

Saturday 3 September/Sunday 4 September

In some areas the trend of leprosy cases is increasing, which means there could be lots of hidden cases. Please pray for a strong plan of action with local projects. Pray for a strong and supportive health system in endemic districts.

Bougainville**Monday 5 September**

Because of Covid there are still supply chain issues for the procurement of the antibiotics for the Multi-Drug Therapy. Please pray that the health centres can get the required stock of medication for people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 6 September

Please pray for active leprosy case detection activities to be successful. Pray that Village Health Volunteers can refer suspected leprosy cases to the nearest health clinics for timely diagnosis and treatment.

Wednesday 7 September

The Finance Team of Leprosy Mission in Bougainville have recently been trained in a new finance system. Please pray that the staff can quickly adjust to the new system and will be able to work efficiently.

Thursday 8 September

Please pray for Janice Badui, a new member of the Senior Management Team in Bougainville. Janice will provide technical support to the training team as they roll out training programmes. Pray for her to settle in well to her new position, that she will have peace and will enjoy her role.

Friday 9 September

The Global Programmes Workshops have recently been held by Zoom, including staff from all parts of the Global Fellowship. Pray that staff who attended the workshops can reflect, apply and share what they have learnt to make the programmes inclusive of all. Pray that staff will be encouraged by what they have heard and seen.

Saturday 10 September/Sunday 11 September

Please pray for the mid-term review of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project, which was postponed last year because of Covid. Please pray that

successes can be noted and that areas for improvement can be identified.

Nepal**Monday 12 September**

Give thanks for IDEA Nepal, a grassroots foundation formed in 1998 by people affected by leprosy. Please pray for courage and wisdom in addressing the fear and stigma of leprosy, and the consequences of that stigma, as The Leprosy Mission partners with IDEA to enable fullness of life for people who have been affected by leprosy in Nepal.

Tuesday 13 September

Leprosy-affected people are frequently excluded and marginalised from society, lowering their sense of confidence and self-worth. Please pray for the success of Empowerment Workshops run by IDEA for people affected by leprosy and disability, teaching them how to challenge discrimination and overcome prejudice. Pray that the quality of life will improve for those affected by leprosy as the outcome of Empowerment Workshops.

Wednesday 14 September

IDEA also works to raise public awareness about leprosy. Please pray that as the general public are more informed about the true nature of leprosy – that it is not highly contagious and that it can be treated successfully - then misunderstanding about the disease and the fear it evokes will be greatly reduced.

Thursday 15 September

Please pray that the work of IDEA will be well-regarded and successful in encouraging people affected by leprosy to come forward for treatment before the disease is well-advanced. Pray that lives of destitution can be changed as people get emotional and physical support alongside treatment for the disease, so they are stronger to try to improve their lives.

Friday 16 September

Please pray for safe and caring relationships between staff and patients at Anandaban Hospital. Pray that people affected by leprosy will find peace and hope as they undergo treatment for the condition. Also pray that patients will build positive, caring relationships with each other as they live in the hospital for long periods of time.

Saturday 17 September/Sunday 18 September

Anandaban Hospital is one of the only places where people can have life-changing reconstructive surgeries. There is very little support or essential surgeries available to leprosy-affected patients elsewhere in Nepal. Give thanks for this place, seen as a haven of peace for many. Pray for blessing on all the staff, patients and their families.

Timor Leste**Monday 19 September**

Please pray for the work of The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste in finding new cases of leprosy early in the progression of the disease. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Board and staff of TLM Timor Leste as they put into practice their Country Strategy for the elimination of leprosy.

Tuesday 20 September

As part of the Negotiated Partnership which includes TLM New Zealand and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, TLM Timor Leste has begun the recruitment process for staff for the project. Please pray for the success of the recruitment process, that suitable candidates will come forward for selection and that those making selections will have wisdom and fairness.

Wednesday 21 September

Under the Negotiated Partnership TLM Timor Leste are undertaking set-up activities, including the purchase of office equipment for new staff. Please pray for wisdom and direction in the purchases. Also pray for God's grace and wisdom for those who will be establishing communication and relationship with communities new to the project.

Thursday 22 September

Please pray for the Country Leader of TLM Timor Leste, Nona Reis and for all her team. Pray for their health and that they will be able to do their work well. Pray that TLM Timor Leste will be seen as having integrity, wisdom and caring as they serve those affected by leprosy in the communities.

Friday 23 September

Self-help Groups are an important part of improving the economic development of people affected by leprosy. Please pray for the growth and success of the Self-help

Groups so they can run independently of support from TLM Timor Leste. Please also pray that members will grow in confidence as their lives improve.

Saturday 24 September/Sunday 25 September

As in other countries the stigma of leprosy leads to the exclusion of people from communities in Timor Leste. Please pray that awareness training as part of the Negotiated Partnership will promote the inclusion of people affected by leprosy and other disabilities.

Worldwide

Monday 26 September

Please pray for people like 65-year-old widow Hidiya in Ethiopia. Recently the town where she lived, Dessie, was attacked and because of disabilities caused by leprosy that had been untreated for too long, Hidiya was unable to escape the violence. She was left stranded in her home while her family and neighbours fled from the armed group. For more than two weeks no-one came to her house. Hidiya was found weak with hunger and traumatised by what she had seen. Please pray for the situation in Northern Ethiopia, which remains tense and unpredictable.

Tuesday 27 September

Give thanks for amazing staff of The Leprosy Mission in Ethiopia who have risked their lives to deliver emergency aid to some of the most vulnerable and disabled people. Food and hygiene parcels have been distributed to those unable to access major humanitarian aid efforts in seven towns across Amhara Region. Pray blessing on the lives and families of these staff as they are the hands and feet of Jesus to the most vulnerable.

Wednesday 28 September

There are 64 leprosy settlements across Nigeria but most are in varying states of disrepair as government support dries up, leaving them to their own devices. Oke Igbala is a leprosarium in Omu-Aran in Kwara State. Give thanks that residents say the leprosarium has long offered them a deep sense of safety and communal belonging they no longer enjoyed in society. The facility is run by a church and is responsible for residents' food and shelter. Please pray for the supply of relief materials and medical

expertise so the residents can have enough to eat and be healthier.

Thursday 29 September

The Leprosy Mission's team in Myanmar introduced the staff of the NLCP (National Leprosy Control Programme) to MAPAL, the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy. Following these introductions, members of MAPAL began to join the NLCP staff on their awareness-raising visits. When members of MAPAL told their stories villagers were encouraged to express their own difficulties and fears, which increased the number of cases able to be diagnosed. Give thanks that the involvement of people affected by leprosy in this way is breaking down barriers and is increasing the confidence of MAPAL members.

Friday 30 September

Please pray for the political situation in Myanmar, which remains dire, with the UN Refugee Agency reporting that there are more than 1 million people displaced due to the conflict. Both national and international papers are reporting on atrocities that are being committed by the army in response to resistance forces. Please pray for resourcefulness and provision for the most vulnerable people in Myanmar. Also pray that the work of Leprosy Mission Myanmar can continue, and that medicine and care can reach people affected by leprosy.



Prayer & Praise

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

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***He makes me lie down in green
pastures. He leads me beside
still waters.***

Psalms 23:2

Bangladesh

Thursday 1 September

The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh works with twenty-two projects in thirty-four districts. Regular service was disrupted during the pandemic, so please pray for the team as they work through the challenges they have. Pray for their physical and mental well-being as they maintain services in the field.

Friday 2 September

TLMI Bangladesh has a reputation as a high quality research hub that has contributed major research work over the last twenty-five years. Please pray for the implementation of TLM Bangladesh's new research strategy and that it will guide us to a world without leprosy.