

February 2011

***'O my soul, don't be discouraged.
Don't be upset. Expect God to act!
For I know that I shall again have
plenty of reason to praise Him for
all that He will do. He is my help!
He is my God!' Psalm 42v11
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Tuesday 1 February

Remember today Rosemary, wife of Colin Ferguson TLM Director Northern Ireland, who is experiencing limited sight because of eye problems. Pray that she will be successful in receiving an operation to restore some sight. Pray also for the TLM team in Northern Ireland as they recover from severe snow and water shortages.

Wednesday 2 February

Pray for the flood victims in Queensland, Australia that through this catastrophe people will experience God's presence. *'Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains, For the LORD comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.'* Isaiah 49 v 13 (NIV). Remember also

Fred Bruissma, The Leprosy Mission state co-ordinator of Queensland.

Thursday 3 February

Today Leprosy Mission N.Z.'s staff are participating in an organizational development workshop, building on processes and information gained from previous workshops. Pray that this workshop will enhance the effectiveness of our work and working relationships will be strengthened.

'Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain.'
Psalm 127v1

Friday 4 February

Pray for Ivan Thomson from Rotorua who is presently in Bougainville undertaking, on behalf of Leprosy Mission New Zealand, the 2010 audit of **Bougainville Healthy Communities Project**. Ivan has a long association with LMNZ being employed as our Business Manager from 1989 until 2001. Pray for the team in Bougainville and that the audit will be straight forward and completed in the time allotted.

Saturday 5 / Sunday 6 February

Pray for safety in travel for **Andrew Harding** (Programmes Manager) as he flies from Heathrow, England, where he has been holidaying, to Addis Ababa, **Ethiopia** to monitor various projects being carried out by our partner organisation **ENAPAL**.

Monday 7 February

Praise God for the volunteer work of **Mike Sheppard** (LMNZ's Ethnic Communities Ambassador) and **Samson Kwok** during the recent 2011 Chinese New Year Festival. Pray for committed results as Mike and Samuel follow up with people from the Auckland Chinese Community who showed an interest in the work of the Leprosy Mission..

Tuesday 8 February

Praise God that the thatching on 20 cooking shelters recently replaced in the **Kikonkomene Leprosy Village**, NW Zambia, is standing up to the rains very well. Pray for **Dr David Friend**, SIM (Serving In Missions) Medical

Missionary, as he tackles his next project in the village organising for the fixing of the drains around the houses. David works at the Mukinge Hospital and also attends to the needs of the residents in the leprosy village.

Wednesday 9 February

Dr Julie Lincoln, Medical Officer / Community Health Advisor in Ghorahi, **Nepal** this year plans to work closer with local Nepali churches. To do this she needs her visa renewed and approval by INF Nepal. Julie will still be working with leprosy affected people and training staff how to also treat leprosy. Pray for success with Julie's visa and that God will equip her to deal with all the demands on her time and that she may have times of rest and relaxation.

Thursday 10 February

Pray that as Programmes Manager **Andrew Harding's** time in **Ethiopia** with our partners ENAPAL draws to a close, issues that need addressing will be finalised. Remember also **Leulseged Berhane**, ENAPAL's Chairman and **Menberu Adane**, ENAPAL's Director, as they develop new income generating projects for its members and search for sales opportunities for products and services.

Friday 11 February

Praise God for the wonderful increase of responses we have to the Leprosy Mission New Zealand's 'Really Good Gifts 4 Families' catalogue each year. Every gift is carefully selected to meet the needs of leprosy-affected individuals and families in the field.

Saturday 12 / Sunday 13 February

Pray for peaceful transition in **Sudan** after their recent referendum – Remember **Yusif Deng**, TLM Country Leader, and his team as they seek to help people affected by leprosy in a difficult and tense time and for wise decisions by TLM staff, most of whom are from South Sudan but working in the north.

Monday 14 February

Matt Halsey (Programmes Manager) is presently in Bougainville working with Bougainville Healthy Communities staff writing the 2010 Annual Report. While there Matt will be meeting with Bougainville Government officials to ensure that the **Bougainville Healthy Communities Project**, as it is progressively handed over to the Division of Health, will continue to operate smoothly. Pray for successful outcomes with government officials and for Matt's health and safety while he is in Bougainville.

Tuesday 15 February

Supporters have been asked that during **Leprosy Awareness month** which ends 27 February they commit to giving a gift; help raise awareness by passing on the pledge card they received to a family member or friend; and to pray. Please pray that God will touch the hearts of supporters to follow through with this pledge which will enable the Leprosy Mission New Zealand to continue its work to eliminate leprosy from the world.

Wednesday 16 February

Remember today the five Youth Advocate Students (**Abigail, Eve, Stacey, Yeri and Vicky**) as they begin their **Nepal** experience. Pray that as they meet firsthand leprosy affected individuals and their families, and see the medical and community rehabilitation projects funded by the Leprosy Mission New Zealand they will rise to the challenge of being an enthusiastic advocate for leprosy-affected people.

Thursday 17 February

The **Chittagong Sustainable Development Project** in Bangladesh provides leprosy-affected people with the skills and knowledge they need to take control of their own lives. Pray that the many Self-Help Groups in this project will continue to enable people to have a powerful collective voice and that the group leaders will advocate on behalf of its members.

Friday 18 February

Leprosy and its consequences are major issues in the remote and severely under developed **Chittagong Hill Tracts**, Bangladesh, and the region has the highest prevalence rates of leprosy in the country. Pray for the many aspects that this project covers; education, self-help groups, reconstructive surgery, housing and training to community volunteers to recognize the symptoms of leprosy and identify new cases. Pray also for protection for, **Parach Chakma**, Project Manager, and all staff as they travel through difficult terrain to reach the villages.

Saturday 19 / Sunday 20 February

World Day of Social Justice was established by the United Nations in 2009. Pray that the Leprosy Mission NZ, as we rely on the grace of God, will continue to demonstrate our third Organisational Value; to act with **Equity and Justice**. That our work reflects equal opportunity and human rights of everyone experiencing the causes and consequences of leprosy; irrespective of race, age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, HIV status, colour, class, disability, location and religion.

Monday 21 February

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the marketing team as they plan fundraising strategies for 2011. Pray as we walk in faith believing He will provide all we need for 2011. That we will be able to achieve all the Leprosy Mission NZ's financial goals and continue to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy.

Tuesday 22 February

Praise God for the churches, individuals and community groups who have availed themselves of our **Leprosy Awareness Resource Packs**. Pray that the activities in the pack will encourage others to become part of the Leprosy Mission Global family by supporting with their prayers and financial help.

Wednesday 23 February

Remember today the **Macdonald** Family in the Philippines. Pray for compassion, organisation skills and wisdom for **Dr Mark & Jo** as they operate a monthly

medical clinic on a rubbish dump for people living on the dump. Pray also that Mark will be successful in obtaining his Philippine Medical Registration which he has been waiting on for eight months.

Thursday 24 February

Pray for safety in travel as **Brent Morgan** (Executive Director) and **Gillian Whitley** (Donor Development Manager) wend their way back to Auckland with Youth Advocates students, **Abigail, Eve, Stacey, Yeri and Vicky**. Pray also that the students will honour their commitment to the Leprosy Mission New Zealand and will eagerly report their experiences via presentations through their social and educational networks as well as electronically and in printed media.

Friday 25 February

Pray for stability for the political situation in **Bangladesh**. Unrest causes normal work flow to be interrupted and puts workers and people affected by leprosy at risk. Pray that leprosy mission workers will be kept in good health enabling them to stay focused on the needs of the people they support.

Saturday 26 / Sunday 27 February

Pray that the Programmes team (**Brent Morgan, Andrew Harding** and **Matt Halsey**) are able to successfully fulfil all the necessary criteria so that Leprosy Mission proposals to the NZ Government's Sustainable Development Fund will be favourably received and approved. Praise God that the NZ Government is committed to supporting health, education, and support for communities living in poverty as well as disaster relief.

Monday 28 February

Remember today the social and psychological work being under-taken through **HANDA** for leprosy affected people in the Guangxi and Guangdong Provinces (China). Uphold **Dr Michael Chen** and staff as they continue their work despite reduced budgets. Pray for wisdom for future direction and development.