

available for the new construction so it will finish on time, and leprosy affected people can get full services.

Friday 3 November

The Intensive Contact Tracing (KHOJ) project has helped in the early diagnosis of leprosy by finding hidden cases as well as saving people from disability. Give thanks for the positive moves of this project. Please pray for continued success so that more people can receive treatment and go on with their lives.

Saturday 4 November/Sunday 5 November

Anandaban Hospital has received an award and a grant to purchase the best medical equipment for additional trauma services. Give thanks for all the provision to further improve the quality service provided by the hospital.

Timor Leste

Monday 6 November

Please pray for blessing on the Timor Leste Ministry of Health and other government authorities. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and compassion as they shape policies and decisions that impact the lives of those affected by leprosy, disability and other diseases. May their actions reflect God's love for all His children and pray that they stand with The Leprosy Mission TL in promoting wellbeing and inclusion.

Tuesday 7 November

Please pray for churches to become beacons of understanding and acceptance. Pray that their voices resonate with awareness, encouraging their congregations to embrace and support those affected by leprosy and disability. Let their teaching foster inclusivity, compassion and the eradication of stigma, creating an environment where all are welcomed and loved.

Wednesday 8 November

Please pray for the stigma and misconceptions surrounding leprosy to be replaced with empathy and acceptance. Please pray for community members to be inspired to actively engage in breaking down barriers, fostering a loving and supportive environment

for all. Pray for unity to replace division, understanding to replace fear and love to replace judgement.

Thursday 9 November

Lift the Timor Leste PHACE programme to God, and specifically the setup of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Reflection & Learning (MERL) system and the Monitoring & Evaluation Officer. Please pray that God will grant wisdom, guidance and effectiveness in managing this system for the benefit of the programme and those affected by leprosy and disability.

Friday 10 November

Please pray for physical and emotional healing for those undergoing treatment for leprosy. Pray that He will comfort them in their journey and surround them with love and support. Pray that they will have the strength to overcome challenges.

Saturday 11 November/Sunday 12 November

Give praise for the medical staff, the staff of TLM Timor Leste and caregivers who tirelessly provide care and support to those affected by leprosy. Pray that God will strengthen them, guide their hands and bless their efforts with compassion and wisdom.

Bangladesh

Monday 13 November

Please pray that the final evaluation of the current programme at the DBLM Hospital in Nilphamari, Bangladesh will give clarity for future plans. Pray that the plans for the next five-year programme can be successfully developed along with the business plan for the hospital.

Tuesday 14 November

Research aiming to stop the transmission of leprosy is being carried out in the Post Exposure Prophylaxis ++ Project. This work is being done in Nilphamari and Rangpur, two northern districts of Bangladesh with high leprosy burdens. Please pray for safe transport for the core staff of the PEP++ project. Please also pray for loyal local government and community support.

Wednesday 15 November

Give thanks for the research laboratory in Nilphamari. Please pray for provision for the laboratory to be upgraded to a PCR lab. This will provide greater

resources for the contribution to clinical leprosy research. Please also pray for skilled staff and management for the laboratory.

Thursday 16 November

The Rural Health Programme has started a new leprosy research project named 2B or Not 2B. Please pray for new insights into the function of B-cells in immunity against Mycobacterium leprae. Also pray that field-friendly tests using this knowledge will give improved diagnostic accuracy across the leprosy disease spectrum.

Friday 17 November

A needs assessment has been started regarding the need for extension of the Chattogram People-Led Development Project. This is being carried out in conjunction with the Disabled People's Association. Please pray for the assessment to be successful so that it is clear what is needed going forward.

Saturday 18 November/Sunday 19 November

The Annual Country Learning Workshop will be held on the 20th and 21st November. Please pray for the successful completion of the workshop. Give thanks for what has been achieved and pray that benefits and challenges will clearly show so that future activities can continue or change as necessary.

Bougainville

Monday 20 November

Give thanks to God for the immediate relief assistance provided by the Australian, American and Papua New Guinean governments following the volcanic eruptions of Mount Bagana in August. The eruptions have now stopped and displaced people have returned to their communities. Pray for the communities to take ownership of the situation they are now in and begin to support themselves through gardening, farming and other activities to meet the needs of their families and communities.

Tuesday 21 November

The southern region of Bougainville has also experienced flooding because of high rainfall this year. This has affected communities covered by the BHCP. The flooding has had a severe impact as food gardens, houses, cash crops and road accessibility were

destroyed. Please pray for effective co-ordination of the relief assistance from the Disaster Office of the Local Government Authority. Pray that the assistance reaches the affected people and that support plans can be carried out to assist the communities to rebuild their lives.

Wednesday 22 November

A new emerging strain of Tuberculosis has hit Bougainville this year. The Department of Health of the Autonomous Bougainville Government is working in partnership with the BHCP to implement the awareness and social mobilization components of the efforts to fight the outbreak. Pray for strong collaboration with the Department of Health and other stakeholders so that everyone understands the importance of TB tracking and will support the implementation of activities to stop the outbreak.

Thursday 23 November

The BHCP has made a breakthrough in gaining access to the far flung Atolls District through the Health & Governance Training. Access to this remote part of Bougainville is very challenging and limited. The programme aims to continue support for the Atolls District in the new phase. Pray for wisdom to identify the best community entry strategy for the next phase.

Friday 24 November

In June an external review of the BHCP was done for The Leprosy Mission NZ. The evaluation recommended continuation of the programme for 2024-28. The Design Team of TLM NZ is working on the new strategy to submit to the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the end of this year. Please pray for wisdom for the Design Team and for understanding and support from stakeholders for the design of the new strategy.

Saturday 25 November/Sunday 26 November

Early diagnosis of leprosy is vital so that disability does not mar the lives of those who can be cured. Give thanks for the Community Facilitators and Village Health Volunteers of the BHCP, who do such an important job in referring people to health facilities for treatment. Give thanks that the people in these positions are trusted by those they work with and that

the relationships of trust have positive, far-reaching consequences for many lives.

Worldwide

Monday 27 November

Please pray for Niger, where a military coup took place in August. Niger is a country that is unstable and very poor. Please pray for the safety of the TLM team in Niger. Pray that they will make wise decisions in the current security situation. Pray for all those affected by leprosy and disability.

Tuesday 28 November

Give thanks that in the Democratic Republic of Congo active case finding through the pandemic saw an increase in the diagnosis of leprosy cases. The national leprosy control programme in DR Congo operates across all 25 Provinces, training health workers to identify and treat the disease. Give thanks that the system is robust, even in difficult circumstances, as shown by the increase in case finding.

Wednesday 29 November

Ethiopia still faces challenges related to leprosy. More people in Ethiopia are experiencing visible disability because of leprosy. This indicates late diagnosis and treatment. Also, more children are being diagnosed with leprosy. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the team of TLM International Ethiopia as they carry out their work. Pray that the new country strategy will address the problems on the ground over the next five years.

Thursday 30 November

The Leprosy Mission works in Cabo Delgado and Zambezia provinces in Mozambique. The Mission Zero Project is raising awareness of leprosy. Please pray that Mission Zero can involve all those affected by leprosy in the training and techniques taught in their communities. Also pray that the leaders of self-help groups will be involved so existing networks can help to raise awareness of leprosy, its cure and care.



Prayer & Praise

***Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer***

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***'He heals the broken in heart
and binds up their wounds.'***
Psalm 147: 3

Nepal

Wednesday 1 November

The relationship between leprosy, stigma and poor mental health is well recognized. Stigma, type and level of disability, family, community, work and culture are very important factors that influence mental wellbeing in Nepal. Please pray that a combination of strategies, including counselling, socio-economic rehabilitation and the involvement of community and family work to improve the mental wellbeing of those affected.

Thursday 2 November

The Self-Care Unit building, where patients learn how to care for themselves, was affected by the 2015 earthquake, and is unsafe. TLM Nepal are planning to demolish the existing building and construct a new one on the same site. Please pray that the funding will be