

Research

Monday 3 July

For four years The Leprosy Mission has been part of a major project that aims to transform the prevention and treatment of ulcers for people affected by leprosy. Please pray for wisdom and clarity for the teams looking at this at a clinical level. Pray also for insight for those looking at community and socio-economic factors.

Tuesday 4 July

The sustainability of self-help groups offering support in self-care and livelihoods is being evaluated in Chattisgarh State, India. Researchers want to know if members have been encouraged to maintain their self-care behaviour and if members have been able to have access to livelihoods that reduce their likelihood of ulcers. Please pray that crucial factors in the success or failure of the sustainability of the groups will become clear. Pray also that researchers will learn the key benefits that members have gained from the groups.

Wednesday 5 July

In India and Nepal TLM Trust India are using funding from the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI) to develop an alternative to treating ulcers with a plaster cast. A cheap, plastic walker cast has been developed and research is underway to see if it can be used in communities for ulcers caused by leprosy and diabetes. Please pray that researchers will learn if using these devices leads to better healing of ulcers and if their use in communities is acceptable.

Thursday 6 July

For over thirty years, TLM has been supporting self-help groups in two leprosy communities in Nigeria. Funding is gradually being withdrawn so a project has been set up to evaluate the impact of past livelihood programmes set up through these self-help groups. Please pray that the research will provide long-term evaluation of the sustainability of programme activities and of any short-term benefits they offer for those affected by leprosy.

Friday 7 July

In some remote parts of Nigeria, honey is far easier to access than saline and it could prove a useful tool for

healthcare workers who need to dress wounds in a dressing that has healing properties. The HELP Project will look at whether honey dressings can promote healing in the same way as saline dressings. Please pray for clear results of the study so it can be easily seen if the lives of people affected by leprosy can be improved by use of this local resource.

Saturday 8 July/Sunday 9 July

Please pray for the SHERPA Project in Nepal, focused on preventing ulcers by tracking the success of self-help groups. They need to know if these groups are helping patients to prevent ulcers by learning about self-care and whether the livelihood activities are putting people at less risk of developing ulcers. Give thanks that the team are currently collecting data for year three, the last year of data collection. Please pray for clear results from the data.

Timor L'Este

Monday 10 July

Please pray for the development of healthy relationships between the team of TLM Timor L'Este and project partners for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Project (PHACE). Pray for all the local government authorities, municipal health services, community institutions and the Ministry of Health.

Tuesday 11 July

Please pray for the health and wellbeing of staff of TLM TL as they carry out their work. Pray that they will be safe as they travel and in all their interactions with people in communities. Pray that their families will be safe and that God will especially bless all those involved in the PHACE Project with compassion for those affected by leprosy.

Wednesday 12 July

Please pray for good understanding of the PHACE Project so that community needs can be effectively addressed and people affected by leprosy can get the help they need. Also pray that communities will be motivated as the project continues so that sanitation and hygiene issues can be addressed. Please pray for God's guidance in all the community intervention by the team of TLM TL.

Thursday 13 July

In all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:6. Please pray for wisdom and foresight for the Board Members of TLM TL. Give thanks for their commitment to serve in this capacity and please pray God's blessing on their lives. Also pray for the management team of TLM TL, that they will persevere through the challenges that come their way.

Friday 14 July

The PHACE Project has been underway for several months now. Please pray that innovative ideas and solutions will be accepted by community leaders and others. Pray that people will quickly begin to see improvement in their situations and will be encouraged to keep moving forward. Give thanks for sustainable solutions to health issues in communities so that people will be able to look ahead with hope.

Saturday 15 July/Sunday 16 July

Give thanks for the new association of people affected by leprosy in Timor L'Este. Pray that people affected by leprosy will be supported to access early treatment and to live without stigma. Also give thanks for churches and disabled people's organisations. Please pray that these groups and TLM TL will be able to work together successfully to see leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Nepal

Monday 17 July

Patients are in Anandaban Hospital recovering from reconstructive surgery, undergoing intensive physiotherapy or in the rehabilitation unit preparing to return to their communities. The Anandaban Hospital staff have a strong connection with patients throughout their entire journey with leprosy. Please pray that staff can continue to provide a safe and caring relationship with their patients.

Tuesday 18 July

Give thanks for the kinds of restorative surgery, rehabilitation and disability-preventing support provided by Anandaban Hospital. These make a world of difference in curing people of leprosy and enabling them to return to full participation in their communities. Give thanks that Anandaban Hospital provides treatment for

people affected by leprosy physically, spiritually and psychologically.

Wednesday 19 July

Please pray for the Outpatients Clinic in Patan, which provides diagnosis and treatment, and a Community Rehabilitation Programme. The weekly clinic aims to reach out to the wider community to raise awareness of leprosy and the treatment that is available. Give thanks that the clinic makes it easier for people affected by leprosy to get support and is an invaluable part of the Anandaban Hospital services.

Thursday 20 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.

Friday 21 July

Monthly Skin Camps are held in Aurahi and Bideha Districts to diagnose and treat many skin conditions, including undiagnosed cases of leprosy. Half of new leprosy cases in Nepal are detected in these districts. Please pray for those affected by leprosy who have yet to be diagnosed.

Saturday 22 July/Sunday 23 July

In Nepal, people in village communities often see leprosy as a punishment. This leads people to hide the early signs of leprosy, making them vulnerable to severe disability. Please pray that training programmes can break down the misunderstanding that has led to stigma for those affected by leprosy.

Bougainville

Monday 24 July

The Management Team of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project want to give staff professional development on training methods. They are looking at ways to do this using local resource people. Please pray that God will provide the right expertise to upskill the staff.

Tuesday 25 July

The BHCP is putting in place a more systematic monitoring and support programme for District Facilitators. Please pray that God will give wisdom to the management team in developing the support system.

Wednesday 26 July

During June, an external evaluation of the BHCP took place. Please pray that the findings of this evaluation will help the team improve the quality of the programme.

Thursday 27 July

The BHCP and Leprosy Mission NZ are working together to design the programme for the next five-year phase. The design process involves visiting the field, meeting beneficiaries, government departments and other organisations involved. Please pray that God will give wisdom and direction in this design process so that the BHCP programme can serve people affected by leprosy and disability, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

Friday 28 July

The relationship between the BHCP and the local Department of Health in Bougainville is very important. Please pray that the relationship can continue positively and that collaboration will be maintained and developed. Please pray that the lives of those affected by leprosy and disability will improve because of this collaboration.

Saturday 29 July/Sunday 30 July

Please pray for wisdom for the management team and for enthusiasm to see ideas implemented in ways that benefit communities. Give thanks for what has been achieved in Bougainville and pray for day-to-day strength for field staff as they interact with the communities.

Worldwide

Monday 31 July

In the Democratic Republic of Congo The Leprosy Mission works with churches, affected communities and the Congolese government. Give thanks that the Lord has built the faith of staff of TLM Congo who work in extremely challenging situations of ongoing insecurity. Pray that the Lord will give favour to the staff, churches and those they serve.



Prayer & Praise

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***'Day unto day utters speech,
and night unto night shows
knowledge.'***

Psalm 19:2

Bangladesh

Saturday 1 July/Sunday 2 July

Please pray that the confidence and general awareness of community opportunities amongst Self-help Group members will develop 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.