

Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

August 2025

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
Psalm 119:105

Worldwide

Friday 1 August

Please pray for the current work of The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia to increase knowledge about leprosy in Woredas, a high-endemic area, where the aim is to identify new cases. Also, pray for their work to end stigma and discrimination and for programmes that can provide viable, sustainable livelihoods for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Saturday 2 August/ Sunday 3 August

Please give thanks for all the faithful supporters throughout the world who have supported The Leprosy Mission over the years. Ask God to bless them with health and peace. Pray that God will inspire future generations to continue their legacy with passion and commitment.

Bangladesh

Monday 4 August

Mrs Maksuda B is sixty years old. Her left foot was amputated a few years ago because of complications from an ulcer. A month ago, Maksuda's husband

died. She has recently been admitted to DBLM Hospital due to an ulcer on her right foot. Maksuda is depressed because of her husband's death and her physical condition. Please pray for Maksuda and others in her situation. Pray that they can be healed of their physical conditions and find hope for the future.

Tuesday 5 August

Please pray for the empowerment of women and children affected by leprosy, who face stigma due to their gender and the disease. Please ask God to strengthen advocacy work that promotes their access to healthcare, education and leadership opportunities at local and national levels.

Wednesday 6 August

Thirty-seven-year-old Shilpi is affected by leprosy and a disability. She is a single mother of three children. Shilpi's younger daughter, who is six years old, helps her mother due to limitations on her movements because of artificial legs. Please pray for Shilpi and her family, as well as many others with similar problems. Pray that they will find ways to overcome the hardships and that new opportunities will open for their children's future.

Thursday 7 August

The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh are working towards the finalisation of some of its key strategies, such as fundraising and advocacy. This was recommended in their recent Member Review. Please pray for inspiration and wisdom for the Senior Leadership Team as they lead their teams to complete this work.

Friday 8 August

DBLM Hospital facilities include a physiotherapy unit, a surgical unit, a laboratory and an Assistive Device Unit. Give thanks for the trust in this hospital among people affected by leprosy and the Govt of Bangladesh. Pray that all those who attend as patients will continue to receive the best care. Give thanks for this centre of excellence and learning that delivers quality, comprehensive care to people suffering from leprosy complications.

Saturday 9 August/ Sunday 10 August

Please pray for the effective implementation of government policies on leprosy, disability rights and health inclusion. Give thanks for the Advocacy Team of The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh. Pray for wisdom and courage as they engage with policymakers and push for long-term, systemic change.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 11 August

During August, The Leprosy Mission PNG will hold its Annual Country Learning meeting. Please pray that participants will be honest about the successes they have had and the challenges they have faced in the last year. Pray that staff and volunteers will be encouraged and will be challenged to step forward with confidence for the coming year.

Tuesday 12 August

The Community Volunteers are a vital part of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. Give thanks for the life and willingness of each volunteer and pray for God's blessing on them and their families. Please pray that they will be valued by the communities for the contribution to empowerment that they bring.

Wednesday 13 August

The Leprosy Mission team in PNG partners with the PNG government, non-governmental organisations and churches to help communities tackle economic and environmental challenges. Please pray for ongoing positive dialogue with these key stakeholders for the PHACE Programme, to help eliminate leprosy and promote healthy living.

Thursday 14 August

The comprehensive training programme for volunteers ensures that health knowledge is embedded at the community level. Learning, sharing and ownership of knowledge empower community decision-making, leading to actions that transform lives. Give thanks for Round 5 of training for the PHACE Programme and pray for successful implementation in communities.

Friday 15 August

Give thanks for the safe travel of some members of the PNG team who travelled to Bali in July for Global Fellowship meetings, the Global Forum for Organisations of People Living with Leprosy and the International Leprosy Congress. Give thanks for the

success of these conferences and pray that team members will be inspired to continue and improve the work they do for people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 16 August/ Sunday 17 August

The Leprosy Mission PNG have submitted some project proposals to funding organisations. Their aim is to further enhance their work in the communities. Give thanks for new ideas, and please pray for a favourable outcome to the funding applications.

Timor Leste

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Tuesday 19 August

Please pray that all knowledge delivered by community health volunteers is clear, effective, and memorable. Pray that communities receive health messages with open hearts and minds, willing to make positive changes in their daily practices.

Wednesday 20 August

Thank God for the abundant resources and knowledge available to empower communities. Ask that His love and grace shine through every activity, bringing lasting well-being and change for the benefit of people affected by leprosy and disability. Pray that God will bring hope to all the communities through the work of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE).

Thursday 21 August

Thank God for the opportunity to serve through training and communication. Pray for wisdom and creativity in planning and developing materials for training Community Health Volunteers. Please pray for clarity and unity of purpose in their work, and for all needed resources to be provided and for tasks to be completed on time.

Friday 22 August

Pray for an end to the transmission of leprosy, especially in vulnerable and underserved

communities. Pray for courage and comfort for those living with leprosy, that they may know they are not alone, are deeply loved, and that their lives hold dignity and purpose.

Saturday 23 August/ Sunday 24 August

Pray for the protection of at-risk populations, that they receive education, awareness, and the means to prevent infection. Ask that fear and stigma be replaced with knowledge and compassion.

Indonesia

Monday 25 August

Give thanks that the Indonesian Health Ministry has partnered with the Sasakawa Health Foundation to strengthen efforts to end leprosy in Indonesia by 2030. Give thanks that the Health Minister, Budi Gunadi Sadikin has recognised that leprosy has brought great stigma and discrimination to sufferers. He has said that Indonesia has to make great efforts to achieve zero leprosy, zero disability and zero stigma.

Tuesday 26 August

The availability of Multi-Drug Therapy for leprosy treatment was highlighted by the Minister of Health as a need for Indonesia. Please pray that MDT can remain available and accessible for people who need it. Please pray that the government, international organisations, scholars, religious leaders and communities will unite to eliminate leprosy.

Wednesday 27 August

Please pray that the initiative being undertaken by the government and the Sasakawa Health Foundation will lead to the breakdown of the stigma of leprosy in Indonesia. Pray that private and public medical staff will be willing to learn and put into practice what they have learnt to improve the quality of leprosy diagnosis and treatment.

Thursday 28 August

No Leprosy Remains Indonesia is working with the Indonesian government on a national-level action plan to fund local health centres for a leprosy control programme. Please pray for willing participation and cooperation between the stakeholders in this initiative.

Friday 29 August

Pray that district governments will be motivated to collaborate with Yayasan NLR to establish sustainable leprosy control programmes. Pray that good communication between the local organisation and the district governments can be maintained.

Saturday 30 August/ Sunday 31 August

Please pray that the recent recognition of the challenges faced by people affected by leprosy will result in major changes to the lives of people affected by leprosy. Pray for encouragement for people to come forward for diagnosis and treatment, and for people suffering from leprosy and disability to gain hope that their lives can improve.