

Bougainville

Monday 4 March

The goal of the Bougainville Healthy Communities programme is for communities throughout Bougainville to become healthier through local people and government sharing responsibility for health awareness and community development. Give thanks that programme training gives people knowledge on how to take responsibility to live in a healthy environment and change their own lives.

Tuesday 5 March

Give thanks that the design of the BHCP is based on local needs, conditions and capabilities. The programme is focused 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 6 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, co-operative and mutually respectful relationships are being built between people in the villages and local government staff.

Thursday 7 March

Give thanks that through the BHCP families are being educated about the signs and symptoms of leprosy. Knowledge of where to go for 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 8 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 9 March/Sunday 10 March

Raphael Chemate is the Leprosy Control Officer of Bougainville. He focuses on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy and he is highly regarded in communities. Please pray for God to bless Raphael and to keep him safe in his travels to many communities.

India

Monday 11 March

Please pray for God's guidance in the relationships and partnerships which will bring conversations around leprosy into the mainstream. Pray for His wisdom and strength as the team continues to involve communities and people affected by leprosy in challenging negative attitudes towards the disease.

Tuesday 12 March

Pray for the Lord's blessing on efforts to bring about policies inclusive of people affected by leprosy. Pray that people affected by leprosy will have opportunities and platforms at state, national and global levels to highlight issues affecting their inclusion in society. Pray that TLM Trust India can work well with the government of India and other partners to repeal discriminatory laws that deprive people affected by leprosy of their rights.

Wednesday 13 March

Give praise to God for the dedication of the staff in TLM hospitals, who provide services to patients and communities. Many staff work under difficult conditions, but they never give up, knowing their calling is from God. Because of changing regulations and requirements, providing health care services in India has become more challenging. Pray for the resources to meet the needs so that the work can continue in all the TLM hospitals.

Thursday 14 March

Six Vocational Training Centres in India enrol students from homes affected by leprosy and from other marginalised communities. Give thanks that students are taught technical skills that are job-oriented and are given opportunities for personal development. This is given through life skills and employability training.

Disability prevention and management programmes are also given.

Friday 15 March

The VTCs assist their students in getting job placements. Give thanks for the strong alumni associations, through which the VTCs maintain contact with their graduates after they have gained employment and support them to grow professionally. Please pray that many graduates can take advantage of the services offered and will want to assist others.

Saturday 16 March/Sunday 17 March

Please pray for the effectiveness of the VTCs and that they can raise awareness of the potential and right to employment of people affected by leprosy and disability. Please pray that more individuals, companies and institutions will support TLM TI so that graduates can find work in organisations that encourage inclusivity.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 18 March

Please pray for the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment (PHACE) programme taking place in several districts and provinces of Papua New Guinea. Pray that respect will grow between staff of TLM PNG, the PNG Dept of Health and other stakeholders for this programme. Pray that everything put into place will benefit those affected by leprosy, who will be seen as partners in the positive change happening in local communities.

Tuesday 19 March

The PHACE programme aims to help people improve their lives with changes to their environment and with training about sanitation and hygiene. Pray for success for the PHACE programme so that local people can be empowered to make changes that will result in improvement for themselves and their families.

Wednesday 20 March

Give thanks that in Papua New Guinea, TLM helps people get diagnosed and treated for leprosy and provides vocational training for people affected by the disease. The training develops skills in livelihood development, business planning, financial literacy, micro-credit loans and savings. Please pray that people can increase their income so that their lives can improve.

Thursday 21 March

Getting antibiotics to remote river valleys or up to the highlands can be immensely challenging. Please pray for safe travel for those who take the medication to remote places. Also pray that people affected by leprosy can get the medication in a timely manner so that they can be completely cured before disability takes hold.

Friday 22 March

Please pray for the senior leadership team of TLM PNG. Pray that God will lead them as they give support, mentorship and strategic direction to the team. Please pray a blessing on all staff and volunteers and pray for safety as they go about their work.

Saturday 23 March/Sunday 24 March

Give thanks that, for people whose leprosy is diagnosed late, The Leprosy Mission gives supportive devices and arranges reconstructive surgery for damaged limbs. Sunglasses can be supplied for those who have lost the ability to close their eyes because of nerve damage due to leprosy.

Worldwide

Monday 25 March

Elections were held in the Democratic Republic of Congo in early January. Although President Felix Tshisekedi won re-election the results have been contested by opposition candidates after widespread logistical problems during the election. Please pray for peace in the nation, as there is fear of post-election violence amid rising ethnic tension.

Tuesday 26 March

An important part of the work of The Leprosy Mission Chad is raising awareness of the early signs of leprosy and disability. Give thanks for the work of TLM Chad aiming to address the medical, social and economic needs of people affected by leprosy and disability. Pray for God's blessing on the efforts of the TLM team to find solutions and return people to fullness of life.

Wednesday 27 March

Give thanks that in South Korea elderly people affected by leprosy and people with disabilities are finding help at The Leprosy Mission Korea's Jesus

Hospital and nursing home for the elderly. The hospital helps people who are not receiving help from the public assistance system. Please pray for continued blessing and guidance for all those serving the elderly, people who are disabled and people affected by leprosy.

Thursday 28 March

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria carries out various projects in several states, in partnership with the Government of Nigeria, to support the control of leprosy and Neglected Tropical Diseases and the consequences of these diseases. Please pray that people and communities affected by leprosy will be transformed to live life in its fullness.

Friday 29 March

The Leprosy Mission International Ethiopia have increased their lobby and advocacy efforts so that people affected by leprosy and persons with disability will be heard and there will be better inclusion in Ethiopia. Please pray for God's blessing as they try to encourage decision-makers to make leprosy initiatives a priority.

Saturday 30 March/Sunday 31 March

Give thanks to God for the service of faithful church leaders in Sri Lanka, who have mobilised their congregations and leaders from other faiths to raise awareness of leprosy, reduce stigma, give practical support and find new cases of leprosy. With high numbers of children being diagnosed with leprosy, please pray that cases can be found early so they can be cured before disability develops.



Prayer & Praise

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

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***'Let us not become weary in
doing good, for in due season
we shall reap if we do not lose
heart.'***

Galatians 6:9

Bangladesh

Friday 1 March

Please pray for the active involvement of the church and other faith groups in the project areas of The Leprosy Mission Nepal. Pray that their involvement will increase local ownership of the projects so that the stigma of leprosy will be broken, and more people will be confident to ask for support.

Saturday 2 March/Sunday 3 March

Please pray for the success of the 36 Self-help Groups in Nepal. Give thanks for their leaders and members. Pray that as other people affected by leprosy and disability see the change in members' lives they will be encouraged to participate. Please pray for positive change to many lives.