



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer

June 2024

**“And we know that in all things
God works for the good of
those who love him, who have
been called according to his
purpose.” Romans 8:28**

India

Saturday 1 June/ Sunday 2 June

God's power and grace are needed at all levels of TLM Trust India so that all staff members can continue to serve the most vulnerable and marginalised in all communities. Give thanks for the humility and compassion of the staff. Pray for God to bless them and their families and to keep them safe.

Bougainville

Monday 3 June

Please pray for a stronger response and commitment from the Department of Health of the Autonomous Bougainville Government in support of the work in communities by the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme. Pray for a good working relationship and mutual understanding

between the DoH team and key partners for the benefit of people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 4 June

Malaria and TB are increasing in Bougainville, affecting many people. Please pray for support and guidance as the Dept of Health, BHCP team and volunteers continue to raise awareness and work together to reduce the prevalence of these diseases.

Wednesday 5 June

Give praise to God for the successful completion of the first round of TB testing in the Rau Community, a hotspot for TB. Three hundred people were tested and referred to Buka Hospital for treatment if necessary. Give thanks for the collaboration of the Leprosy Control Officer, District Facilitators, health facility staff, community government members and Community Health Volunteers. Please pray for successful treatment for all patients who tested positive for TB.

Thursday 6 June

In the current phase of the BHCP health issues have been addressed with support from ward and community government health leaders. In the next phase, it will be important to reconnect with Village Health Volunteers. Please pray for the re-engagement process with the volunteers and for more volunteers to be available. Pray for wisdom and understanding for the BHCP team.

Friday 7 June

Please pray for all people affected by leprosy in Bougainville who are undergoing treatment. Please pray that God will motivate them to complete their treatment and that He will give them a positive outlook. Please pray for encouragement from staff at treatment centres and those who supervise patients taking their medication in the communities.

Saturday 8 June/ Sunday 9 June

District Facilitators, health facility staff and Village Health Volunteers are carrying out an immunisation programme for children in remote villages. Please pray that community leaders will support Village Health Volunteers in mobilising mothers and children for immunisation.

Bangladesh

Monday 10 June

The Disabled Persons' Association (DAPA) is planning to apply for government registration as a recognised NGO in Bangladesh. Please pray that the long drawn-out process will not prove too difficult and that they can meet all the government requirements. DAPA is hoping to become self-sustainable and independent.

Tuesday 11 June

Give thanks that the vision of DAPA, once they gain registration, is to carry out more welfare activities with funds from supporters. This would include care and support for people affected by leprosy who are members of DAPA and education support for DAPA members or their children. Praise God that their vision is far-reaching and pray that many people affected by leprosy and disability will be able to get support to become independent and improve their lives.

Wednesday 12 June

Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the staff team at The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh. Pray that they can carry out their work with passion and diligence, empowered by the Holy Spirit so the excellent quality of care for people affected by leprosy can continue and develop. Please pray that the families of staff will be blessed both now and in the future.

Thursday 13 June

Give thanks to the faithful supporters of TLM Bangladesh who enable the work of curing, caring for and restoring people affected by leprosy to continue. Please pray that more avenues for funding will open and for an increase in funding and support.

Friday 14 June

Give thanks to DBLM Hospital, a specialised centre committed to managing leprosy complications. Please pray that the quality services can be retained and improved by applying a short, medium and long-term approach to retention and further training of staff.

Saturday 15 June / Sunday 16 June

Children of people affected by leprosy are themselves affected because of health issues and discrimination experienced by their parents. Self-help Groups are a good way for those affected by leprosy to give each

other moral support and encouragement and to find ways to face the future with hope. Give thanks to the Self-help Groups in Bangladesh.

Indonesia

Monday 17 June

Please pray that people affected by leprosy who have been diagnosed can complete their course of medication for the prescribed duration. Pray that they will be motivated and confident, free of depression and anxiety. Also pray that patients will implement clean and healthy living habits, which will be an example to the communities around them.

Tuesday 18 June

Please pray that people who have developed disabilities through leprosy will find their disabilities improving, not worsening. Pray for encouragement so that champions who shed light on leprosy and provide a positive example to others in their communities will emerge and thrive. Pray that this will result in support for people affected by leprosy and disability without stigma and discrimination.

Wednesday 19 June

As the stigma of leprosy is so strong in Indonesia, please pray that God will work in the hearts of key people like village leaders. Pray that they will become open to working with the staff of No Leprosy Remains Indonesia to address the stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy in their villages.

Thursday 20 June

Give thanks to the leprosy health workers at the Primary Health Centres. Pray that they will always be healthy and fully committed to providing leprosy-related services to those who need them. Please pray that the health workers will have passion and a sense of fulfilment in their roles.

Friday 21 June

Please pray that groups of dedicated people trained in health services will support the project in Indonesia. Pray that the support will be helpful in the provision of voluntary integrated health services at the village level. This will make a huge difference to the lives of people affected by leprosy and disability, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of many other conditions.

Saturday 22 June/ Sunday 23 June

There have been many challenges to the work of diagnosis of leprosy and of tracing close contacts of those affected. Please pray that more people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and close contacts are given a dose of Rifampicin, which reduces their chances of contracting leprosy by 60%.

Engagement with Faith Communities

Monday 24 June

Give thanks that throughout the world The Leprosy Mission has worked with faith communities on a variety of intervention activities to benefit people affected by leprosy. In countries where government health teams are over-stretched with competing demands and limited time faith communities can be our secret weapon to defeat leprosy.

Tuesday 25 June

In Myanmar, churches have become Disability Resource Centres. Give thanks that the team of TLM Myanmar have trained church members in basic disability services like ulcer care. They have also given church members the tools to make referrals for further care. Pray for the church members taking part in this service, asking for God's wisdom and guidance.

Wednesday 26 June

Give thanks to the church in Mumbai that was prompted by a person affected by leprosy who was one of the church members. The Karuna Project was started and now reaches out to some of the poorest communities in Mumbai through a mobile clinic that the church funds. Members of the congregation have been trained in basic disability care, now joining the clinic on its tours of Mumbai. Give thanks for the willingness of the church to step up to help provide necessary services for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Thursday 27 June

Give thanks that in DR Congo, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka faith communities have been mobilised as case finders. This can mean going door to door with regional government health workers in communities. If faith community members find suspected cases of leprosy they can bring them to the attention of the government health workers, who can start the process towards providing treatment.

Friday 28 June

Faith leaders are often ready to make a difference as they want the best for their communities. Give thanks that faith leaders are often ready to challenge stigma and discrimination. In Nigeria, research showed that if mosque and church leaders promoted a positive message, a community's attitudes to leprosy were transformed. Give thanks to the faith leaders in Nigeria and Sri Lanka who are actively working to break down the stigma of leprosy.

Saturday 29 June/ Sunday 30 June

Inner well-being is a major challenge for many people throughout their experience of leprosy. Give thanks to the faith leaders who stand beside people affected by leprosy from their diagnosis to facing stigma within the community, and the chronic challenges of ill-health and disability. Pray that many people affected by leprosy will find comfort and acceptance with the help of their faith leaders.