



## Prayer & Praise

### Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

**April 2025**

***“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7***

#### Worldwide

##### **Tuesday 1 April**

Please pray for the safety of Leprosy Mission staff in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The TLM office in South Kivu has been closed because rebels have captured and occupied Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu. Field visits in South Kivu have been suspended also. Please pray that God’s peace will triumph in the situation.

##### **Wednesday 2 April**

Healthcare in Mozambique is extremely limited, especially in rural areas. Most medical centres are basic, and staff are often over-stretched. Give thanks for The Leprosy Mission Mozambique, the Ministry of Health, and the local leprosy people’s organisation who work to improve healthcare.

Please pray that government health staff can be well-trained to effectively diagnose and treat leprosy.

##### **Thursday 3 April**

Give thanks for the efforts of The Leprosy Mission and its partners in Sri Lanka, who have a strong focus on case detection, raising awareness and reducing stigma. Pray for success in improving nutrition, providing water and sanitation and strengthening agricultural livelihoods.

##### **Friday 4 April**

Pray for success in Niger in detecting new cases of leprosy through the collaboration of TLM Niger, local health workers and the National Leprosy Control Programme. Please pray God’s blessing on CSL Danja Hospital and IDEA-Niger, who are crucial partners of TLM in Niger.

##### **Saturday 5 April/ Sunday 6 April**

In October 2023 the World Health Organisation recognised that the Maldives is the first nation in the world to have achieved the interruption of the transmission of leprosy. Give thanks for this great achievement and pray for the end of leprosy transmission in many more countries soon.

#### Papua New Guinea

##### **Monday 7 April**

The long-term goal of the PHACE Programme is healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities. Give thanks for strong relationships with the local Department of Health and the Department of Community Governance. Please pray for the training packages which are designed in collaboration with these government departments. Pray that they will meet local needs and contribute to better health outcomes.

##### **Tuesday 8 April**

Give thanks that the Community Health Volunteers play a crucial role in referring suspected patients to local health posts. The CHVs have enhanced the link between communities and local health posts and strengthened overall health support in many areas. Also give thanks that the CHVs collaborate with community leaders in PHACE Programme activities, resulting in the engagement and support of community leadership in programme initiatives.

##### **Wednesday 9 April**

The planting of mangroves is a key part of the Climate Change Resilience Project in PNG. Mangroves help to capture and store carbon, so are valuable in the fight against climate change. They also provide a habitat for fish, crabs, shellfish, birds and reptiles. Mangroves also provide a natural defence against storm surges, coastal erosion and flooding. Please pray for the success of planting activities and that the project will mobilise and empower communities to respond to climate change issues.

##### **Thursday 10 April**

TRAIIS is a new leprosy data platform. It is being implemented in PNG in partnership with the National Department of Health and the National Leprosy Elimination Programme. Please pray that TRAIIS will prove to be a valuable resource regarding the history, occurrence and treatment of leprosy in PNG.

##### **Friday 11 April**

At the end of January, The Leprosy Mission PNG hosted a Neglected Tropical Diseases Day, with key stakeholders in attendance. Give thanks for the success of the day and pray that relationships will be enhanced and further encouraged as a result of this initiative.

##### **Saturday 12 April/ Sunday 13 April**

Please pray for the healing of leprosy patients currently on Multi-Drug Therapy. Give thanks for the people who have been cured and released from treatment. Please pray that their communities will accept them with no ongoing stigma so that the stigma of leprosy can be broken once and for all.

#### Indonesia

##### **Monday 14 April**

The PEPCOM Project is funded by TLM New Zealand, supporting the work of the local health facilities in IndraAprilu. Give thanks for intensified efforts to search for cases of leprosy and for the provision of a preventative dose of an antibiotic to close contacts of anyone newly diagnosed with leprosy.

##### **Tuesday 15 April**

Please pray for ongoing success and progress in the PEPCOM Project. Please pray that community

involvement and empowerment will be strengthened. Pray that community leaders, religious leaders and other influential people in the society will willingly join the initiative and become advocates for the goals of the programme.

#### **Wednesday 16 April**

Pray for God to bless the new Regent of IndraAprilu and his team. Please pray that they will give more attention to the Leprosy Control Programme through development policies that support people affected by leprosy.

#### **Thursday 17 April**

Please pray that the PEPKOM Project will identify networks of organisations who are advocating for the inclusion in society of vulnerable communities. Please pray that Yayasan NLR, the local partner of TLM in Indonesia can work with this network to help vulnerable people access their rights without stigma and discrimination.

#### **Friday 18 April**

*“But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53: 5.* Jesus was crucified for the sin of everyone in the world. By His wounds we are healed and by His death we are made free. Please pray for revival in ourselves and in the hearts of many as the gospel is preached and the truth of the Word of God finds entrance.

#### **Saturday 19 April/ Sunday 20 April**

**Resurrection Sunday.** Because of the resurrection of Jesus we have restoration to relationship with God and new life in Jesus. Please pray that we will live in the joy of our salvation, with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

### **Bangladesh**

#### **Monday 21 April**

From April to June the Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR) programme will commence in a new area in collaboration with the government. Please pray for a smooth process, successful implementation and positive outcomes for this new innovation.

#### **Tuesday 22 April**

Give thanks for the Annual Country Learning Workshop held this month. Please pray that the ideas and plans will align with the TLM Global Strategy. Give thanks for the commitment of all the people involved in the workshop and pray a blessing on them as they continue in their roles.

#### **Wednesday 23 April**

A meeting of the TLM Bangladesh Trust Board and the Member Review of TLM Bangladesh will be carried out during this quarter. Please pray for all the preparation that must be done before these events happen. Also pray for safety as people travel to attend.

#### **Thursday 24 April**

Implementation of a new business plan for DBLM Hospital is due to start. Please pray that personnel can be recruited for any roles still unfilled. Pray for wisdom, integrity and peace for those executing the plan.

#### **Friday 25 April**

ENL is a reaction by the immune system to the leprosy bacteria. It can continue during treatment and after a patient has finished treatment for leprosy. Please pray for the patients in Bangladesh who are admitted to hospital for management and treatment of ENL reaction. This can become very debilitating and can lead to permanent nerve damage and deformities.

#### **Saturday 26 April/ Sunday 27 April**

Please pray for the Leprosy Control Teams of TLM Bangladesh. They travel throughout the country to find people affected by leprosy and to visit clinics and homes to follow up on registered patients. Give thanks for the vital work the teams are doing and pray for safety and protection as they travel.

### **Timor Leste**

#### **Monday 28 April**

Pray for maximum support from local community leaders for the implementation of the PHACE Program in the targeted 44 hamlets of 11 villages. Pray for the strengthening of good relations between the partners in the PHACE Programme so that support for the programme will continue.

#### **Tuesday 29 April**

Please pray for wisdom and understanding between the five Community Development Facilitators and the sixty Community Health Volunteers of the PHACE Programme. Pray that the advocacy, awareness-raising and referral roles they undertake will benefit the local people they are serving.

#### **Wednesday 30 April**

The retention of volunteers is a challenge in Timor Leste, as people move for various reasons. This provides a challenge for staff to continually train new volunteers. Please pray for creative ideas around flexibility and volunteer retention. Also pray that volunteers will retain enthusiasm and motivation for their roles.