



January 2012

'All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.' Galatians 2v10

Sunday 1 January

At the start of the New Year let us dedicate ourselves afresh to His service, to becoming more like Jesus and cultivating the Father's heart, that we may truly be the hands and feet of Jesus to others.

Monday 2 January

HANDA distributes a newsletter which leprosy-affected individuals living in various villages and in different provinces are able to contribute articles too. Pray that the communication workshop being organised in **Guangzhou** for these correspondents, to allow them to communicate face to face and to share their experiences, will be a beneficial time for all. Pray that the logistics of bringing all the correspondents together to Guangzhou from isolated villages will be carried out without a hitch.

Tuesday 3 January

Give thanks for **Natalie Smith**, TLM Country Leader for **Timor L'este**. Pray for stability among the leadership team and commitment to TLM's vision to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy. Pray also for the developing relationship between TLM and the church in Timor, that the church community

will become more aware and interested in the work of The Leprosy Mission.

Wednesday 4 January

Praise God that after nine years of petitioning the government in **Bangladesh** the 'Lepers (Repeal) Act' has been passed. The 1898 act supported forcible confinement of leprosy-affected individuals into government-administered asylums. Bangladesh ranks fourth in the world in leprosy after India, Brazil and Indonesia.

Thursday 5 January

Pray for **Mrs Wubitu Abere**, newly appointed TLM Country Leader in **Ethiopia** as she works with local government officials and other agencies. Until last year all TLM's work in Ethiopia was done solely through partners ENAPAL. Pray that Wubitu will be successful in registering TLM as an NGO with Ethiopia's Charities and Societies Authority.

Friday 6 January

Pray that God will be at work in the hearts and lives of all TLM staff, whether on the field or in the office. That they will be living channels of God's mercy and compassion and will touch the lives of the leprosy-affected people they serve.

Saturday 7 / Sunday 8 January

Remember today the **Community Development Project** in **Andhra Pradesh, India**. Pray for positive results and unified efforts as community workers and volunteers help their communities develop, find and treat new cases of leprosy. Pray for **Tina Mendis**, TLM India Regional Support Manager as she oversees the project.

Monday 9 January

Pray for inspiration for the Marketing Team as they prepare for **Leprosy Mission NZ's 100th anniversary** this year. It is good to remember the ways God has answered our prayers over the years and to thank Him for his help and protection; in doing so we'll see the amazing ways God has been faithful to us and to LMNZ, even during times of change and challenges.

Tuesday 10 January

Mr Bernard Gomes, Leprosy Mission NZ Programmes Committee Member and a Bangladeshi, will be visiting the Chittagong Hill Tracts Project to work with **John Sammadar** (Programme Director) and **Poresh Chakma** (Project Manager). They will begin arrangements for selecting volunteers from the NZ Bangladeshi community to visit the project in 2012 to assist with project activities. Pray for all concerned and for the success of this venture.

Wednesday 11 January

Recently the **Community Development Project** in **Uttar Pradesh, India** had internal evaluations, pray for continued successful implementation of this project as they work through new processes. Remember **Rebecca Katticaren**, TLM India Regional Support Manager. Pray that through the work of this project the lives of many leprosy-affected individuals and families will be greatly enhanced.

Thursday 12 January

After reconstructive surgery, post-operative physiotherapy is an important part of the recovery procedure. Pray for successful recovery for all leprosy-affected individuals receiving post-operative physiotherapy in the fourteen TLM hospitals in India. Praise God for committed medical professionals.

Friday 13 January

Pray for the new Memorandum of Understanding between The Leprosy Mission and the government in **Myanmar**. The government has placed quite high requirements on the Mission to be able to operate in Myanmar. Pray for **Dr Zaw Moe Aung** and his team as they seek to meet these requirements.

Saturday 14 / Sunday 15 January

Pray for Thomas and Hauwa **Shelwah** who are moving from their home in Liberia to take up the positions of director and administrator for CSL Danja Hospital, **Niger**. Pray for continued financial support for

the family and for their language skills in French and Hausa.

Monday 16 January

Pray that **HANDA's** comprehensive Village Project will bring spiritual, physical and social benefits for leprosy-affected people in 37 villages in **Guangdong, China**. As the villagers learn self-care and are motivated to form self-help groups pray this will help prevent worsening of their disabilities. Years of segregation and discrimination from society and their families has caused much suffering for these villagers; pray also that as they experience more interaction with visitors from outside and social activities with neighbouring villagers their self worth will be greatly improved.

Tuesday 17 January

Pray for **Ruby Mirinka** and the team at **Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme** as they prepare and plan for a full year of activities as it expands its operations into Buin District. In expanding to the Buin district, as well as providing health care, BHCP will play a big part in bringing communities together that have over the past few years been in conflict. Pray for wisdom for all staff and that God will smooth the way as regards to restoring communities' relationships.

Wednesday 18 January

Remember NW Zambia today and in particular the leprosy-affected individuals and families living in the **Kikonkomene Village**. Praise God for **Dr David Friend's** compassion as he endeavours to meet the needs of the inhabitants physically and spiritually. There is a need for further dedicated and committed medical practitioners in this area; pray that this will shortly come to pass.

Thursday 19 January

As a result of the newly formed TLM Global Fellowship, **Gillian Whitley** (Donor Development Manager) has been appointed to the TLM Policy & Procedure Committee. Remember Gillian today as she contributes to the wider partnership.

Friday 20 January

Tomorrow at the Auckland ASB Showgrounds volunteers together with **Mike Sheppard** (Leprosy Mission Ethnic Communities Ambassador Volunteer) will be coordinating a Leprosy Mission Information stand at the 2012 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.

Saturday 21 / Sunday 22 January

Encourage your church to join The Leprosy Mission worldwide next Sunday in prayer and thanksgiving on World Leprosy Day. Pray for staff, governments, volunteers and supporters who together make it possible to carry out the vital work of The Leprosy Mission; to heal, help and empower leprosy-affected individuals and families. *'But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!' 1 Corinthians 15:51 NLT*

Monday 23 January

Pray for safety in travel for **Julie Lincoln** as she makes her monthly visits from Pokhara to Ghorahi (a 12-14 hour bus ride) to continue serving leprosy-affected individuals and families in that region in Nepal. Julie asks prayer for wisdom as planning for future work in the **Nawalparasi District** for the next five years is undertaken. Praise God for two families that are considering moving long-term to **Nepal**; pray that God would guide them to the right place for them to serve.

Tuesday 24 January

Pray for **Dr Mark Griffiths** at the **CSL Danja Community Hospital, Niger** and his team as they testify to the goodness of God through their medical work. Pray that both Mark and his wife Faye will have some time to develop further their language skills.

Wednesday 25 January

Remember today the **Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh** as they start implementing the new allocation of Leprosy Mission NZ and NZ Government funding. Pray for successful adaptation to the new reporting and financial

reporting systems. Pray also that the CHT project will be successful in ensuring leprosy-affected families have access to vital health services as well as increasing their skill levels and building confidence so that local communities can help themselves.

Thursday 26 January

Pray that it will be a life changing experience for supporter **Heather Heron-Speirs** from Levin as she prepares to join up with other leprosy supporters from Australia on a supporter tour to India and Nepal. They will be visiting Leprosy Hospitals, Vocational Training Centres and various projects. Pray for her safety and health while on tour.

Friday 27 January

To introduce a younger generation to the work of Leprosy Mission NZ some staff and Youth Advocates will be attending the **Parachute Festival** this weekend at Mystery Creek, Hamilton. Pray that a new generation of New Zealanders will be challenged by what they see, feel and hear about people living with leprosy.

Saturday 28 / Sunday 29 January

Pray for all the events taking place around the world for **World Leprosy Day**. World Leprosy Day helps to inform people of the existence of leprosy today and of the cure that is available. It also allows leprosy-affected individuals to be heard in their communities. Give thanks for the volunteers and staff who enthusiastically work to make this day a success.

Monday 30 January

Matt Halsey (Programmes Manager) is presently in London attending a **TLM Operations Meeting**. Pray that all in attendance will hear the voice of the Lord as they work together to discuss operational issues relating to running TLM's projects. Programmes and Operations people from all over the world, supporting and implementing countries, will be in attendance. Pray for a oneness and for cultural understanding.