



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer

August 2026

***“Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as working
for the Lord, not for human
masters...” Colossians 3:23***

Indonesia

Saturday 1 August/ Sunday 2 August

Please pray that more people affected by leprosy and its consequences will participate in the fight against leprosy together. Please pray that people affected by leprosy can grow in independence and confidence so they can voice their needs to stakeholders.

Bougainville

Monday 3 August

Most communities in Bougainville were badly affected by cyclone Maila in April. Communities are slowly rebuilding their lives, recovering from trauma and displacement caused by the cyclone. Please continue to pray for the recovery process of our communities as they rebuild. May God continue to grant them strength, guidance and safety as they recover.

Tuesday 4 August

Please give thanks to God for His leading and guidance to complete the Leprosy Review and the

Monitoring, Evaluation, Reflection and Learning Review held recently. Please pray that God will give us His favour and show us His will as we prepare to implement the recommendations coming from these reviews.

Wednesday 5 August

Please join us in prayer for the BHCP Senior Leadership Team as we farewell Neil Toura, our Acting Programme Director who has served with the BHCP for 12 years. Neil has been effectively leading the programme for some years. Please uphold our three senior managers who will lead the programme in the coming months while formal recruitment for a new Programme Director is carried out.

Thursday 6 August

The position of Programme Director for the BHCP has been advertised and the applicants are now ready for shortlisting. Please pray for God's wisdom and favour on the process so that through God's leading the best candidate will be selected for the position.

Friday 7 August

The Advisory Group Meeting is a collaborative meeting between the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP), the Autonomous Bougainville Government Departments of Health and Community Government and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT). The purpose is to review the progress of BHCP programme implementation and its partnership with the government. Despite the challenges of co-ordination and availability, this meeting was successfully conducted in June. Join us in giving our gratitude and thankfulness to God for the completion of this activity.

Saturday 8 August/ Sunday 9 August

Please pray for the successful implementation of the third year of activities in the current phase of the BHCP. The scope of the programme is expanding as new areas of implementation are included. Please pray for the programme staff, the Community Health Promoters and the communities.

Nepal

Monday 10 August

In Nepal, Dr Indra Napit and his team treat leprosy ulcers with a treatment developed by Dr Napit, called LPRF treatment. This uses white blood cells and regular stem cells that circulate in the patient's body.

These are used to produce a gel-like substance which is pressed into strips and applied to the patient's ulcer. Give thanks for the healing that takes place and the regeneration of new tissue without much scarring.

Tuesday 11 August

Give thanks for the initiative of Self-help Groups like the Khushi Group, which is run primarily by women. Through the group, members have gained access to opportunities they never had before. Women who used to be afraid to leave their homes are now attending training programmes and policy meetings to advocate for their needs.

Wednesday 12 August

At the local level, groups work on issues such as advocating for women's rights, helping children to stay at school and providing financial support for struggling families. They also organise agricultural and business vocational programmes so that families can improve their livelihoods. Give thanks for the Self-help Groups and pray that members' lives will improve as a result of their participation and the development of new skills.

Thursday 13 August

Give thanks that the staff of Anandaban Hospital have a strong connection with patients during their treatment for leprosy and its complications. Please pray blessings on the patients and the staff for the safe, caring relationships that are built, especially when many patients are far from home and family for extended periods.

Friday 14 August

Please pray for healing for all the people affected by leprosy who have suffered from mental health issues due to the stigma of leprosy. Please pray that mental health issues are addressed in all the community work of The Leprosy Mission Nepal, resulting in less stress, stronger relationships and better choices.

Saturday 15 August/ Sunday 16 August

Give thanks that the training provided by the Anandaban Training Unit is recognised by the Government of Nepal. Please pray that government health workers will be successfully trained to diagnose and treat leprosy and that this will result in healing and

improvement in the lives of many people who hadn't known they had leprosy.

Timor Leste

Monday 17 August

Please pray for God's guidance for the Chairman and Board Members of The Leprosy Mission Timor-Leste. Pray for the relationships they have with the government of Timor-Leste and with other local and international partners. Also pray that the teams who carry out the work on the ground will meet the targets they have been set so that people affected by leprosy will benefit.

Tuesday 18 August

Please pray for the advocacy work of the two associations of people affected by leprosy in TL. Please pray that they will raise awareness about the rights of people affected by leprosy. Also pray that their efforts will educate more people about the early treatment of leprosy and how to prevent disability.

Wednesday 19 August

Please pray for the people supported through the projects of TLM TL. Pray that God's love will flow through the staff and volunteers. May God touch people's lives, bring healing and provide the resources they need. Please pray that the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme will be a source of hope, transformation and empowerment.

Thursday 20 August

Give thanks for the training that is regularly undertaken to build on the knowledge of the health staff and volunteers. Pray that the increase in knowledge and experience will result in more early diagnosis of leprosy and positive change for people in communities.

Friday 21 August

Please pray that the training programmes for volunteers will ensure that health knowledge becomes part of life at the community level. Give thanks that people's lives are being transformed as they learn, share and put knowledge into practice, helping to empower community decision-making.

Saturday 22 August/ Sunday 23 August

Please pray for our partnerships with the Timor-Leste government, with churches, disabled people's organisations and all other partners. Pray that we work together effectively to achieve the goals of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

India

Monday 24 August

Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and compassion among the staff in hospitals run by The Leprosy Mission Trust India. Pray that they can continue to provide the highest quality care to their patients. Pray for the Lord's healing hands to be on the patients, so they receive physical and emotional healing.

Tuesday 25 August

Leprosy is a neglected disease among health professionals in India. As those with knowledge and experience retire the expertise is dwindling. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as TLM TI looks for promising young doctors, nurses and other health staff who have the potential to grow into future leadership roles.

Wednesday 26 August

Please pray for the community projects of TLM TI. They are actively contributing to interrupting transmission of leprosy by household screening and encouraging early diagnosis. Please pray that people understand the importance of early screening for leprosy and not waiting for complications to set in.

Thursday 27 August

The people served by TLM TI often do not have access to clean water and sanitation, especially during the monsoon season. Please pray that there is no outbreak of water-borne disease during this year's monsoon season. Also pray for the Lord's protection of patients and their family members as they travel long distances along difficult roads to reach hospitals.

Friday 28 August

Please pray that the units and projects of TLM TI can align their activities with the priorities of their Country Strategy for 2026-2030. Please also pray for stronger relationships with the state and national governments. Pray that they can collaborate successfully towards reducing the transmission of leprosy.

Saturday 29 August/ Sunday 30 August

Because of the physical and social consequences of leprosy, people slide deeper into poverty. The Vocational Training Centres aim to reduce that by training young people from homes affected by leprosy so they can get good jobs or set themselves up in business. Please pray that the skills learnt at the training centres will lead to successful placements for graduating students.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 31 August

Give thanks for the excellent Inter-Country Learning held in PNG last month. Give thanks that the sessions were practical and informative and that relationships between staff of all the teams of The Leprosy Mission in the Pacific were enhanced as people were inspired by what others shared.