

Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

September 2025

'Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."'

Mark 10:27

Myanmar

Monday 1 September

Give thanks for the successful emergency response efforts of The Leprosy Mission Myanmar in partnership with local churches, which allowed them to provide essential aid, including clean water, well-digging, nutritional support for pregnant women, and food supplies for earthquake-affected households. Please pray that they can continue their Post-Disaster Management efforts effectively.

Tuesday 2 September

TLM Myanmar are grateful for the successful collaboration with churches and missionary groups in providing food (rice, oil, beans and cooking powder) to displaced households. Please pray for God's continued guidance and blessings for displaced individuals. Many are struggling with their mental well-being, children's education, livelihoods, and employment opportunities.

Wednesday 3 September

Please pray for the safety and good health of churchbased partners and volunteers in Phado and Chaungzon townships as they continue their vital work. In these challenging times, we ask for divine wisdom, physical, mental, and spiritual strength to do all we can for those in need, especially people with disabilities.

Thursday 4 September

Please pray for the physical and mental well-being and safety of all staff working at the Mobile Workshop and for the Bench Workers, so they can perform their duties effectively. Also, pray for the smooth and timely delivery of necessary materials so that all clients receiving prosthetic services have a smooth and positive experience.

Friday 5 September

Please pray for no delays in the operations of TLM Myanmar due to the ongoing conflicts near Toungoo and Pakokku. Please also pray that staff can work with minimum psychological stress and move freely to carry out their duties. During the rainy season, with the rising river levels in project villages, we pray for the safety and protection of all residents.

Saturday 6 September/ Sunday 7 September

TLM Myanmar has been awarded a small grant under a United Nations agency. This grant will enable TLM Myanmar to work closely with local Civil Society Organisations to implement health and disability inclusion activities, particularly in hard-to-reach and vulnerable communities. Give thanks for this wonderful opportunity to extend God's love and healing to those who are often left behind.

Nepal

Monday 8 September

Please pray for all the people affected by leprosy who are receiving treatment at Anandaban Hospital. Pray for the prevention of any complications during treatment and for complete healing. Also, pray that the patients can successfully rehabilitate to their own communities without discrimination.

Tuesday 9 September

Please pray for the children of families affected by leprosy who are eligible for educational scholarships.

Pray that these young people can continue their education without problems and that they can complete their courses on time. Pray that they will find positive direction and hope for the future.

Wednesday 10 September

Please pray for all the people affected by leprosy who are undergoing reconstructive surgery. Pray that the surgery will be successful and they will heal without complications. Give thanks for the skill and expertise of the surgeons, and that people can receive this treatment.

Thursday 11 September

Community projects of The Leprosy Mission Nepal focus on sustainable livelihoods and education support. Sustainable livelihoods are crucial so people affected by leprosy and disability can go on to have a good standard of living. Please pray that the livelihoods programmes will be effective in securing income for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Friday 12 September

The stigma and discrimination of leprosy in Nepal means many people affected experience depression, anxiety and loneliness. Give thanks that the team at Anandaban Hospital offer counselling to patients and their families to help improve their mental health. Please pray that the many people 'hidden' in their communities because of the fear of stigma can be found and treated before they develop preventable, permanent disability.

Saturday 13 September/ Sunday 14 September

One year on from the devastating landslide that hit Anandaban Hospital, please pray for protection for all the staff and patients during the current monsoon season. Please pray that all the strategies put in place since September 2024 will ensure the safety of all staff and patients. Pray that the ongoing development of alternative sites for some hospital services will continue with momentum and that God will bring a good outcome.

India

Monday 15 September

India is currently running one of the largest leprosy eradication programmes in the world, the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP). Despite this,

120,000 to 130,000 new cases of leprosy are reported every year in India. This is 58.8% of the global total of new cases. Please pray that people affected by leprosy can be diagnosed early in the progression of the disease so disability does not develop.

Tuesday 16 September

Give thanks for the efforts of The Leprosy Mission Trust India in diagnosing, treating and providing support for people affected by leprosy and disability. Give thanks for their strategic planning and please pray that they can develop further strategies so that more of the activities can become self-sustaining.

Wednesday 17 September

Give thanks that the six Vocational Training Centres provide holistic education through life skills, disability prevention and management programmes, as well as job-oriented technical skills. Please pray that more students can be supported to get job placements in inclusive workplaces and those that promote fair labour practices.

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Friday 19 September

Pray that the communities that TLM TI works with will understand the benefits of inclusive community development. Please pray that the community programmes will bring about holistic change in the lives of people affected by leprosy. We pray that people will experience healing, inclusion and dignity.

Saturday 20 September/ Sunday 21 September

Give thanks and pray for the staff of TLM TI so they will be able to comply with laws that frequently change. Pray for the well-being and safety of all staff and their families. Please pray that staff will be enabled by God to serve with excellence, integrity and dedication.

Bougainville

Monday 22 September

The Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme team are working with staff at the Health Facilities to update the leprosy data. This is to follow up on defaulters and lost patients and to align the Leprosy Data Reporting with the Autonomous Bougainville Government Health Information System. Please pray for good communication and co-operation between team members and the Health Facility staff so this work can be completed smoothly.

Tuesday 23 September

The BHCP Training team, with support from the Leprosy Control Officer, are developing a leprosy self-care manual for leprosy-affected persons and their caregivers at the village level. Until now, the BHCP has not covered much about self-care. The manual is in its draft stage and will be shared with the Department of Health for their input. Pray for the Training and Leprosy Programme Team as they get the draft prepared for consultation and Training of Trainers with the government department.

Wednesday 24 September

Please pray for Raymond, a twenty-three-year old from Kieta area. He was diagnosed as suffering from leprosy after a District Field Officer recognised the patches on his skin. Raymond is now receiving treatment. He has been moving around to different villages due to the stigma against him in his own community. Please pray that Raymond can faithfully complete his treatment as the officers continue to visit him. Awareness-raising activities are planned for Raymond's community. Please pray that understanding of leprosy will bring an end to the stigma for Raymond and others who may be identified as affected by leprosy.

Thursday 25 September

The BHCP has continued to raise awareness at many regional gatherings of the Autonomous Bougainville Government Departments. Please thank God for His leading in the programme and for all the supporters who continue to support the BHCP in prayer. Give thanks that, from July, the programme has participated in the launching of the ABG Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Strategy and is seen as a key partner to strengthen water, sanitation and hygiene activities in communities.

Friday 26 September

Give thanks that the focus on health promotion and the expansion of leprosy work has seen more people affected by leprosy coming forward for diagnosis and treatment. There is now a need for an Assistant Leprosy Control Officer to assist in the leprosy work. As the Management Team screen the applicants, please pray that God's leading will direct them to appoint the right person for the job.

Saturday 27 September/ Sunday 28 September

Please join the BHCP team to pray for Keavu, a community in the mountains of the Tonsu area of Buka District. This community has many people affected by leprosy. A few children have started treatment but there is still a lot of work to be done, as many community members are too shy to come forward. The Leprosy Control Officer is planning a mass awareness campaign, including tracking and screening of all community members. Please pray that God will open people's minds to accept the planned programme and to come forward for treatment and support.

Kiribati

Monday 29 September

Please pray regarding the implementation of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme in Kiribati. Pray that the interviews for staff positions can be completed and staff of high calibre can be appointed. Also, pray that staff orientation can take place and that appointees will be motivated to work efficiently and with integrity to serve people in the communities.

Tuesday 30 September

Local support is vital for the success of the PHACE Programme. Please pray that the relationships between The Leprosy Mission NZ, the Government of Kiribati and the local government departments will be positive and supportive.