



## Prayer & Praise

### Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

**March 2025**

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Mark 5:16*

#### **Kiribati**

##### **Saturday 1 March/ Sunday 2 March**

Please pray for wisdom for everyone involved to identify immediate challenges for PHACE. Please pray that effective strategies to address the challenges can be developed promptly so that resilience and adaptability can grow among all involved.

#### **Bougainville**

##### **Monday 3 March**

Pray for the goal of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme, which is for communities throughout Bougainville to become healthier through local people and government sharing responsibility for health awareness and community development. Give thanks that training carried out in the

programme teaches people how to take responsibility to live in a healthy environment and change their own lives.

##### **Tuesday 4 March**

Give thanks that the design of the BHCP is based on local needs, conditions and capabilities. The programme is focussed on the immediate needs of the people and, within each village, is owned and run by them. Also, give thanks that the programme works collaboratively with local government institutions. Please pray for continuing good relationships with the staff of the Department of Health and other local stakeholders.

##### **Wednesday 5 March**

As well as meeting people's physical needs, give thanks that the BHCP recognises the need to lift people's self-esteem, ability to organise themselves and their spiritual well-being. Also give thanks that the programme is reliable and that long-term, cooperative and mutually respectful relationships are being built between people in the villages and local government staff.

##### **Thursday 6 March**

Give thanks that through the BHCP families are being educated about the signs and symptoms of leprosy. Knowledge of where to go to get treatment and support is also provided. Thank the Lord for the nineteen District Facilitators who travel to remote villages to train and monitor village health volunteers. The village health volunteers are then responsible for providing health education in their communities.

##### **Friday 7 March**

Thank the Lord for the village health volunteers, who raise awareness about diseases such as leprosy and malaria and identify villagers who are ill. They also refer people to district health clinics for diagnosis and treatment. Praise God that since the BHCP programme began more than 2500 village health volunteers and 2100 village leaders have been receiving training on community health development, leadership and governance.

##### **Saturday 8 March/ Sunday 9 March**

The strength of the BHCP is that it gives a stronger local voice and the ability to act on health issues as a

community and with local government and health facilities. Give thanks that the BHCP follows a holistic, integrated view of a healthy community and that the focus is on health awareness and care as well as effective community-led governance.

#### **Bangladesh**

##### **Monday 10 March**

Give thanks that The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh are strong advocates for the rights and dignity of people affected by leprosy. They aim to educate policymakers to influence policy and legislation. TLM Bangladesh also partners with officials to ensure that inclusive policies and sustainable solutions are designed and implemented.

##### **Tuesday 11 March**

Give thanks for the advocacy activities and partnerships with Self-help Groups and other organisations of persons affected by leprosy. These relationships are crucial for mainstreaming leprosy policy and establishing sustainable organisations of people affected by leprosy. Please pray that the advocacy initiatives will ensure effective implementation of the government's leprosy strategy throughout the country.

##### **Wednesday 12 March**

Give thanks for the churches who partner with TLM Bangladesh, and who advocate passionately for people affected by leprosy. Please pray that through the work they do the legal and social rights of persons and communities affected by leprosy will improve.

##### **Thursday 13 March**

An essential part of the work of The Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh is healthcare. Give thanks that leprosy control teams can travel across the country to find new cases of leprosy and to visit clinics and homes to follow up on registered patients. Please pray for the safety and protection of the team members as they travel. Please pray that more people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed early in the course of the disease and receive the treatment they need.

##### **Friday 14 March**

The main centre for managing disabilities and complications caused by leprosy is DBLM Hospital. Please pray for plans to improve the hospital facilities and for the expansion of the laboratory services. The

plan is to be able to do PCR tests to confirm diagnosis of leprosy and to test for resistance to drugs.

#### **Saturday 15 March/ Sunday 16 March**

Give thanks for skin camps held at local health clinics in Bangladesh. Dalamar, a worker on a tea estate, was diagnosed with leprosy through a skin camp and was able to begin treatment early, which prevented serious complications. Give thanks that Dalamar could get Multi-Drug Therapy and continue working, as she is the main breadwinner for her family.

#### **Timor Leste**

##### **Monday 17 March**

Give thanks for the commitment of the Chairman and the Board members of the local board of The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste (Misaun Lepra Timor Leste). Give thanks for the wisdom they provide and pray God's blessing on them and their families.

##### **Tuesday 18 March**

Please pray that implementation of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) will bring sustainable solutions for the communities. Give thanks for the commitment of all staff and volunteers to the communities they serve.

##### **Wednesday 19 March**

Please pray for the partners of the PHACE Programme in the Municipalities of Liquica, Bobonaro, and Atauro. Ask the Lord to strengthen their commitment to serving those who need help and to support them in all their efforts. Pray that they will have empathy, care and understanding as they serve their communities.

##### **Thursday 20 March**

Give thanks to God for the two associations of persons affected by leprosy that have been established in Timor Leste. Pray that their advocacy will educate more people about the early treatment of leprosy and how to prevent disability. Please also pray that they will raise more awareness about the rights of people affected by leprosy.

##### **Friday 21 March**

Ask God the Father to give us love and compassion for people affected by leprosy. Pray for vision and wisdom as we actively advocate for their rights and dignity. Give thanks for the staff and volunteers who

show commitment towards the work and who bring forward innovative new ideas.

#### **Saturday 22 March/ Sunday 23 March**

Please pray for our partnerships with the Timor Leste government, with churches, disabled people's organisations and all other partners. Pray that we work together effectively to achieve the goals of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

#### **Nepal**

##### **Monday 24 March**

Sustainable livelihoods are vitally important for lives to be transformed after leprosy. Please give thanks for all employers who have employed people affected by leprosy and pray that the people employed will thrive in their working environment.

##### **Tuesday 25 March**

Give thanks for all the people working to defeat leprosy and see lives transformed in Nepal. Pray that their empathy, sensitivity and wisdom will grow in their relationships with the people they serve. Please pray that through these relationships and the treatment they receive people affected by leprosy will find hope and healing.

##### **Wednesday 26 March**

Please pray for the success of case-finding activities within communities. Hidden cases of leprosy need to be diagnosed and treated early to break the chain of transmission and prevent disability. Please pray that people who have been cured of leprosy will want to help others and will actively encourage people to seek diagnosis and treatment.

##### **Thursday 27 March**

Give thanks that the Trauma Centre at Anandaban Hospital was undamaged in the landslide of September last year. The building was designed for Accident & Emergency and Maternity Care and now holds a leprosy ward and an Outpatient Department as well. Give thanks that TLM Nepal can continue the vital services they provide.

##### **Friday 28 March**

The impacts of the landslide on Anandaban Hospital have been worse than of the 2015 earthquake. Please pray for the healing of trauma for all those affected and

for the family of Bibek, who lost his life. Please pray for wisdom for all those involved in decision-making regarding the future of the hospital site.

#### **Saturday 9 March/ Sunday 30 March**

Please pray for the healthcare team of Anandaban Hospital. Pray that they will be blessed to heal and perform miracles and that the dignity of each patient will be protected. Also pray for holistic care and that staff will remain faithful to all those they care for.

#### **Worldwide**

##### **Monday 31 March**

Please pray about the ongoing challenges of accessing Multi-Drug Therapy in Nigeria. For ten months of 2024 the supply of MDT has been delayed. The problem is believed to affect up to 3000 people, including 800 children. Please pray for a quick resolution to this problem.