

# **Prayer & Praise**

# Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

# **July 2025**

"And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 1:14

#### **Timor Leste**

# Tuesday 1 July

Pray for wisdom and unity between all the stakeholders involved in finalising the training modules and planning the third stage of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. Please pray that upcoming activities can be smoothly and effectively implemented. Pray that planned health camps will go ahead successfully and will be well attended.

# Wednesday 2 July

Pray for the successful delivery of the third round of training to Community Health Volunteers. Give thanks for the Community Health Volunteers and please pray for consistency in attendance on training days and for growing enthusiasm for serving people in the communities. Please pray that the external mid-term evaluation and monitoring visits will show the successes and challenges of the PHACE

Programme, to enable wise decisions to be made for the future.

#### Thursday 3 July

Please pray that God will continue to protect staff, partners, volunteers and other people in the local communities. Please pray for continued financial provision and good health for staff and volunteers serving people in communities.

# Friday 4 July

Pray for continued strong relationships and cooperation among all partners and networks involved in the PHACE Programme. Please pray that community leaders will be supportive of the work of The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste and will encourage the participation of the Community Health Volunteers. Please pray that people affected by leprosy and other conditions in the communities will benefit from this support.

#### Saturday 5 July/ Sunday 6 July

Please pray that the formation of Self-help Groups will positively affect people in the communities. Pray that the groups will become well-organised and that people will find hope for the future as they learn new skills and hear innovative ideas that can bring positive change to their lives.

#### Myanmar

# Monday 7 July

The Leprosy Mission Myanmar aims to improve leprosy knowledge and capacity across the country so that cases are detected early. Give thanks that TLM Myanmar works alongside the Myanmar Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy, as MAPAL members are sometimes the only way to access the communities that need support. Please bless the relationship between the two groups.

# Tuesday 8 July

Please pray for the Board Members and the Senior Leadership Team of TLM Myanmar as they serve people affected by leprosy. Pray for wisdom and insight as they manage the organisation through conflict, the earthquake and its aftermath. Please pray for the health and safety of all staff and volunteers working in different field offices and hard-to-reach areas. May God protect them from violence and harm.

#### Wednesday 9 July

Please pray for God to bless all the churches in Myanmar. Give thanks for all the church members who give their time to search for new cases of leprosy in their communities. Please pray that TLM Myanmar will have fruitful relationships with these churches and that people affected by leprosy will be able to access the treatment they need.

# **Thursday 10 July**

The March earthquake in Myanmar struck during the dry season, in one of Myanmar's most important agricultural belts. Damage to farmland and supporting infrastructure now threatens food production just as the monsoon planting season approaches. Please pray that the basic needs of food, water and sanitation can be provided for the millions of people.

### Friday 11 July

Damage to water systems has forced residents to rely on unsafe sources, heightening the risk of waterborne illnesses. Malnutrition is also a growing concern — particularly among children — as food insecurity worsens and nutrition support becomes harder to deliver. Please pray for compassion and wisdom among the leaders of Myanmar and other nations so that the plight of Myanmar's people can be recognised and addressed.

# Saturday 12 July/ Sunday 13 July

Please pray for the political situation in Myanmar. Pray that internally displaced people can return to their homes to live in peace. Please pray for order, justice and peace for Myanmar. Join with TLM Myanmar in praying for the country's future, that one day Myanmar will reach the goal of zero transmission of leprosy.

# Bougainville

# Monday 14 July

The Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) is designed to encourage a community-based and owned primary health system. Please pray that the BHCP results in communities of people with stronger immune systems, meaning less vulnerability to leprosy bacteria.

#### **Tuesday 15 July**

Give thanks that the BHCP has a holistic and integrated view of a healthy community. The aims include health awareness and care as well as effective community-level governance to identify, plan for, and implement health and development strategies.

#### Wednesday 16 July

Thank the Lord that the programme has been successfully implementing a preventative health model. Trained Community Health Promoters and leaders in the communities focus on empowering Ward Governments in their delivery of health outcomes. Give thanks for the long-standing partnership between The Leprosy Mission NZ, The NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the Bougainville Department of Health and the Department of Community Government.

#### Thursday 17 July

Give thanks to God for the testimony of Marianne's story. When Raphael, the local Leprosy Control Officer, found Marianne, she was so sick she could not feed herself. Today her health has improved dramatically, and her confidence has been restored. Marianne has become a powerful advocate for leprosy awareness and support. Thank God for the effect that the healing of a person with leprosy can have in a community, bringing truth and hope to others.

# Friday 18 July

Marianne recently introduced Raphael and Jasleen (International Programmes Manager of TLM NZ) to a young girl named Donna, whom she suspected was showing signs of leprosy. Marianne's keen observation was correct, and Raphael diagnosed Donna, who is now receiving treatment. Give thanks that communities are learning the causes and consequences of leprosy. There are far fewer people now who believe leprosy is a curse. They are seeing that it is a curable disease.

# Saturday 19 July/ Sunday 20 July

Give thanks for Community Health Promoters who are helping to improve diet and hygiene within the communities. A well-nourished child can better fight

off leprosy. CHPs live and work in their communities, some very remote from health services. Please pray that the efforts of CHPs will bring knowledge and experience to banish ignorance and superstition from people's lives.

#### India

#### Monday 21 July

As well as specialised leprosy services, hospitals run by The Leprosy Mission Trust India provide reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, protective footwear and counselling services. Give thanks for these services, which are well used, providing hope and light to people whose futures seemed so dark.

#### **Tuesday 22 July**

Give thanks for the advanced disability management services that TLM Trust India provide. There is a range of orthotic, prosthetic and surgical interventions that are provided through the hospitals and clinics. Give thanks to God for His provision of the resources needed to carry out this work.

#### Wednesday 23 July

The motto of The Leprosy Mission Trust India is 'Healing, Inclusion and Dignity of People Affected by Leprosy, other Neglected Tropical Diseases and Disabilities'. Give thanks that TLM TI is heavily invested in generating sustainable livelihoods and empowering underserved communities, especially the ones affected by leprosy. Please pray that TLM TI can find well-qualified staff to commit to the vision to serve others.

# **Thursday 24 July**

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as TLM Trust India strives to create a work environment that promotes unity, respect and compassion among staff and stakeholders. Please pray for the well-being and safety of staff. Pray that they serve with excellence, dedication and integrity, contributing to the well-being of all those they serve and work among.

# Friday 25 July

Give thanks for the Advocacy and Communications team of TLM Trust India, enabling TLM's efforts to achieve zero transmission, zero disability and zero discrimination. Please pray for government leadership to create inclusive policies and practices to address the needs of people affected by leprosy.

#### Saturday 26 July/ Sunday 27 July

The team run training programmes on the social consequences of leprosy for individuals and organisations. Please pray that this training will help to create a supportive environment for people affected by leprosy. May the advocacy efforts bring hope, dignity and a renewed sense of community for all people affected by the disease.

#### Worldwide

## Monday 28 July

Recent cyclones, droughts and floods have caused crop failure and plunged people even deeper into poverty in Mozambique. Building climate resilient livelihoods is vital for survival. Please pray that The Leprosy Mission can contribute towards this and to community savings groups, where people affected by leprosy can develop small businesses and save for emergencies.

#### **Tuesday 29 July**

Through strong partnerships with over 30 organizations in Nigeria and support from donors worldwide, TLM Nigeria provides education, physiotherapy, medical care and vocational training to persons with disabilities and their caregivers, to create sustainable livelihoods. Please pray that these activities can continue, bringing hope and a future to many.

# Wednesday 30 July

The programmes of TLM Chad mainly focus on capacity building and awareness-raising. TLM Chad contributes supervision, training, and follow-up of leprosy supervisors and health staff to aid in early case detection and prevention of complications like eye damage and ulcers. Please pray that many people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed early so that disability can be prevented.

# Thursday 31 July

Pray for the influence that the Organisations of People Affected by Leprosy have within their communities and that their voices will be heard. Please pray that their influence will be positive and that other community leaders will treat them with openness and without discrimination.