



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer

May 2025

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

Timor Leste

Thursday 1 May

The second six-month monitoring survey for the PHACE Programme is being undertaken. The first survey was conducted in August and September 2024 to provide the baseline data. Please pray that the second survey can be carried out successfully to provide real comparative data.

Friday 2 May

The fourth year of the PHACE Programme in Timor Leste begins this month. Please pray for consistent provision of funds for the implementation of the programme. Please pray for the effective use of resources to benefit people affected by leprosy and other conditions.

Saturday 3 May/ Sunday 4 May

Please pray a blessing on all staff involved in the PHACE Programme. Give thanks for them and their families and pray that they will find satisfaction in the work they do. Pray for provision of all their needs, including health and family relationships.

Myanmar

Monday 5 May

Please pray for Myanmar. The second quarter of the year is summer and hot weather has become noticeably hotter in recent years. Starting from the beginning of the year, the cities receive electricity for only eight hours a day on a rotating schedule. The periods of power are shorter than that, making it hard to cook, work and communicate — which adds more stress for residents coping with a struggling economy and a civil war that has been going on for nearly four years. Please pray for residents, who are struggling with daily tasks like cooking, working, and staying connected, due to the lack of power.

Tuesday 6 May

Pray for persons affected by leprosy and disability to be able to live with dignity by having assistive devices. Please pray for travelling mercy as people travel to the rehabilitation workshops and back to their homes. Some places are difficult to commute from and travelling has become a lot more difficult in the last few years.

Wednesday 7 May

The Leprosy Mission Myanmar's partner, the Christian Leprosy Mission Eastern Shan State (CLMES), has seven dedicated staff members who are currently serving as volunteers due to a lack of budget for salaries in 2025. On this Leprosy Mission Global Day of Prayer, please pray for their health, the economic stability of their families, and God's blessing upon their dedication and service.

Thursday 8 May

People affected by leprosy in Eastern Shan State are facing severe economic hardship, struggling to meet basic needs such as food, shelter and healthcare. Access to essential medical support, including Multi-drug Therapy (MDT), ulcer care and treatment for leprosy reactions remain a challenge due to budget constraints.

Please pray for financial provision to sustain these critical activities.

Friday 9 May

Since the military coup in Myanmar, many government health workers, including leprosy inspectors, have participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement. As a result, most hospitals are no longer functioning for leprosy treatment, making it extremely difficult for people affected by leprosy to receive necessary medical care. Please pray for improved healthcare access and sustainable solutions to this pressing issue.

Saturday 10 May/ Sunday 11 May

The ongoing civil war has led to an increase in checkpoints and travel restrictions, further limiting access to healthcare services. Please pray for safety, peace, and improved accessibility to medical care for people in need.

Bougainville

Monday 12 May

Give thanks for the Leprosy Control Officer of the Bougainville Dept. of Health (DOH), who works closely with the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) team. Please pray for an opportunity and funding to consider recruitment of an Assistant Leprosy Control Officer.

Tuesday 13 May

Praise God for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the BHCP and the Dept of Community Governance in Bougainville. The DCG is responsible for local-level governance. The MOU strengthens the partnership and will enable further progress on the BHCP preventative health programme.

Wednesday 14 May

The BHCP has a focus on health promotion. This covers health promotion messaging, curriculum design and media messages. We need your prayers for delivery of the health promotion messaging at all levels. Pray that God grants us wisdom, knowledge and guidance in carrying out the health promotion activities with support from the Department of Health of Bougainville.

Thursday 15 May

There is a need for a Media and Communication specialist to lead the design and production of health promotion material in the local language. This officer would sit in the Bougainville Dept. of Health to serve both the BHCP and the DOH in health media and communication tasks. Pray that God guides the appointment of the right person and that they can work amicably between BHCP and the DOH.

Friday 16 May

Give thanks and praise to God for the high-level engagement of Bougainville government departments in the BHCP Advisory Group. This enables local context and knowledge to inform and enhance implementation of the programme. Please pray for further positive developments in the communities.

Saturday 17 May/ Sunday 18 May

Give thanks for Marianne, who shared her leprosy journey with us in 2023. Praise the Lord that Marianne is looking healthy and could share about how she is harvesting cacao beans on her family land, thus providing an income. Please pray that Marianne and other people affected by leprosy will continue to be restored after being cured of leprosy.

India**Monday 19 May**

Please pray for the recovery of all people affected by leprosy. Pray that patients can obtain and take all the Multi-Drug Therapy prescribed for them. Please pray for effective treatment for people admitted to hospitals for ulcer treatment and for treatment for leprosy reaction. Also pray for the rehabilitation and recovery of people who have undergone reconstructive surgery.

Tuesday 20 May

Give thanks for all the staff members who attend various churches and who spread the love and work of The Leprosy Mission. Please pray for good health for all staff and their families. Please pray God's blessing on all donors, philanthropists and well-wishers who contribute to The Leprosy Mission Trust India in any way.

Wednesday 21 May

Vocational Training Centres provide training for young people affected by leprosy, giving them the skills to gain stable employment. Give thanks that the courses provide hands-on training leading to a national qualification. The VTCs have developed links with local businesses, ensuring that most young people get a job as soon as their courses finish. Please pray for the students from the VTCs who are going for on-the-job training. Pray for encouragement and success as they take the next step in their journey.

Thursday 22 May

Please pray for the new trade courses that are starting in the VTCs. Pray that the students' motivation will enable them to complete their training despite challenges. Please also pray for the Physiotherapy and Nursing Colleges that have just started to attract students. Pray for the success of the courses and change in the lives of the students as they look forward to the future with hope.

Friday 23 May

TLMTI is a member of the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP) and plays a major role in the implementation of Government of India's National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP). In two states TLMTI works as NLEP coordinator and supports the government in building the capacity of NLEP staff in recognising leprosy. Give thanks for the co-operative relationship between TLMTI and the government of India. Pray for the success of medical camps that are often conducted in partnership with local governments.

Saturday 24 May/ Sunday 25 May

Please pray for the Trust Board of TLMTI. Pray for guidance and wisdom in the development of a new Country Strategy for the next five years. Give thanks for the commitment of the Trust Board members and pray that God will bless them.

Nepal**Monday 26 May**

Please lift in prayer the Country Leader of The Leprosy Mission Nepal, Shovakhar Kandel and the Board Chair, Ashok Adhikari. Please pray for God's wisdom and discernment as they make decisions about the future of Anandaban Hospital and the operations of TLM Nepal.

Please pray for their protection and good health. Pray that they will be empowered to fulfil God's plan for their lives and the life of TLM Nepal.

Tuesday 27 May

The Leprosy Mission Nepal has been operating in the country since 1957. Give thanks that, in partnership with the Government of Nepal they work to provide specialist care and technical support for activities to defeat leprosy and transform people's lives. Please pray for favour with the government regarding the future for Anandaban Hospital.

Wednesday 28 May

The Leprosy Mission Nepal has projects that include case finding, multi-drug therapy, follow up of patients, contact tracing, and training for government health workers. Give thanks that all the activities aim to transform individuals and communities with TLM's values: Humility, Compassion, Integrity, Justice and Inclusion.

Thursday 29 May

TLM Nepal works to defeat leprosy stigma and care for people whose mental health and well-being is affected by leprosy. Give thanks to God that mental health integration is now an important part of all the community work of TLM Nepal. Please pray that people affected by leprosy will feel engaged in positive ways for their own well-being.

Friday 30 May

Please pray that people affected by leprosy can integrate into their communities and their children can go to school without being ostracised. Give thanks for the efforts of anti-stigma advocates to break down the stigma of leprosy by telling the truth that leprosy is a curable disease.

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.