

May 2011

'The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.'

Isaiah 58v11 (NLT)

Sunday 1 May

Andrew Harding (LMNZ Programmes Manager) is now in Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam Districts, Andhra Pradesh, India, reviewing the project 'Empowering Communities to Address their Own Issues'. Pray for God's strength for the communities benefiting from this project, that they will achieve self-sustainment and self-reliance. Pray also for Harsha, the new Programmes Manager for this project as she coordinates the team.

Monday 2 May

In the Sichuan province, China, HANDA is in the process of negotiating a partnership with local Lions Clubs to perform eye care for at least 100 people. This endeavour is scheduled for this month. Pray that HANDA staff will be successful in this regard and that

the leprosy-affected people receiving the eye care will benefit greatly from it.

Tuesday 3 May

Praise God for the various church-run opportunity shops throughout New Zealand who include the Leprosy Mission in their supported missions from their profit. *'Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.'* James 3 v 13

Wednesday 4 May

Praise for Khasi Aryal, a leprosy-affected man who is now assisting people affected by leprosy to transition from hospital care to self-care through Rosa House at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. Rosa House is a Nepali-designed house providing practical skills for day to day living with leprosy related disabilities.

Thursday 5 May

Recently TLM Scotland staff visited the Chittagong Hill Tracts area and TLM Netherlands staff visited Chittagong to assess activities in the projects and the impact it is having on leprosy-affected people and families. Pray that they will be able to efficiently and effectively share their experiences and knowledge with people in Scotland and the Netherlands to raise prayer support and funds for Bangladesh.

Friday 6 May

Remember today Menberu Adane (ENAPAL Managing Director), Ethiopia, and the team as they work on their strategic management plan for 2012 to 2016. Pray that they will be able to procure the funding needed to continue with their work.

Saturday 7 / Sunday 8 May

Remember today in prayer our Youth Advocates (Abigail, Eve, Stacey, Yeri and Vicky) as they balance their university studies, practical placements, work and church commitments with their Leprosy Mission New Zealand volunteer work.

Monday 9 May

TLM Mozambique requests prayer that they will be successful in acquiring a suitably trained and experienced Christian project manager for their ALEMO project work. Pray also for TLM Country Leader Dr Arie de Kruijff.

Tuesday 10 May

Rivers and streams in the Siwai District, Bougainville, are quite dry forcing people to travel long distances to obtain water. A ready supply of water is vital for health and hygiene reasons and is imperative to maintain their gardens which supply their staple foods. Pray for sufficient rainfall to ease the situation.

Wednesday 11 May

On the second month anniversary of the tragic earthquake and Tsunami that devastated Japan continue to pray for its people; for strength for the recovery teams and that the thousands in need of permanent shelter, food and water will receive it. Pray that their spirits will be revived and that out of chaos, hope will be born.

Thursday 12 May

Pray for TLM India staff Dr Mary Verghese (Programmes Deputy Director) and Dr P.L.N. Raju (Deputy Director – Organisational Effectiveness) who have both recently been newly appointed to the Head Office. Pray that their expertise will benefit and strengthen the effectiveness of TLM India's work and that they will know God's guidance in all their plans.

Friday 13 May

Pray for the LMNZ Board meeting this evening and tomorrow. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they discuss plans and budgets for the following financial year and for the oversight and governance of the Mission.

Saturday 14 / Sunday 15 May

15th - International Day of Families. Praise God for nearly 100 years New Zealanders and their families have been generously supporting our vital work. Remember today TLM self-help groups worldwide. Self-help groups operate like a family, giving leprosy-affected people the love and support they need to get back on their feet.

Monday 16 May

Pray for **Dr Mark & Jo Macdonald**, in the Philippines. For wisdom for the next step in the children's schooling (Isabella, Cameron and Harrison) and that Mark will be successful in obtaining his Philippine Medical Registration which is still being assessed by authorities.

Tuesday 17 May

Praise for **Volunteer Auckland**, an organisation that matches available volunteers with organisations that require volunteers. During especially busy times of the year Leprosy Mission New Zealand benefits from short-term volunteers, obtained through Volunteer Auckland. These volunteers assist with a variety of administration tasks.

Wednesday 18 May

Pray for **Dr James Das**, TLM Country Leader for **Bangladesh**, and his team. Pray for wisdom for Dr Das as he leads TLM's work in this country and as he works through difficult staffing situations that have arisen through shortage in funds.

Thursday 19 May

With TLM PNG's new strategy for the next five years now finalised, **Andrew Harding** (TLMNZ Programme Manager) and a **WHO** (World Health Organisation) Representative will be liaising with the **Papua New Guinea Government Planning Office** to have a country leprosy control strategy put into practice. Pray for good working relationships with government officials and for a workable plan to be established.

Remember also **Riven Johnston**, TLM's Country Leader.

Friday 20 May

Pray for continued health and protection for **Dr David Friend**, SIM (Serving In Mission) Medical Missionary in Mukinge, N.W. Zambia. Pray also for the people living at the **Kikonkomene Leprosy Village**, who receive treatment for their medical and physical needs from David. Additional Doctors are needed at the Mukinge Hospital, pray that these vacancies will be filled.

Saturday 21 / Sunday 22 May

On the anniversary of the third month since the **Christchurch earthquake** remember those who sorrow and those who have been displaced. Pray that they will receive strength to be able to endure and persevere despite problems and difficulties.

Monday 23 May

Pray for safety in travel for **Dr Susan Maiava** (LMNZ Board Member and TLMI Board Member) as she leaves New Zealand for meetings in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Pray also for safety in travel for all delegates attending the meetings and for their health while in Chiang Mai.

Tuesday 24 May

Pray for **Brent Morgan** (LMNZ's Executive Director) as he visits Addis Ababa, **Ethiopia**, as part of a team to select the new Country Leader for TLM Ethiopia. Pray that God would bring the right person forth.

Wednesday 25 May

Praise God for all our Moneybox Collectors and Moneybox Holders and for the 127 supporters who over the last six months have opted in to join our Moneybox Programme. Donations received through our Moneybox Programme fund the work in the **Chittagong** District, where TLM Bangladesh has been working for more than fifteen years.

Thursday 26 May

A Doctor and Hospital Director are still required for the

Danja Community Hospital, Niger; pray that these positions will soon be filled. Pray also for **Dr Mark Griffiths** for continued wisdom in time management to do what the Lord wants, rather than what everyone else wants.

Friday 27 May

Pray today for the staff from the **Kopila, CAP** and **WATCH** projects in Nepal; Ms Bina Sewal, Madan Ghimire and Sarmila Shrestha, as they face the challenges of reduced funding.

Saturday 28 / Sunday 29 May

The International Assembly for 2011 will meet in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from the 29th May until 1st June. Pray for Godly wisdom in all decision making and for openness to the Lord's leading in all matters pertaining to the work of the Leprosy Mission. Give thanks for new members attending. Pray that Brent Morgan's participation in this Assembly will benefit both the International and New Zealand organisation.

Monday 30 May

Praise for volunteers who travel to our projects to donate their time and expertise and thereby increase the impact of our work with leprosy-affected people. Today remember **Liz Collins**, a pharmacist from England who is currently volunteering her time and expertise to enhance the services of the pharmacy at **Anandaban Hospital**, Nepal.

Tuesday 31 May

Pray for the ongoing work of the **Chittagong Integrated Leprosy Control & Stigma Reduction Project** in Bangladesh which is now being supported by TLM Netherlands. Pray that staff will receive adequate training to obtain skills to be able to manage the extra activities that have been added to the project i.e. HIV/AIDS, nutrition and maternal child health education. Pray for staff and leprosy-affected people and families involved in this project.