



## Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission  
Family through Prayer

March 2026

*"And let us consider how we  
may spur one another on toward  
love and good deeds."*

*Hebrews 10:24*

### Bougainville

#### Monday 2 March

Strengthened partnership and a healthy working relationship with the Bougainville Government Facilities has created more opportunities for health promotion outreach activities. Please pray for the success of the Leprosy outreach to hotspot communities in Bougainville.

#### Tuesday 3 March

Pray for the field officers of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) as they continue to work with the Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in 885 communities. They are also trying to reach the unreached areas through tough geographical terrain, especially in Wakunai, Kunua, Torokina, Kieta and Buin Districts. The aim is for all the communities to access basic health services.

#### Wednesday 4 March

Praise God for carrying the staff and volunteers through the first seven months of the second year of the current phase of the BHCP. We would like to

commit the next five months to the Lord, seeking his guidance to reach the programme targets. Please pray for the planned activities for the next five months.

#### Thursday 5 March

Praise God for the recruitment of two new officers who have joined the BHCP programme in February. Mathilda, who comes in as an Assistant Leprosy Control Officer, will be focusing on field-based leprosy work with people affected by leprosy in the communities. Joseph, a new field officer for Wakunai District, will work in the Terra area with CHPs and community leaders. Pray for the new staff as they settle into their roles.

#### Friday 6 March

A leprosy review for the Bougainville Leprosy Program will be taking place soon. Pray for the teams who will be involved in this review as they start preparing. This will involve the Health Dept of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG), the communities, the BHCP and other stakeholders. We are seeking God's direction as the BHCP sets its next pathway for the leprosy programme in the region.

#### Saturday 7 March/ Sunday 8 March

On International Women's Day, this Sunday, give thanks for the impact of the BHCP. The programme continues to help improve maternal health, reduce gender-based violence and empower women as leaders in Bougainville.

### Nepal

#### Monday 9 March

Since the landslide at Anandaban Hospital in September 2024, the Research & Training Centres have been relocated to a rental property in Kathmandu, near Patan Clinic. As all the departments of the hospital are interconnected, it is important for TLM Nepal to find the best place to continue the leprosy services for which the hospital is renowned. Please pray for the leadership team of Anandaban Hospital and of TLM Nepal. May God give them servant hearts, wisdom and discernment as they tackle the big issues.

#### Tuesday 10 March

Active case detection is a high priority for the National Leprosy Programme of the Nepali government. The Leprosy Mission Nepal trains community health workers

and volunteers to diagnose and treat leprosy. Please pray for positive collaboration to continue and for the sustainability of the training programmes.

#### Wednesday 11 March

Many people affected by leprosy across Nepal are "hidden" within their communities. Stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy affect people's ability to work and their self-esteem. TLM Nepal has a healthy relationship with other like-minded organisations through the Nepal Leprosy Network. Please pray that this network will be successful in their work to address discrimination against people affected by leprosy at all levels of society.

#### Thursday 12 March

Community-based approaches, such as self-care and self-help groups, are crucial for long-term health and social inclusion. The groups empower members by building skills in self-care, hygiene, awareness of gender-based violence and financial management. Give thanks that people are enabled to assert their rights, manage finances and contribute to household decisions, which builds resilience and strength.

#### Friday 13 March

TLM Nepal offers satellite clinics every month in Butwal and Biratnagar to provide extensive leprosy care to people in high-prevalence areas. The clinics offer diagnosis and treatment to the wider community, aiming to educate and raise awareness of leprosy and the treatment that is available. Give thanks for the clinics and pray that many people affected by leprosy can be healed and restored through them.

#### Saturday 14 March/ Sunday 15 March

Please pray that the children of people affected by leprosy can continue to receive support from TLM Nepal to continue their education. Give thanks that many young people have been able to start a career or pursue higher education because of this help. Pray that this assistance will bear fruit within communities as families can live stronger, more dignified lives.

### Kiribati

#### Monday 16 March

Give thanks that the new PHACE programme in Kiribati has started. The focus is on preventative health and

raising awareness of leprosy, TB, malaria and gender-based violence. Pray for everyone involved in the programme, which aims to build healthy, resilient, inclusive and empowered communities, addressing the medical health challenges faced in Kiribati.

#### **Tuesday 17 March**

Please pray for clear vision and God's guidance for the leadership of The Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) in Kiribati. Please pray that all decisions they make will be according to God's will, purpose and timing.

#### **Wednesday 18 March**

As the team select volunteers to work in communities, please pray for the relationships between the leaders of PHACE and the volunteers. Ask God to give them passion, strength, unity and wisdom. Please pray that God will encourage them all and bless them in their activities.

#### **Thursday 19 March**

Give thanks that training manuals are being prepared by the PHACE team in Kiribati in consultation with TLM NZ. Please pray that all programmes and initiatives will be effective, meaningful and well-implemented so the lives of the people they are designed to serve will be positively impacted.

#### **Friday 20 March**

Please pray for God's protection over the PHACE team in Kiribati. Pray for the continuing development of positive relationships with all stakeholders, including community leaders, the Government of Kiribati, the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) and TLM NZ.

#### **Saturday 21 March/ Sunday 22 March**

PHACE in Kiribati is a new programme. Please pray for God's continued provision of financial and material resources to sustain and grow the work of PHACE. Please pray for ongoing growth, positive results and long-term sustainability so that, once established PHACE can continue to be a blessing and a light to many.

### **Timor Leste**

#### **Monday 23 March**

Please pray for a smooth negotiation and signing process of a Memorandum of Understanding between the government of Timor Leste and TLM Timor Leste. The MoU focuses on technical support for development and aims to strengthen the partnership between the government of Timor Leste and The Leprosy Mission. Give thanks for the continued positive collaboration between TLM Timor Leste and the Ministry of Health at the municipal or urban level.

#### **Tuesday 24 March**

The relationship with the Ministry of Health and TLM Timor Leste is vital to facilitate the implementation of the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE). Pray about referrals by Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to local government health posts. Please pray for effective, timely treatment to be available.

#### **Wednesday 25 March**

Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) in Timor Leste play a crucial role in the healthcare system, providing essential support and services to the communities. Their responsibilities include Health Promotion and Education, First Aid Training and Community Engagement. Give thanks for the commitment of the CHVs, who continue to empower rural families by bringing them information and education.

#### **Thursday 26 March**

The regularity of the supply of medication can be an issue in Timor Leste. Please pray for the timely availability of medicines for patients experiencing leprosy reactions so that disability can be avoided. Leprosy reactions are the body's immune response to dying or dead leprosy bacteria. The reactions can affect the skin and nerves and often other organs such as the eyes. Often, anti-inflammatory drugs and steroids are needed to treat leprosy reactions.

#### **Friday 27 March**

Women and girls affected by leprosy also face gender barriers in Timor Leste. Give thanks that PHACE aims to help people in the target communities understand their rights to good health and respectful treatment regardless of status or gender, and to create opportunities for the

empowerment of women and girls. Please pray for Gender and Development training, which focuses on gender-based violence and other discriminatory practices.

#### **Saturday 28 March/ Sunday 29 March**

Give thanks for the PHACE Programme in Timor Leste and pray for success over the programme's term in counteracting a resurgence in leprosy cases threatening the country's Leprosy Elimination status. Please pray that communities will become empowered, inclusive and resilient, ready to address wider community development.

### **Indonesia**

#### **Monday 30 March**

Phase 2 of the Post Exposure Prophylaxis project in Indramayu District is funded by supporters in NZ and the Netherlands. Give thanks for the funding and progress of the PEPCOM project. Please pray for the focus of Phase 2, which will be advocating for leprosy-related policies and programmes and supporting people affected by leprosy to access their rights and opportunities.

#### **Tuesday 31 March**

Please pray for confidence and independence for people affected by leprosy who belong to Organisations for People affected by Leprosy (OPLs). Pray that they can become role models for others. Also, pray that the OPLs can improve their capacity and organisational skills in order to fight the stigma of leprosy.