

so that building work can commence on time and will go as planned. Pray that God will abundantly bless the finances, the work and the building and that it will be used for His glory for many years to come.

1-7 May

Pray that TLM will make the most of the existing hospital premises once the new OPD is completed. There are currently no canteen facilities to offer patients or staff. Patients will travel for many hours or days in extreme heat to reach the hospital, often arriving hungry and thirsty. We would love to convert the existing foyer and waiting room area into a canteen to allow the patients to buy affordable and wholesome food for themselves and their families.

8-14 May

Continue to give thanks for the selfless commitment and dedication of the team at Purulia Hospital and pray that its daily tasks will demonstrate the love of God in the way each team member interacts with patients. Pray that this will bring real, healthy relationships within each department at the hospital, which strengthens the unity of the team.

15-21 May

Pray that the very real presence of God will be ever present in the wards and the OPD at Purulia Hospital; that as staff continue to meet in prayer each morning, every patient, visitor and member of staff will sense the presence and power of God throughout their stay and during their visits.

22-28 May

Please pray that God's presence at the hospital will attract more dedicated doctors and surgeons whose heart's desires are to serve Jesus at Purulia, helping to heal and restore those affected with leprosy.



'Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' 2 Corinthians 9:13-15 (NIV)

Jehovah Jireh. Thank you for your abundant provision for all of our needs, which you know even before we ask! As we focus on helping to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy, we give thanks for the amazing generosity of donors to your work at The Leprosy Mission and ask you to bless them abundantly. We pray that, together, we can bring hope and healing to the many patients who attend the hospital at Purulia and the staff who give selflessly of their skills and time and with such commitment. Thank you Lord that you care for us. In your precious name Jesus, we pray. Amen

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Prayer Diary Update

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30 January - 5 February



Give thanks for the opportunity to raise awareness about the work being carried out at TLM's Purulia Hospital in West Bengal, India. Pray that churches, small groups and civic groups will engage with TLMEW's World Leprosy Sunday campaign, 'Transform Purulia'. Pray they give generously so that it will generate the revenue needed to build a new Out Patients' Department (OPD) and people affected by leprosy can receive the best care possible, as well as resident staff honoured with improved, respectable living conditions.

6-12 February

Give thanks for the highly skilled staff at Purulia Hospital and the excellent medical care given to patients. The doctors and nurses have unrivalled expertise in treating leprosy; from initial diagnosis and medicines to counselling and reconstructive surgery for damaged limbs. Pray that staff will remain motivated, despite the challenges of the work and the remote location of the hospital.

'He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.' Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

13-19 February

Give thanks that the dedication and skill of medical staff at Purulia have helped to bring healing from a number of conditions such as steroid induced infection, septicaemia, complicated ulcers, and reconstructive surgeries and pray that improved working conditions and new equipment will help to make this work easier.

20-26 February

Pray for Dr Joydeepa's trip to England this March. Pray for God's protection and safety when she travels and

also that she will have opportunities to speak about her work. Pray that Dr Joydeepa will also have the chance to visit The London School of Tropical Medicine.

27 February to 5 March

Pray for the many resource needs at Purulia Hospital: for a desperately needed ventilator for the operating theatre as life-critical operations are currently being carried out with a hand pump because no other option is available.

6-12 March

Pray also for provision of new theatre operating instruments which need to be replaced. Instruments such as operation theatre lights, scissors and suction machines are seen as essential and are automatically provided in the UK, but these and much more urgently need replacing at Purulia Hospital.

13-19 March

Give thanks for the new hospital management system which has now been implemented and which will make the hospital more efficient and effective in caring for patients. Pray for wisdom and staff co-operation during training and that everyone quickly learns how to use the new system.

20-26 March

Give thanks for the new cell counter which has transformed the way patients are diagnosed and treated. The cell counter can run 23 tests at one time instead of manual testing which takes about half an hour per test. Give thanks also for the ambulance, donated by a local political leader. It will be beneficial in transporting patients for referral or to their homes.

27 March - 2 April

Pray that all members of each leprosy-affected family will come forward for the contact screening survey and that it will be carried out sensitively. Pray that



people affected by leprosy will spot the warning signs of leprosy and seek help and early diagnosis and treatment at Purulia, so that long-term impairment and irreversible damage, such as shortening of digits and limbs, can be avoided.

3-9 April

Pray also, that once diagnosed, patients would complete their prescribed course of multidrug therapy treatment and steroids. Pray that they will learn to take care of anaesthetic hands and feet to avoid terrible wounds and disabilities that are sadly so common in patients coming into the OPD. Pray also that the stigma of 'leprosy' footwear will be addressed and cease to be an issue.

10-16 April

Ask God to show parents the importance of being sensitive to the needs of leprosy-affected children: that they are able to continue their education and will not feel the effects of stigma or rejection. Pray that they will be accepted in their communities and schools and be completely free to look forward to their futures.



17-23 April

Pray particularly that women with leprosy would be treated with love and respect and not shunned by their husbands or sent away to their parents' home to be looked after. Pray that their families will accept, love and care for them.

'How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.' Psalm 36:7 (ESV)

24-30 April

Pray for God's guidance for TLM's partner, Article 25, as they finalise the architect plans for the new OPD. Pray that enough funding for the build will come in

Thank you for supporting leprosy-affected people through prayer