

Khartoum. Also pray for other team members who are still in Khartoum, vulnerable to explosions and gunfire. Please pray that they will be able to access food and water and that God will protect them and their families.

Saturday 3 June/Sunday 4 June

Because of late diagnosis of leprosy in Ethiopia, more people are developing visible disability. Also, more children are being diagnosed with leprosy. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the Leprosy Mission International team in Ethiopia. Pray that the new country strategy will effectively address the problems on the ground so that people affected by leprosy will benefit.

India

Monday 5 June

As TLM Trust India engages with people affected by leprosy to be champions and ambassadors to raise awareness about leprosy, please pray for God's wisdom and grace so that people can feel valued and included. Pray that those affected by leprosy will gain confidence when they see and experience others in similar situations engaging in awareness programmes. Pray that more people will be encouraged to come forward for treatment for leprosy and for disabilities caused by the condition.

Tuesday 6 June

There are benefits and government support available in India for people affected by leprosy. The continued stigma of leprosy stops people from accessing this support. Please pray that as awareness about leprosy and its treatment is raised in communities more people will be empowered to overcome the stigma and advocate for the rights to which they are entitled.

Wednesday 7 June

More than 800 leprosy champions have been identified and trained by TLM Trust India. Please pray for guidance and strength so that they will continue to advocate for people affected by leprosy and disability in their communities. Pray that collective groups will be effective in influencing decision makers as they advocate for themselves and others.

Thursday 8 June

God's power and grace are needed at all levels of TLM

Trust India so that all staff members can continue to serve the most vulnerable and marginalised in all communities. Give thanks for the humility and compassion of staff. Pray for God to bless them and their families and to keep them safe.

Friday 9 June

The Vocational Training Centres teach a wide variety of technical skills including banking and insurance, bedside nursing assistant, nursery teacher training and printing. They also focus on core life skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making. Please pray that students from families affected by leprosy will grow in the skills and confidence they need to find jobs and develop careers.

Saturday 10 June/Sunday 11 June

Please pray for the Community Based Vocational Training Programmes, which provide skills training to women, girls and boys in rural areas who are unable to attend institutional training because of family commitments. Please pray that the support of the CBVT programmes will enable trainees to set up their own enterprises or find employment.

Indonesia

Monday 12 June

There have been many challenges to the work of diagnosis of leprosy and of tracing close contacts of those affected. Please pray that more people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and close contacts given a dose of Rifampicin, which reduces their chances of contracting leprosy by 60%.

Tuesday 13 June

No Leprosy Remains Indonesia, the partner of Leprosy Mission in Indonesia is supporting the Indonesian Ministry of Health with the country's national action plan towards zero leprosy. Pray for the relationships between those carrying out the project and the local government stakeholders. It is important that local government continues their commitment to implementing this project. Please pray that the work does not become bogged down in local bureaucracy.

Wednesday 14 June

Leprosy is the oldest disease known to man and leprosy-related stigma is still very strong in the society in Southeast Sulawesi. Knowledge about leprosy is low in

Indonesia and many people believe that leprosy is in the family for seven generations. Please pray that research into the perceptions about leprosy in local communities can be carried out so that appropriate education can be developed for those communities.

Thursday 15 June

Pray that awareness of leprosy can be raised at village level. Pray for the development of relationships with a wide range of community leaders so that community support for health interventions can be encouraged. Also pray that people affected by leprosy receive the necessary cure and care support.

Friday 16 June

Please pray for the direct involvement of people affected by leprosy in the promotion, prevention and treatment of leprosy. Please pray for ongoing leprosy knowledge and prevention training for health workers so that leprosy can be diagnosed early and that people can get treatment before disability develops.

Saturday 17 June/Sunday 18 June

Please pray for great steps forward in the ability of communities to maintain their own health, and to improve their environment. This will help people to maintain immunity and not fall ill. Please pray for the local governments to take note of the needs of their communities and to have simple, creative ideas that can be put into practice.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 19 June

Give thanks for the great new team at TLM PNG for the PHACE programme. Also praise God for the new relationships being built in the communities that the PHACE programme is expanding into, especially in Gulf Province. Give thanks that the first round of Community Leadership and Governance training has been completed.

Tuesday 20 June

Please pray for Nathaniel, the Monitoring, Evaluation, Reflection and Learning (MERL) Co-ordinator. Pray for clarity as he analyses the data from recent baseline and initial data collection from the communities. Please pray that the data will be valuable in showing what is being achieved and what needs to be improved.

Wednesday 21 June

Give thanks for the drier weather in PNG at this time of year. It means that staff can reach all the communities without the complications of rain and flooded roads. Please pray for travelling mercies for all staff as they travel to areas outside their home provinces.

Thursday 22 June

Please pray for wisdom and insight for Geraldine, the Loans Officer at TLM PNG. She is helping to manage the TLM PNG seed fund, which gives small loans to people with leprosy and disability. The aim is to help people to start small businesses to improve their income and their standard of living.

Friday 23 June

Twenty to thirty people are diagnosed with leprosy every month in the four provinces where TLM PNG works. Please pray that these people can be placed on treatment quickly and are able to complete the full treatment. Please also pray that they do not develop disability because of late diagnosis.

Saturday 24 June/Sunday 25 June

Give thanks for the opportunity that Leprosy Mission NZ has been given to make a submission for a Climate Change Grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This should be used within programmes that encourage adaptability and resourcefulness within the natural environment. Examples could be agricultural training or mangrove planting, encouraging community resilience.

Bangladesh

Monday 26 June

Self-help Groups are involved in loan and micro-credit schemes and impart knowledge of savings management. Please pray that the saving levels of individual members will increase and people will be able to plan again for what to do with their savings. Give thanks that people are able to support their families, like Luthfar, who took a small loan to set up a business breeding pigeons.

Tuesday 27 June

Children of people affected by leprosy are themselves affected because of health issues and discrimination experienced by their parents. Self-help Groups are a good way for those affected by leprosy to give each other moral support and encouragement and to find ways to face the future with hope. Give thanks for the Self-help Groups in Bangladesh.

Wednesday 28 June

Please pray for the children of Self-help Group members. Pray that they will be in good health and a positive mindset to continue their studies. Pray for success for these children so that they can find hope for the future and contribute to the well-being of their families.

Thursday 29 June

Please pray for the staff of the Disadvantaged People's Association, a district-based umbrella organisation of Self-help Groups. Those who collect loan instalments from members often work long hours and outside normal working hours. Please pray for their health and safety.

Friday 30 June

When Luthfar was suffering from leprosy, her neighbours shunned her. Luthfar has been attending workshops about leprosy and tries to let people know that leprosy is not a curse and is not something to fear. She tells others the importance of early diagnosis and encourages people to seek help. Please pray that the efforts of people like Luthfar will bring change to community attitudes towards those affected by leprosy.



Prayer & Praise

***Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
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***'The heavens declare the glory
of God; and the firmament
shows His handiwork'.***

Psalms 19:1

Worldwide

Thursday 1 June

In Niger, research is being carried out regarding leprosy-related stigma amongst healthcare workers. They want to find out to what extent improving the knowledge of healthcare workers reduces their stigmatising behaviour towards people affected by leprosy. Please pray that the research will be effective in identifying the reasons for the stigma and how it manifests, as a first step in tackling the stigma.

Friday 2 June

A violent power struggle is underway in Sudan, placing Leprosy Mission workers and people affected by leprosy in danger. Please pray for team members who have travelled to Port Sudan to escape the fighting in