

January 2011

'You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.' Isaiah 26 v 3

Saturday 1 / Sunday 2 January

Praise God for this New Year. Please pray that God will be glorified in what we do and that we'll continue to be transformed, as a people and as a Mission, so that the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be seen in our lives, our attitudes and our actions.

Monday 3 January

Pray that churches and key supporters will respond favourably and request one of our **resource packs** to enable them to raise awareness, within their own community, of those who still suffer the horrendous effects of leprosy. Resource packs will have ideas and activities which can be used during **Leprosy Awareness Month** 30th January to 27th February and throughout the year.

Tuesday 4 January

Pray that **Ruby Mirinka**, Programme Manager, **Bougainville Healthy Communities** and team have a safe and restful holiday and return refreshed and vitalised after their break enabling them to face the new challenges of expanding the project into other districts. Pray for success in recruiting suitable staff

for the two new districts (Tinputz and Wakunai). Staff needed are two trainers and an office manager.

Wednesday 5 January

Pray for the health of all workers. Remember especially **Angelika Piefer** (originally from Germany) now working with people with leprosy in **DR Congo**. Angelika has recently had malaria. Pray for her full recovery and for her protection from Malaria in the future.

Thursday 6 January

Pray today for grace for the Griffiths Family in Niger, **Dr Mark**, his wife **Faye** and their children **Amy** and **Josh** as they continue to develop close relationships with the community. There is also still a need for a full time doctor and administrator to be appointed for **Danja Hospital**. Pray that these vacancies will be filled enabling Mark to be able to spend time in his language learning.

Friday 7 January

Remember today **Rebecca Katticaren**, TLM India Regional Support Manager, as she helps oversee LMNZ's Community Development project in **Uttar Pradesh**, India. This project aims to assist marginalised women find a better quality of life. Pray for the breakdown of cultural and caste barriers so that women find opportunities to improve their income.

Saturday 8 / Sunday 9 January

Remember today staff at the **Kopila**, **CAP** and **WATCH** projects in Nepal as they endeavour to locate new funding sources for their projects. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources so that people who are in need can continue to be helped.

Monday 10 January

Following on after the cataract surgeries (our Prayer request on 13th December) the **HANDA Yunnan Team (China)** will be visiting neighbouring communities close to the leprosy villages in the Yunnan province where the Eye Surgeries have taken place, to organise large awareness raising activities. These activities will involve government

officials, media agencies and many volunteers. Pray that these activities will be successful in enlightening people in China and breaking down the barriers of stigma and discrimination for people affected by leprosy.

Tuesday 11 January

Please pray for **TLM England & Wales** in Peterborough, UK as they go through the recruitment process for a new National Director due sadly to the recent passing of **Rupert Haydock**. Pray that the Lord will show the recruitment team clearly the person that He has chosen for the position.

Wednesday 12 January

Remember today New Zealander **Dr David Friend**, **SIM (Serving In Missions) Medical Missionary** (also supported by LMNZ) who has been working at the **Mukinge Hospital**, NW Zambia since January 2007. David regularly visits the **Kikonkomene Leprosy Village** attending to their medical needs as well as supplying them with staple food. Pray for David as he helps the aging residents in the village to maintain their village and to look after their health.

Thursday 13 January

The Leprosy Mission NZ welcomes **Bruce Waldin** to the Board. Bruce, who is Auckland based, has extensive experience in marketing and fundraising and his knowledge, experience and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the work of the Leprosy Mission. Pray that Bruce will be blessed as he gives his time voluntarily for leprosy-affected people.

Friday 14 January

Today we remember **Tina Mendis**, TLM India Regional Support Manager, as she oversees LMNZ's Community Development Project in Andhra Pradesh, India, together with **Kavita Mandru**, Acting Project Manager. Pray for positive results and unified efforts.

Saturday 15 / Sunday 16 January

From Sunday 16th until Sunday 30th January at the **NorthArt Gallery**, North Shore, Auckland, Photographer **Michael Bradley** (in conjunction with LMNZ) will be exhibiting photographs of leprosy-affected people taken on his recent trip to India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Pray that this exhibition, to celebrate World Leprosy Day, will be well attended and will stimulate interest and new support from the general public for the work of the Leprosy Mission.

Monday 17 January

Pray today for **Dr Julie Lincoln**, Medical Officer/Community Health Advisor based in Ghorahi in the Dang District, Nepal's remote midwestern region. Pray for Julie, as she gives medical treatment and self care training to leprosy affected people and their families. Ask God to protect and give Julie excellent health and for God's grace and mercy to be experienced by all who come into contact with her.

Tuesday 18 January

While **Martin Malkaney** (LMNZ Finance Manager) and his wife **Mary** are holidaying overseas, Martin will be visiting TLMI Brentford and Peterborough offices in England to meet with colleagues and to further cement working relationships with the Finance Team. Pray for successful meetings and for journeying mercies for Martin and Mary.

Wednesday 19 January

Pray for our continuing partnership with the **Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship** as we work together to bring mission opportunities for young adults.

Thursday 20 January

Remember today countries that are struggling for peace. Pray against the spirit of global terrorism and conflicts in the world. Pray for protection for Leprosy Mission staff working in volatile situations.

Friday 21 January

Pray that suitable replacements would be found for Trevor and Heather Smith's roles at the **McKean**

Rehabilitation Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Praise God for the centre's holistic approach meeting physical, social, economic, spiritual and psychological needs of patients.

Saturday 22 / Sunday 23 January

On Saturday at the Auckland ASB Showground's volunteers together with **Mike Sheppard** (Leprosy Mission Ethnic Communities Ambassador Volunteer) will be manning a Leprosy Mission Information stand at the **2011 Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day**. Pray that this venture will successfully bring to the notice of the wider public and the Chinese Community the needs of people and families affected by leprosy.

Monday 24 January

Remember today **Samir Vincent Mukha**, TLM India Project Manager for the **Empowerment of Village Women** in rural Uttar Pradesh, India, and his team. Pray that the project will be successful in its implementation and will continue to empower marginalised women enabling them to play an active part in their communities.

Tuesday 25 January

Pray for TLM Country Leader for Mozambique, **Dr Arie de Kruijff**. In the past five years more than 4,000 cases of leprosy have been detected in the **Cabo Delgado** province where TLM works. Praise God for all the **volunteer health workers** who play a vital role in the leprosy control program. They help to find new cases of leprosy, ensure people get treatment, follow-up people with leprosy and are quite often the leaders of self-care groups.

Wednesday 26 January

Andrew Harding (LMNZ's Programme Manager) is in Brentford, England participating in TLMI project management cycle discussions. Pray for all staff participating that as they assess projects and look to the

future they will rely on the Lord to help them tackle the areas of priority and will be open to change.

Thursday 27 January

Remember today **Stephanie Humphries**, Christchurch, long time supporter who recently retired from the Leprosy Mission NZ's Board after serving many years. Praise God for Stephanie's servant heart and for her expert help in marketing; may she be blessed for the work she does for many organisations.

Friday 28 January

Today our **World Leprosy Day Appeal** is due to be posted to supporters. Pray for a favourable response as we ask individuals and families to help leprosy affected families with a gift, or a pledge to create awareness of leprosy within their own circle of friends and to pray for our work.

Saturday 29 / Sunday 30 January

As **World Leprosy Day** (30th) is marked by many thousands of people around the world pray for those speaking at events, that what they say may be anointed by God and will inspire others to support the work of the Mission. World Leprosy Day is a time to re-affirm our commitment to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy. *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.....Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."* Mark 12 v 30 to 32

Monday 31 January

Pray for the faithful **Christchurch Committee** members as they start the planning process for their annual fair which is held each April, proceeds from which are given to the work of the Leprosy Mission. Pray that they will be blessed and refreshed and those still traumatised from the Christchurch Earthquake and after-shocks will through their experience be drawn closer to the Lord.