

**Wednesday 3 January**

The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh expects to obtain local registration as a National Organisation by the end of the first quarter of 2024. Please pray that the process, started in 2023, will be successfully managed by the Country Office and the Advisory Board.

**Thursday 4 January**

January and February are busy months for annual reporting, audit and national certification activities. The new organisational chart will need adjustment because of changes, including a new reporting line. Please pray that all those involved in this work can finish what is needed efficiently within the time they have.

**Friday 5 January**

Please pray for the Bangladesh General Elections, scheduled to take place this month. Pray that the process will be positive and transparent. Also pray for a normal post-election political situation, so that TLM Bangladesh staff can move around freely to carry out activities that will benefit people affected by leprosy and disability.

**Saturday 6 January/Sunday 7 January**

Please pray for the quick recovery of patients suffering from Type 2 leprosy reaction, who have been admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Also pray for people affected by leprosy who have a disability and are older and can't work. Pray that by His grace, God will provide for these people.

**Papua New Guinea****Monday 8 January**

Thank the Lord for His leading for the work of The Leprosy Mission PNG during 2023. Programme goals were achieved throughout the year. Project aims were fulfilled for the benefit of communities, families and individuals affected by leprosy. Pray that the goals for 2024 will be clear and achievable for the benefit of people affected by leprosy.

**Tuesday 9 January**

Give thanks for the successful development of the Training Manual for Round 2 of the Preventative

Health & Community Empowerment Programme. Also give thanks that the Round 2 PHACE training has been completed as has the training for the Mud Crab Project.

**Wednesday 10 January**

Please pray that the people who have been trained under PHACE and the Mud Crab Project will find improvement in their lifestyles as they implement what they have learnt. Pray that livelihood activities can continue so the income of those involved will consistently improve. Give thanks for the repayment of loans so the funds can be offered as loans to others.

**Thursday 11 January**

Give thanks to God for successful partnerships with local government agencies like the Ministry of Health, the Leadership and Governance Precinct and the Ministry of Fisheries. Pray that these partnerships will continue to strengthen to provide the best outcome for people affected by leprosy. Please pray that whole communities will see improvement as the work of The Leprosy Mission PNG and their partners is implemented.

**Friday 12 January**

Pray for the Community Health Volunteers who carry out community awareness activities in the villages. Please pray that the awareness training will lead to active case finding, referrals and medical help for people affected by leprosy. Give thanks for the important link that the Community Health Volunteers provide between TLM PNG and people in the communities.

**Saturday 13 January/Sunday 14 January**

Please pray for wisdom for putting into action the Country Strategy for TLM PNG, which was developed late in 2023. Also pray for the start of a new project involving the provision of water tanks to communities that are part of the PHACE programme.

**Nepal****Monday 15 January**

Please pray for children affected by leprosy who face the stigma of leprosy, preventing them from accessing education. Pray that the misconceptions around leprosy can be dispelled, allowing these children to receive education, pursue their dreams and lead fulfilling lives.

**Tuesday 16 January**

Please pray for the mental health programme aimed at tackling the mental health issues of people affected by leprosy who also suffer from discrimination due to the stigma of the disease. Pray that the planning and implementation of the mental health programme will be an example of best practice and will bring positive change to many people's outlook.

**Wednesday 17 January**

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 18 January**

Children of people affected by leprosy who are receiving educational support from TLM Nepal are usually weak in academic achievement. Please pray that these young people will be serious about their study and will see great improvement as they apply themselves.

**Friday 19 January**

Fifty families of people affected by leprosy have been targeted for a new Livelihood Project. Please pray that the new businesses of chicken, goat, fish and buffalo farming will uplift these families with regular earnings so they can live dignified lives within their communities.

**Saturday 21 January/Sunday 22 January**

Pray that the Anandaban Trauma & Emergency Wing will become a place of healing, comfort and hope for those in need. Pray that the dedicated staff and volunteers will be blessed with strength, wisdom and compassion as they serve their community.

**World Leprosy Day****Monday 22 January**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January is World Leprosy Day. Please pray that awareness raising campaigns this World Leprosy Day will reach many people who don't know that leprosy still exists. Pray that many people will be moved to work towards a world without leprosy.

## **Tuesday 23 January**

World Leprosy Day is a chance to host events around the world. Please pray that in countries where leprosy is found people at risk of the disease will learn to recognise the symptoms and come forward for diagnosis and treatment if necessary.

## **Wednesday 24 January**

In contexts where leprosy is not an issue for citizens within the nation, give thanks for the churches who take up collections on World Leprosy Day for the fight against leprosy. Pray that people who don't know about leprosy will hear about the condition and want to learn more. Please pray that The Leprosy Mission can make the most of the opportunity to inform people about leprosy and to further advocate for the rights of people affected by leprosy.

## **Thursday 25 January**

Give thanks for all the grassroots organisations of people affected by leprosy and for the support, education and advocacy they provide. Please pray that the effect of their work will be far-reaching so that people affected by leprosy can live with hope and dignity within their families and communities.

## **Friday 26 January**

Shanne from Bougainville was diagnosed with leprosy in 2020. Eventually she was given Multi-Drug Therapy through the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme and the Leprosy Control Officer, who works for the Bougainville Dept. of Health. Shanne was very ill with leprosy reaction during the prescribed period of her treatment and was closely monitored and supported by the Leprosy Control Officer. Give thanks for the BHCP and the work of the Leprosy Control Officer. Shanne and her family are extremely grateful for the treatment and support she received.

## **Saturday 27 January/Sunday 28 January**

Give thanks for all the work being done around the world to cure, care for and restore people affected by leprosy. Please pray that on this World Leprosy Day many people who don't know that leprosy still exists will be enlightened and motivated to pray for and support people affected by leprosy. Please pray that governments will be influenced to ensure that people

affected by leprosy receive their legal and human rights.

## **Timor Leste**

### **Monday 29 January**

Please pray for the partners of the PHACE project located 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.

### **Tuesday 30 January**

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. Please pray for practical solutions for problems that arise.

### **Wednesday 31 January**

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 powerfully to achieve the goals of leprosy defeated and lives transformed. Pray that, through the PHACE programme many more people can be diagnosed and receive the cure for leprosy and the care they need to change their lives.



## ***Prayer & Praise***

***Strengthening the Leprosy Mission  
Family through Prayer***

**January 2024**

***'He heals the broken in heart  
and binds up their wounds.'***

***Psalm 147: 3***

## **Bangladesh**

### **Monday 1 January**

Happy New Year! New year, new opportunities! Please pray that people affected by leprosy will find that 2024 is the year in which their lives change for the better. Pray for healing and the care and restoration people need to live with hope.

### **Tuesday 2 January**

Pratap was a tea garden driver who used to carry the harvested tea leaves in his vehicle. Because of clawing of his hands due to leprosy he could not continue his job. Give thanks that after successful reconstructive surgery at DBLM Hospital Pratap has started working in the tea estate again. Praise the Lord that the cure for leprosy and the care Pratap received have restored hope to him and his family.