy cases in the country. Please pray that early detection and the PEP Project will give clear indication of the true extent of leprosy in Indonesia.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 21 August

Give thanks for the success of the recent savings and budget training for the seed and loans funding, which is supported by Leprosy Mission NZ. Please pray for success for people with leprosy and disability who have received small loans to start small businesses in their communities. Also pray for the crab farming project and the new crab hatcheries that are being developed.

Tuesday 22 August

Give thanks for the work of staff of Leprosy Mission NZ who are in Papua New Guinea this week and part of next week. Pray that Gillian and Bruce can meet with people affected by leprosy and listen to their stories. Pray for Jasmine, who will be conducting training and workshops for cross country learning involving staff of TLM PNG, and the Country Leader and Programmes staff from TLM Timor Leste.

Wednesday 23 August

Please pray for the TLM PNG Member Review. This will be carried out by Brent Morgan the International Director and Nona Reis the Country Leader of TLM Timor Leste. Please pray that the review will clearly show the challenges facing TLM PNG, how they have been met and where systems need to adjust for the future.

Thursday 24 August

Give thanks that the first round of training for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Project (PHACE) has been successfully completed. Give thanks for the successful recruitment of a Community Development Facilitator for Rigo Coast.

Friday 25 August

Please pray for the Annual Country Learning, which involves the TLM PNG team, officials from the local Department of Health and other stakeholders. This will review the work carried out in PNG in the last year, examining successes and challenges. It will also showcase the launch of the new strategy for the work of TLM in PNG.

Saturday 26 August/Sunday 27 August

Please pray for those currently undergoing treatment

for leprosy with Multi-Drug Therapy. Pray that they can access the medication and complete the course. Please pray that the stigma about leprosy that exists in some communities can be eradicated as people are cured and tell others not to fear diagnosis.

Bangladesh

Monday 28 August

Give thanks that the registration process for TLM International Bangladesh to become a local organisation is progressing. The newly formed organisation will have an independent Board of Trustees. Please pray that the process will be successfully completed.

Tuesday 29 August

Negative, sometimes hateful, community and official attitudes to individuals and their family members, and the constant experiences of social exclusion, can be the most troubling and disabling consequences of leprosy. Please pray for the reduction of the stigma of leprosy as marriage separation still happens in a good number of families where one person is diagnosed with leprosy.

Wednesday 30 August

Due to urbanization plans, some slum areas of Dhaka district have been demolished. Many people affected by leprosy have been displaced from their houses and are facing extremely difficult situations. Please pray for safe accommodation for these vulnerable people.

Thursday 31 August

Please pray for the staff of TLM International Bangladesh as they face challenges in their own lives. Pray for the recovery of Mohammed Malek of the Dhaka Community based Rehabilitation Project, a person affected by leprosy who now is suffering from kidney disease. Please pray for emotional and financial support for Mrs Sova Rani, whose husband has passed away.



Prayer & Praise

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‘But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.’

Psalm 3:3

Worldwide

Tuesday 1 August

Please pray that the sharp reduction in leprosy diagnosis and treatment during the Covid pandemic can be reversed. There is an estimated backlog of 140 000 undiagnosed patients worldwide, with the danger of disability and possible route of infection to family and close contacts. Please pray that case finding can be scaled up and that people can receive treatment.

Wednesday 2 August

Thank God for the co-operation that exists at international, government and community levels between organisations working to benefit all those affected by leprosy. Please pray that existing networks of anti-leprosy organisations and federations can be.