



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer

August 2024

**"Love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things."**

1 Corinthians 13:7

Myanmar

Thursday 1 August

Please pray for the strengthening of case-finding activities and that TLM Myanmar can provide support for people taking multi-drug therapy who need regular follow-up. Pray for people who are suffering from drug reactions and neuritis and who need appropriate treatment and nutritional support.

Friday 2 August

Please pray that the Myanmar Association of People Affected by Leprosy can develop more capacity despite the difficulties in Myanmar at present. Pray for improvement in advocacy and facilitation skills, computer knowledge and English language skills.

Saturday 3 August/ Sunday 4 August

Please lift up the Trust Board and the Senior Leadership Team of The Leprosy Mission Myanmar. Give thanks for them and pray for God's wisdom and guidance in the way He wants TLM Myanmar to serve the community.

Kiribati

Monday 5 August

Lack of education, economic instability and few job opportunities make Kiribati a severely underdeveloped country. Give thanks that the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade have approved the design document for a Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) for Kiribati. Recruitment of staff started in July.

Tuesday 6 August

Please pray for the recruitment process for the PHACE programme in Kiribati. The Kiribati Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) are responsible for recruitment as staff will be employed by them. Please pray for wisdom and understanding so that the right candidates are selected for each position.

Wednesday 7 August

Please pray for good coordination and mutual understanding between the Kiribati MHMS and The Leprosy Mission NZ. Pray that the initial phase of implementation will be successful so that trust and confidence can be built between the partners.

Thursday 8 August

Kiribati consists of thirty-three islands spread over a large part of the Pacific Ocean. The PHACE programme will be undertaken in Betio (pronounced Besaw), a community in South Tarawa and in Abaiang, a nearby island. Give thanks for this five-year programme and pray that many people will benefit greatly in their communities.

Friday 9 August

Please pray that the PHACE programme will improve community awareness of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Pray for improved health and sanitation in the communities and for better community health outcomes. At present, there are very high rates of tuberculosis and leprosy in Kiribati.

Saturday 10 August/ Sunday 11 August

Please pray that the outcome of the elections in Kiribati will result in ongoing stability for the nation. Pray that

any changes after the election will not affect the initial implementation phase of the PHACE programme.

Bangladesh

Monday 12 August

The Northwest Bangladesh Ultra Poverty Initiative Project (NUPIP) assists the 'ultra' poor affected by leprosy. Please give thanks for this project, which helps people to look after their own health and find sustainable ways of making a living. It also tackles the stigma of leprosy.

Tuesday 13 August

The final evaluation of the NUPIP Project will be carried out in September. NUPIP promotes self-care to prevent leprosy symptoms like ulcers and supports people living below the poverty line with income-generating activities such as loaning cows or accessing land. Please pray that the successes and challenges of NUPIP will be clear from the evaluation and that people affected by leprosy will benefit from the outcomes.

Wednesday 14 August

Sunil Ghosh is seventy-five and has recently had both legs amputated because of leprosy. He feels extremely frustrated. Mohammed Bablu Miah is a carpenter, but his work is hampered because of leprosy. Please pray for these two men and the many others like them whose lives and potential have been seriously affected by leprosy. Please pray for restoration of health and for breakthrough in their mental health and well-being.

Thursday 15 August

The Proyash Project aims to improve the health of people affected by leprosy through three primary means. One is improving access to quality healthcare. Active case finding is the second means. The third is improving the use of available health services by people affected or at risk of leprosy. A project evaluation is starting this month. Please pray for God's direction and for clarity regarding the value of this project.

Friday 16 August

During the monsoon season, some parts of Bangladesh have been flooded. This has brought many challenges to regular daily activities and to the economy. Please pray for the families and

communities affected by leprosy, who are suffering greatly.

Saturday 17 August/ Sunday 18 August

Praise God for providing the support for TLM Bangladesh to continue the services they provide for people affected by leprosy. Please also thank Him for helping staff to adapt to the changes in the organisation. Give thanks that the efforts of TLM Bangladesh play a crucial role in improving lives and eliminating leprosy in Bangladesh.

Indonesia

Monday 19 August

Give thanks for the Government of Indonesia. Please pray that they will soon adopt the National Action Plan for the Elimination of Leprosy 2023-2027. Pray that they will translate the Plan into programmes and budgets at national and regional levels. Also, pray that government policies will be in favour of addressing leprosy control and for the welfare of people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 20 August

Pray that the work of organisations of people affected by leprosy will result in people affected by leprosy becoming more confident and independent, able to access basic services. Please pray that some people affected by leprosy will become role models for others. Pray that this will bring growth for the organisations and build their capacity to fight against the stigma of leprosy.

Wednesday 21 August

The PEPCOM Project in Indramayu District, West Java aims to reduce the incidence of leprosy. Give thanks for this project and pray that the awareness and knowledge of leprosy by health workers and influential community members will increase. Please pray that the awareness and support of policymakers for this project will increase so that people affected by leprosy will have the support they need.

Thursday 22 August

Please pray for ongoing success and progress as the PEPCOM project has been extended for five years. This will enable the teams to build on intensive contact tracing and community engagement. The aim is that there will be no children with leprosy by 2035.

Friday 23 August

Together with all health workers in the Public Health Centres, Leprosy Health Workers can work towards leprosy control and fight against the stigma of leprosy. Please pray that the Leprosy Health Workers will remain enthusiastic, perform their duties wholeheartedly and keep learning and improving.

Saturday 24 August/ Sunday 25 August

People affected by leprosy in Indonesia face stigma regarding social inclusion, which affects livelihoods and mental health. Please pray for all the stigma reduction efforts in communities in Indonesia. Please pray for three-pronged education, teaching patients, their peers and young people, so that the stigma of leprosy will be eliminated.

Bougainville

Monday 26 August

Please pray for God's continual guidance to strengthen the core partnership between the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and other core stakeholders. Pray that all can work together effectively to improve the standard of health of the target people in the communities..

Tuesday 27 August

Pray for God's peace and protection for the District Facilitator of Konnou District. He walks the length and breadth of the district to facilitate the delivery of the programme activities. Please pray that his life is protected from all harm.

Wednesday 28 August

In the new phase of the BHCP, Village Health Volunteers are now called Community Health Promoters (CHP). One focus of the programme is to strongly connect with the CHPs. Give thanks that the programme has started delivering refresher courses for CHPs, re-orienting them to health facilities, government health workers and community leaders.

Thursday 29 August

Please pray that the Community Health Promoters will remain motivated and able to deliver health support to people in their communities. Pray for marked improvement in the health of communities in Bougainville. Give thanks for the support provided for people diagnosed with leprosy who are referred for treatment.

Friday 30 August

Give thanks that the funding by the NZ government for the BHCP has been released. Pray that the team can embrace the changes in the newly designed programme and that positive health outcomes can continue to be achieved in Bougainville. Give thanks for the senior management team of the BHCP. Pray for good health and protection over them and that they will be able to nurture the relationships with the relevant government departments.

Saturday 31 August/ Sunday 1 September

Give thanks for the Leprosy Co-ordinator, who ensures continued focus on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy. This is despite difficult terrain and limited health infrastructure in Bougainville. Please pray that the BHCP will continue to be effective in delivering improvements in health, hygiene and governance practices in the communities as people own their roles to improve their lives.