

JUNE — SEPT. '24



# PRAYER DIARY UPDATE

**"FOR WE LIVE BY FAITH,  
NOT BY SIGHT"**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

# June

This month, we're focusing prayer on the wonderful leprosy nurses working across 14 hospitals in India. The life they have been called to is not an easy one; long hours, basic conditions and lower pay compared to government hospitals. It's also challenging psychologically too, listening to patient's stories of discrimination and abuse.

## WEEK 1

For the past 150 years, hospital heroes have gone before, laying strong foundations for those who serve today. **Give thanks that there are still hospital heroes across India. Dedicated nurses selflessly provide care and compassion to some of the most marginalised people on the planet. Pray that they will continue to see patients through the eyes of Jesus.**

## WEEK 2

Medical staff need patience and understanding as they listen to heartbreaking stories of rejection and isolation. They need words of wisdom to comfort patients who are coming to terms with a leprosy diagnosis. **Please pray that the Holy Spirit would intercede in cases where nurses just don't know what to say. May the love that they show be all that the patients need.**

## WEEK 3

There continues to be a shortage of doctors and surgeons in every Leprosy Mission hospital. This places huge pressure on existing staff, and also limits vital services. **Ask the Lord to give wisdom to know where to advertise for medics, and that He would raise up a new generation to serve people affected by leprosy.**

## WEEK 4

Expenditure of hospital budgets has always prioritised care for leprosy patients. This means that nurses' accommodation has not been looked after for decades. Many of the wonderful team come home to floods, broken windows and doors, disgusting bathrooms and cracked concrete floors. **Please pray that funds raised will stretch to cover the renovation of as many homes as possible.**

# July

The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Nilphamari, north Bangladesh, provides treatment for around 1,000 people who are suffering with leprosy every year. The region is prone to flooding and this, along with desperate poverty, means that diseases like leprosy are rife. The hospital is a lifeline because poverty and stigma prevent access to healthcare anywhere else.

## WEEK 1

Nilphamari Hospital is the only referral centre in Bangladesh that provides reconstructive surgery. These intricate operations restore movement, enabling people to return to work and provide for their family. **Please pray that God would guide the hands of the surgeons as they transfer tendons in hands and feet. May He bless each patient with restored mobility and complete healing.**

## WEEK 2

Physiotherapy is vital after surgery to make sure patients regain their range of movement. Dedicated physiotherapists spend time with patients, showing them how to mobilise hands and feet through exercise. **Please pray that people understand the importance of continuing their exercises when they leave the hospital.**

## WEEK 3

The hospital runs the best guesthouse in the area. It attracts visiting businesspeople, government employees and foreigners working with other charities. This generates valuable income which subsidises leprosy care. **Please pray that the guesthouse continues to be fully booked and give thanks for this sustainable source of income.**

## WEEK 4

Whether patients come to Nilphamari Hospital to be cured, have ulcer treatment, surgery or eye care, we want them to feel the love of Jesus while they are with us. **Please pray that Jesus' love is shown with every wound dressed, every surgery undertaken, every kind word and every arm around a shoulder. May staff never lose the heart connection to people affected by leprosy.**



## August

Ethiopia is about five times larger than the UK and has a population of over 120 million people. More than 80 per cent of people live in rural areas. One in three people live on less than US\$1.90 per day and the country is ranked 176 out of 193 countries on the UN Human Development Index.

The Leprosy Mission partners with ALERT Hospital in Addis Ababa, The Ethiopian National Association of People Affected by Leprosy, and the Ministry of Health. As well as treating leprosy, together we address the challenges, exclusion and stigma that people affected by leprosy face in rural Ethiopian communities.

### WEEK 1

The Leprosy Mission works in the Amhara region of Ethiopia. Since April 2023, there has been armed conflict in this area between the Amhara regional forces, Fano militia and the Ethiopian government. Many civilians have been killed and human rights violations have occurred across the region. **Please pray for peace, that fighting would end and that all sides would agree on a way forward. Pray too that humanitarian work can continue to help those most in need, especially people affected by leprosy.**

**"HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."**

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

## **WEEK 2**

Government support and partnership is vital to the success of leprosy work in Ethiopia. Please pray for continued good relationships with the Ministry of Health. **Ask that they commit to the Leprosy Action Plan, ensuring early case detection and improved leprosy services.**

## **WEEK 3**

The Ethiopian National Association of People Affected by Leprosy works in the areas of rehabilitation, prevention of disability, capacity building, education and stigma reduction. **Please pray for wise leadership and unity for this important group. Ask that they will find ways to better support people affected by leprosy with employment opportunities.**

## **WEEK 4**

Open for almost a century, ALERT Hospital in the capital of Addis Ababa is one of Ethiopia's oldest and largest medical institutions. **Give thanks for the recent training in ulcer care and reconstructive surgery provided by The Leprosy Mission. Please pray that the hospital will give greater priority to treating leprosy patients. Pray too that the doctors will share their skills in leprosy care with regional hospitals.**



## September

This month we are praying for God's blessing and favour as the very first Leprosy Mission Nursing College opens in Salur, India! In a country that is home to more than half of the world's leprosy cases, this college is vital now and for the future. The Leprosy Mission runs 14 hospitals in India, all of which need specialist nurses. We're excited that future graduates will not only have exemplary clinical skills but a heart for people affected by leprosy.

### WEEK 1

As the Nursing college opens, give thanks for this wonderful provision! **Join with us in thanking God for state-of-the-art teaching facilities, good accommodation and teachers who are motivated to train the students.**

### WEEK 2

Sixty students will start training in September, followed by a new intake of 60 trainee nurses each year until the full capacity of 240 students is reached. Priority places are given, free of charge, to



young people affected by leprosy. **Please pray for all of the students joining the course. Ask that they will be anointed to learn quickly and enjoy their studies.**

### **WEEK 3**

Young people affected by leprosy will be excited about training to be a nurse, but understandably nervous about leaving their families too! Please lift these youngsters before Jesus. **Pray that they will settle in quickly and make lots of friends. Ask that God would undertake for their families while they are away, so that they don't need to worry about home.**

### **WEEK 4**

For many of us, saying goodbye to our child as they leave home to study is a really emotional time. It's even more difficult if your child is your carer, needed to help or bring in vital income. **Please pray for parents and grandparents living with the effects of leprosy as their family members leave to train as nurses. Thank God that they are building futures and breaking the cycle of poverty for the next generation. Ask that God would sustain them and meet the gap their young person has left.**

# Join us in prayer

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This Prayer Diary is for use individually or with small groups. Praying together as The Leprosy Mission family is powerful and the basis of everything we do. Thank you for joining with us in praying for people affected by leprosy globally.

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