



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

February 2025

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Indonesia

Saturday 1 February/ Sunday 2 February

Give thanks that Phase 2 of the PEPCOM Project is underway. Give thanks for supporters in New Zealand who have contributed funds. Please pray that community leaders, religious leaders and other influential people in Indonesia will support the project and become advocates for the goals of the project.

Global Strategy

Monday 3 February

The Leprosy Mission has launched a new Global Strategy, which will guide the organisation's work from 2025 to 2030. Please pray for greater collaboration in relationships with supporters, all

partners and all those hoping to see their communities transformed with the goal of a world without leprosy.

Tuesday 4 February

Give thanks that the organisational values of TLM reflect our Christian faith and are outlined in the strategy as: compassion, justice, integrity, inclusion, humility, and collaboration. The latter is a value that has been added under this new strategic period. This has been done because of the priority and investment we place on working with Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy, local communities, governments, health systems, and other organisations to achieve our vision.

Wednesday 5 February

Give thanks that the commitment to working with Organisations of People Affected by Leprosy has been well-established for many years. Also thank the Lord that under this new strategy, that commitment is taking on renewed focus. Thank Him that extensive enlightening and helpful consultation with persons affected by leprosy and OPL leaders was undertaken as the strategy was developed.

Thursday 6 February

Give thanks that because of the consultation carried out with OPLs the strategy places a specific emphasis on improving treatments for leprosy reactions and providing better care for inner wellbeing. It also places an emphasis on supporting and partnering with OPLs to increase awareness of leprosy and end discrimination. Please pray that the Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy can become actively engaged through the work of The Leprosy Mission.

Friday 7 February

Please give thanks for the understanding that a world without leprosy transmission, disability, and discrimination will be achieved more sustainably and more successfully if we walk this journey alongside persons affected by leprosy. This is a core component of the new strategy. In practice this means developing programmes in partnership; it means persons affected by leprosy having a seat at the table of our organisation's decision-making bodies – from Boards through to taskforces and other working groups, and it means our organisation being receptive to feedback and even discernment when it is needed. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and humility for all those involved at all levels.

Saturday 8 February/ Sunday 9 February

The new strategy acknowledges that challenges may force a change in our paths. Give thanks for the understanding and acknowledgement that The Leprosy Mission needs to be an agile organisation. Please pray that monitoring, learning and adapting will help TLM to face the challenges of varying circumstances in countries throughout the world. Please pray that TLM will be open with our partners and our funders that circumstances and new knowledge may force us to adapt and find a new path to reaching our destination.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 10 February

Give thanks that the team of The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea have partnerships with the PNG government, non-governmental organisations and churches to help communities to tackle economic and environmental challenges. Please pray that positive communication and relationships will continue, to help eliminate leprosy and promote healthy living.

Tuesday 11 February

Mud crab farming has become one of the successful ways of increasing livelihoods, which strengthens communities. Give thanks that community members can turn their skills into a business, improving their family income. The aim of the Mud Crab Farming Project is to increase a community's income and move them away from the poverty line.

Wednesday 12 February

Give thanks for the comprehensive training programme for volunteers under the PHACE Project. The volunteers are helping people in communities to understand the importance of cleanliness. They are training people to establish essential water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure. Give thanks for new access to taps and toilets.

Thursday 13 February

Give thanks that the PHACE Project teaches people the principles of improving their livelihoods. As incomes improve, people use their funds to build a toilet, buy a water tank to capture rainwater from their roof, and buy healthy food. The knowledge gained helps to improve community well-being and lessens the

chance of leprosy and other diseases continuing to impact more generations.

Friday 14 February

Give thanks that, for people whose leprosy is diagnosed late, The Leprosy Mission gives supportive devices and arranges reconstructive surgery for damaged limbs. Sunglasses can be supplied for those who have lost the ability to close their eyes as a result of leprosy.

Saturday 15 February/ Sunday 16 February

Give thanks for God's leading and protection for the TLM team in PNG. They are motivated by compassion, working in cities and remote areas. Continue to pray for God's protection over the team as they travel and as they work in communities. Please pray that people in communities will be impacted by the compassion shown by team members.

India

Monday 17 February

Six Vocational Training Centres in India enrol students from homes affected by leprosy and from other marginalised communities. Give thanks that students are taught technical skills that are job-oriented and are given opportunities for personal development. This is given through life skills and employability training. Disability prevention and management programmes are also given.

Tuesday 18 February

The VTCs assist their students in getting job placements. Give thanks for the strong alumni associations, through which the VTCs maintain contact with their graduates after they have gained employment and support them to grow professionally. Please pray that many graduates can take advantage of the services offered and will want to assist others.

Wednesday 19 February

Please pray for the effectiveness of the VTCs and that they can raise awareness of the potential and right to employment of people affected by leprosy and disability. Please pray that more individuals, companies and institutions will support TLM TI so that graduates can find work in organisations that encourage inclusivity.

Thursday 20 February

Please pray for God's guidance in the relationships and partnerships which will bring conversations around leprosy into the mainstream. Pray for His wisdom and strength as the team of The Leprosy Mission Trust India continues to involve communities and people affected by leprosy in challenging negative attitudes towards the disease.

Friday 21 February

Pray for the Lord's blessing on efforts to bring about policies inclusive of people affected by leprosy. Pray that people affected by leprosy will have opportunities and platforms at state, national and global levels to highlight issues affecting their inclusion in society. Pray that TLM Trust India can work well with the government of India and other partners to repeal discriminatory laws that deprive people affected by leprosy of their rights.

Saturday 22 February/ Sunday 23 February

Thank the Lord that TLM TI has fifteen hospitals and two clinics that provide specialised leprosy services. This includes the diagnosis of leprosy and its complications. Please pray that God will raise up leaders with vision and commitment in all the hospitals and clinics.

Kiribati

Monday 24 February

Please pray for the successful recruitment and initial training of key personnel for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Project. Pray that the staff will be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively carry out their roles within the project.

Tuesday 25 February

Please pray for the smooth finalisation of arrangements and the successful setup of the office space for the PHACE Project team. Please pray that the office space will become a useful, efficient area for the work.

Wednesday 26 February

Please pray that the PHACE Project can begin to be implemented in Abiana and Betio districts. Pray for meaningful engagement with community leaders and other contacts so that the understanding of PHACE will result in a positive start in these areas.

Thursday 27 February

Please pray for strong relationships with local stakeholders, especially the Government of Kiribati. The relationships are vital for guiding discussions on project

logistics and strengthening partnerships that will help in the implementation of the PHACE Project.

Friday 28 February

The work of the PHACE Project needs to be relevant and beneficial for the communities in which it is implemented. Please pray for clarity in communication and the alignment of the project goals with the priorities of the communities and the government of Kiribati.