



## Prayer & Praise

### Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

**June 2025**

***“For there is one God, and  
one mediator between God  
and men, the man Christ  
Jesus, who gave himself a  
ransom for all...”***

***1 Timothy 2:5-6***

#### **Nepal**

##### **Saturday 31 May/ Sunday 1 June**

Please pray for the sustainable livelihood projects of TLM Nepal. They aim to give people skills and encouragement to improve their family income. Give thanks for the families whose nutrition has improved and for the hope people have gained through their activities.

#### **Papua New Guinea**

##### **Monday 2 June**

The Year 3 Annual Report and the Mid-term Evaluation for the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme need to be completed. Please pray that these reports can be completed efficiently and on time. Also pray that they will

provide the true picture of the successes and challenges of implementing the programme.

##### **Tuesday 3 June**

We ask for prayer for Round 5 of the PHACE training. This will be carried out in June and July. Please pray for competence and confidence as the trainers present the material. Also pray for enthusiasm and attention among the attendees.

##### **Wednesday 4 June**

Pray for the successful implementation of the activities for Years 1 & 2 of the Climate Change Resilience Project. Year 2 of the project started in March this year. Give thanks for the installation of water tanks in some villages and that mangrove planting has gone ahead successfully in some communities. In other communities the preparation work for planting has been done.

##### **Thursday 5 June**

Give thanks for the leadership of the local Climate Change Committee members. Pray that they will work collaboratively within the communities and will be the voice of vulnerable populations most affected by climate change.

##### **Friday 6 June**

Please pray for an end to gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea. Pray for wisdom and God's protection for all the volunteers of the PHACE Programme who refer survivors and victims to safe houses.

##### **Saturday 7 June/ Sunday 8 June**

It is vital that people affected by leprosy have continuity of medication so they can be cured. Please pray for the supply of Multi-Drug Therapy to arrive in PNG in good time. Also pray for the logistics of delivery to health centres so the medication is available when people need it and that it continues to be available.

#### **Kiribati**

##### **Monday 9 June**

Pray for the recruitment efforts as the team seek dedicated and skilled candidates who align with the vision of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. Let us pray for candidates who will bring passion and expertise to their roles. Pray

that this process will be smooth and efficient, to create a team that will make a meaningful impact in Kiribati.

##### **Tuesday 10 June**

Pray for a favourable resolution to the office space requirements and leasing agreement with Betio Town Council in Kiribati. Pray that the negotiations progress swiftly, resulting in a work environment that supports the programme's activities.

##### **Wednesday 11 June**

Pray for the development and implementation of robust financial systems that will support the PHACE programme in Kiribati. May these systems ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency for the management of financial transactions. Please pray that the financial systems will contribute to the project's long-term success and sustainability.

##### **Thursday 12 June**

Pray for stronger partnerships with the government and other stakeholders involved in the PHACE programme, in a spirit of collaboration and mutual understanding. Pray that these relationships will be built on trust and shared goals. The aim is to create a network of support that empowers the communities and enhances the programme's impact for the well-being of people affected by leprosy, disability and other neglected tropical diseases.

##### **Friday 13 June**

Thank God for the wonderful support of the Kiribati government for the PHACE programme. Pray for effective collaboration between officials in New Zealand and Kiribati, paving the way for effective project implementation. Please pray that the importance of this partnership in promoting sustainable development and improving the quality of life for the people of Kiribati will be recognised.

##### **Saturday 14 June/ Sunday 15 June**

Please pray that all the requirements to be put in place before the implementation of the PHACE Programme in Kiribati can be carried out efficiently and quickly. Pray that people affected by leprosy and disability will find hope and that communities will benefit from the programme undertaken in Kiribati.

## **Indonesia**

### **Monday 16 June**

Studies have shown that Post Exposure Prophylaxis treatment using a single dose of rifampicin can significantly reduce new cases of leprosy. Please pray that further clinical trials being developed for testing other antibiotic treatments will give clear indication of effectiveness or otherwise. Give thanks that TLM NZ can provide funding towards the PEP project in Indonesia, the third ranked country in the world for the number of leprosy cases.

### **Tuesday 17 June**

Intensive efforts to search for cases of leprosy, providing a preventative antibiotic to contacts of someone newly diagnosed, and strengthening community involvement and empowerment are the three interventions of the Post Exposure Prophylaxis in Community project. Give thanks for the systematic research being undertaken and pray that people affected by leprosy will benefit greatly.

### **Wednesday 18 June**

Give thanks for the No Leprosy Remains Indonesia team, who work effectively with local health teams and communities to carry out the PEPKOM project. Please pray for encouragement and ongoing success in building on intensive contact tracing and community engagement.

### **Thursday 19 June**

Please pray for ongoing respectful relationships between district governments and NLR Indonesia. Pray for collaboration in order to establish sustainable leprosy control programmes. Give thanks for village leaders and influential people. Pray for their continued willingness to work with project staff to change the discriminatory beliefs against people affected by leprosy in their villages.

### **Friday 20 June**

To improve the quality of leprosy diagnosis and treatment in urban areas of Indonesia, medical staff must be upskilled. Please pray that doctors and nurses will be willing to learn and implement what they have learnt from the team of NLR Indonesia. The work of NLR Indonesia is instrumental to

defeating leprosy in Indonesia. Please ask God to bless the teams, their work and their families.

### **Saturday 21 June/ Sunday 22 June**

The people most likely to develop leprosy are those who are living with, or close to, an untreated infectious person. Mobile health clinics and skin camps are facilitated to seek out undiagnosed leprosy and to run community awareness programmes in high leprosy endemic communities. Please pray that all the efforts of the team will result in early diagnosis of leprosy for many people so that they do not develop disability.

## **Bangladesh**

### **Monday 23 June**

Bangladesh is one of the main countries where research into leprosy is being conducted. Give thanks for the fruitful collaboration that is so necessary for the success of the research. Please pray for continued support at all levels, leading to success in these partnerships.

### **Tuesday 24 June**

Please pray for early recovery of patients admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital with leprosy reaction. This happens when the body reacts to the leprosy bacteria, causing fatigue, malaise, fever, swelling of the body or face and ulceration of lesions on the skin, among other symptoms. It is important to realise that leprosy reaction is not caused by medication but by the body's reaction to the leprosy bacteria in the body.

### **Wednesday 25 June**

Please pray for healing for all people affected by leprosy who have foot or leg ulcers and burns on their hands or feet. These wounds come about because the leprosy bacteria affect the nerves, so people lose the sensation of touch, especially in their hands and feet and around their eyes. If someone can't feel a burn or an injury they will often delay treatment until it becomes serious, when it can lead to permanent disability.

### **Thursday 26 June**

Please lift up in prayer the precious children and devoted mothers involved in the Hagar Project of TLM Bangladesh. This project, in Rangpur Division, provides a safe, loving retreat for women and children in crisis

from leprosy and other causes. The aim is resettlement into a safe community through empowerment and skill development.

### **Friday 27 June**

The Striving for Zero Leprosy Programme is dedicated to combating leprosy in four districts of Bangladesh. The project aims to eliminate the transmission of leprosy by implementing targeted interventions and strengthening healthcare systems, promoting early diagnosis and that bring positive change to the lives of many.

### **Saturday 28 June/ Sunday 29 June**

Please pray for Bangladesh, which is seeing political unrest, ongoing since the middle of last year. The current caretaker government of Mohammed Yunus has promised reforms and said that elections may be delayed until 2026. Please pray that the most vulnerable people will continue to be able to get the treatment they need. Please pray that God will undertake to change people's lives through the crisis.

## **Timor Leste**

### **Monday 30 June**

Thank God for the progress of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Project and the completion of the Second Phase Monitoring Survey. The faithful support and co-operation of staff, partners, donors, and volunteers is contributing to the success of the programme. As local communities take up the challenges presented, please pray for empowerment in making decisions that bring positive change to the lives of many.