

2022

PRAYER DIARY





Our vision is for an inclusive world in which all people with disabilities are given the opportunity to enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

Above: Murray enjoys a day out at the Auckland Domain Wintergardens with wife, Joy, and son, Finn.

Cover photo: Kellie, aged 3 from Rwanda, received sight-saving cataract surgery at the Kabgayi Eye Clinic.

Kia Ora Prayer Partner,

By the time you read this, Joy and I will have welcomed the newest addition to our family, a baby brother for Finn. We continue to give thanks to God for the many blessings of a growing family.

After lockdowns and the Delta strain, so many of us are saying “I’m over it”. But a new year is starting and we can hope for an opening up of our lives and the world, with the new possibilities this brings.

Through all this, God is faithful and the work you enable through **cbm** continues. Join us to pray for this work by using these stories, insights and hopes for the world, that come from our partners and staff.

Our staff pray along with you at our Wednesday Devotions. We pray for you too – that you will know God’s protection and grace as the world changes around us all. As it says in Jeremiah 29:12, “You will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to You.” Please let us know if there is anything specific you would like prayer for.

To use this prayer diary each day, first go to the page for this day of the month and then move down the page to find the appropriate month. Then you can pray, prompted by the short request – one for each day.

While our own staff cannot travel, we still hear wonderful stories of transformation. Whether it is sight restored, health returned, being able to work to support family, or communities made more resilient against big weather events – it is all so transformative for the people involved.

Thank you for the gift of prayer. May God’s love be felt in very practical ways through your prayer and ongoing support. May you experience God’s blessings this year. Kia kaha taatou.

Murray Sheard

Chief Executive Officer, **cbm** New Zealand

Murray is CEO of **cbm** New Zealand and has worked in overseas development and anti-corruption in over 10 countries, as well as in the fields of social enterprise and governance. Murray lives in Auckland with his wife Joy and their son, Finn.



Murray Sheard / New Zealand

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” - Proverbs 19:17

JANUARY As we begin the year, give thanks for God’s blessing to everyone who participated in **cbm’s** projects last year – those who gave, those who served, and all people who partnered to receive assistance.

FEBRUARY Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea as COVID-19 spreads without high capacity for intensive care or education on safety and vaccines. Pray for **cbm’s** work to make sanitation and other measures accessible.

MARCH **cbm** New Zealand has many projects in the Pacific including eye care, inclusive education, and preparedness for tropical cyclones and other emergencies. Pray for our partners in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

APRIL Thank God for each

and every person who donates to **cbm**, and by doing so, serves those with disabilities worldwide. Pray that they will be blessed for their generosity.

MAY Pray for those who usually conduct travel to develop and monitor international programmes. They will be facing decisions about the safety of travel in a world living with COVID-19.

JUNE Please join me to thank God for my wonderful staff and board team at **cbm** New Zealand who are passionate, skilled and full of love for the people they serve. May each know God’s love and blessings.

JULY This month an application from **cbm** for government funds for people with disabilities overseas will be considered by

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Pray for decision-makers.

AUGUST Pray for the **cbm** New Zealand team as they begin to prepare budgets and implementation plans for next year. It may be a chore, but it is exciting to consider what can be enabled as we grow.

SEPTEMBER In Aotearoa New Zealand, we celebrate Maori Language week in September. E Kore, e Maroke, te Aroha I te Ra (Our love and service will not dry out in the sun).

OCTOBER World Sight Day is coming up this month. Thank God for those around the world who are preparing to receive back their sight through the programmes that **cbm** donors fund.

NOVEMBER Pray for those with disabilities who are more vulnerable to climate change, which is bringing increased ferocity of storms and frequency of droughts. Pray for those working on disability inclusive disaster preparedness.

DECEMBER Pray for **cbm** teams worldwide as they prepare to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December. Pray for advocacy efforts and that people with disabilities will be blessed this Christmas.

As the Country Coordinator for **cbm** NZ in PNG, Michael enjoys working closely with local partners and the National Department of Education to bring about transformative change for children and adults living with disabilities.



Michael Lulu / Papua New Guinea

DAY 2

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.'" - John 14:6

JANUARY We pray for the new year to be a successful year for **cbm's** partners in PNG. May God bless them all, and empower them to work with dedication, commitment and respect each other.

FEBRUARY Pray for all people with disabilities in PNG to be protected from COVID-19 as we experience the surge and outbreak in homes and communities. May God bless and heal those that have tested positive for the virus.

MARCH We pray for equal participation for the vulnerable people in PNG, especially women with disabilities who experience discrimination in their homes and communities. May the Lord bless them and their rights be recognised.

APRIL Pray for **cbm** to raise more funds and donations from the New Zealand Government through MFAT and donations from the people of New Zealand. May God continue to bless the team in the work they do and open the hearts of New Zealanders to give more gifts in the years to come.

MAY We pray for the families of **cbm's** partners in PNG so that there is peace and harmony among family members, and that they forgive each other when faced with disagreements.

JUNE Pray for the protection and care of the environment so that we breathe fresh air and continue to multiply on this earth. May God bless the leaders in PNG's Government and help them to involve people with disabilities

in the discussions so that they benefit and participate in the development that benefits all.

JULY We pray for the Government of PNG to update the national census so that the population of people living with disabilities are recorded in each province. May the Lord give wisdom and knowledge to leaders of organisations of people with disabilities so that they advocate for their rights.

AUGUST May the good Lord bless the inclusive education resource centres' programmes so that children and adults enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

SEPTEMBER We pray for PNG's 46th Independence Day and we also pray for a peaceful election throughout the country in 2022.

OCTOBER Pray for people with visual impairment, and the eye doctors in PNG, so that they reach out to those people who need surgery in the rural areas, especially women and young girls so that their sight is restored and they participate equally in the communities.

NOVEMBER We pray for all children in PNG to be protected and safe from harm and violence in the homes and communities. May the Lord also bless children with disabilities that have been integrated into the mainstream schools.

DECEMBER We thank God for all the protection and safety of all the **cbm** partners as the year ends. We look forward to another successful year in 2023.

PRAY FOR WOMEN: In the world's poorest countries women, like Olbunmi, cannot access quality healthcare. Fortunately, Olubunmi's hope and dignity was restored after life-changing Obstetric Fistula surgery.



Olbunmi / Nigeria

"God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns." - Psalm 46:5

JANUARY We pray for the women who are trying to hold their families together in unimaginable crisis on top of family violence. Renew their strength, and may each home be a safe and loving place.

FEBRUARY We thank you for our **cbm** partners who train men and women to grow organic crops so family members with disabilities have security and healthy food to sustain their bodies.

MARCH In this month when we celebrate International Women's Day, we pray for an increase in equal opportunities for women and girls, particularly in developing countries.

APRIL Thank you for renewing the strength of healthcare workers as they face overwhelming numbers of

vulnerable women at risk of River Blindness.

MAY As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, we pray for women who are pregnant in developing countries. Guide our efforts to provide healthcare that will help prevent traumatic births, and conditions like obstetric fistula.

JUNE We pray for the healing of bodies, minds and hearts for any woman who has had a traumatic birth experience, may God restore her joy, and enable her to be reached with medical and emotional support.

JULY We pray for equality that breaks poverty, that women will be raised up in their families and communities, and that their voices will be respected, and they will be supported in

their ideas, hopes, dreams and contributions.

AUGUST We pray more women will have clean, safe water at their fingertips, and will now be free from hauling water, so they can pursue work and education opportunities – and transform their lives.

SEPTEMBER We pray for joy and strength for every woman and girl who has been downtrodden, bullied or cast aside. May each one be given protection, care and respect in her family, school, marriage and community.

OCTOBER Please give workers the strength to dig more bores for clean water to prevent Trachoma, and other preventable water-borne diseases, which are especially prevalent to women in vulnerable communities.

NOVEMBER We pray for equal opportunities for women, particularly those living with disabilities, so they are at less risk when a crisis occurs. Guide workers in the field as they provide training, tools and other resources.

DECEMBER God, we praise You for the abundance of gifts from generous supporters, so more of the poorest people will be given critical healthcare for reproductive and maternal health, to prevent or treat Obstetric Fistula.

Aikeo is the director and founder of the Disability Service Centre in Laos. He was born blind, and has four family members who are also blind.



Aikeo Koomanivong / Laos

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

JANUARY God, thank you for helping us to make it through another difficult year with COVID-19. May God bless all people from around the world with peace and well-being.

FEBRUARY May God bless New Zealanders and lead them to support Persons with Disabilities around the world.

MARCH God, please help women living with disabilities, by providing peace, safety and wealth, and blessing her to have an equal right in society.

APRIL We pray for children living with disabilities. We give thanks that God loves all children, and holds them close to His heart. May God bless all children to have a wonderful and safe life, and give all children access to quality education.

MAY Good and gracious God, we recognize all life is a gift and a blessing. We thank you for your encouragement to promote Persons with Disabilities around the world.

JUNE We pray for Organizations of Persons with Disabilities. Lord, we realized how much you love us, please empower CBM partners, and guide them to be strengthened organizations.

JULY We pray for people with mental health conditions, which are major causes of disability and ill-health worldwide. Those living in poverty are at a greater risk, and are unlikely to access treatment or support. Lord, please stay with us, and lead us to support persons with psychosocial disabilities.

AUGUST God of peace, all staff are working hard for promoting an inclusive society. May you guide, touch, and empower CBM staff to achieve global goals.

SEPTEMBER We pray for people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment, and also those people using sign language, that there is recognition of their linguistic identity and cultural diversity.

OCTOBER This month, when we celebrate World Sight Day, we pray for meaningful participation and adequate access to comprehensive eye health services, particularly the most vulnerable people in remote areas. Lord, please open our eyes, protect our eyes and care for our eyes.

NOVEMBER We pray for humanitarian aid support, and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, who are among those most affected by humanitarian crises, and often the last to receive help. When disasters strike, CBM work with local organisations of people living with disabilities, and other partners, to deliver urgent aid.

DECEMBER We pray for people living with disabilities around the world. About one billion people, or 15% of the world's population, experience some form of disability. May all people living with disabilities around the world have peace, success, and fully-participate in their local communities.

PRAY FOR US: cbm works to help improve the lives of those living with the double disadvantage of poverty and disability. Pray that we can provide them access to the services they need.



cbm staff / New Zealand

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

JANUARY Lord, we ask for Your wisdom as programmes are implemented by workers in the field, so that relief and support are given to families affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

FEBRUARY We pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus rests on every staff member of **cbm**, giving them the ability to do their work with love and commitment in line with the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

MARCH We pray for Your intervention in the hearts of governments as we advocate for food aid, access to clean water and farming projects, so that families will no longer face a daily battle with starvation.

APRIL Lord, we thank you for sustaining weary workers in the

field as they work hard to reach people living with disabilities, by providing food aid and other support.

MAY Lord, we pray for Your hand of guidance as we make decisions that impact people with disabilities.

JUNE We pray for the increase of income for people living with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups, through livelihood, disaster and climate change adaptation. May our programs help stop income loss and be adaptive in any circumstance.

JULY Lord, we pray for You to open our hearts, and encourage us to share some of what we have with people living with disabilities in the poorest parts of the world.

AUGUST We thank you for Your passionate and caring medical workers who are going into the poorest places in the world and changing lives with their expertise.

SEPTEMBER Thank you Father for educating and positioning skilled and caring surgeons and health professionals who provide the specialised care needed by so many people living with disabilities.

OCTOBER Lord, we ask for financial provision that will help **cbm** distribute the preventative medication for Neglected Tropical Diseases like Trachoma and River Blindness.

NOVEMBER We thank you Lord, in advance, for financial provision, so people in developing countries impacted

by the cycle of poverty and disability are assisted through disasters and crises, both physically and psychologically.

DECEMBER We thank you for strengthening us and guiding us this year to make a life-changing difference to people living with disabilities.

Sari is a general physician, working in a CBM-partnered humanitarian agency in Indonesia. She loves CBM's work because it takes care of marginalized people, and ensures they receive dignified and consulted assistance.



Sari Mutia Timur / Indonesia

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." - Matthew 7:12

JANUARY Pray with renewed vigour and hope for a better year full of healing, and bless those who continue serving people living with disabilities who are very much in need.

FEBRUARY Pray that social equality can be realized so that people have better access to, and fulfillment of, their rights.

MARCH Pray for all humanitarian workers to be more responsible in their services, and to be given health and strength in their commitment to serve.

APRIL Pray to sincerely accept our own weaknesses, while trying to be more sensitive in recognizing the strengths we have been given.

MAY Pray that CBM partners, together with the community,

can generate new opportunities to continue their good work through effort and hard work.

JUNE Pray to always keep positive thoughts in our mind so that it encourages the spirit of building and hope, to always try and never give up.

JULY Pray for us to keep on trying because failure only comes when we have stopped trying.

AUGUST Thank you for the independence given to our country, and gratefulness for Yakkum Emergency Unit's establishment 21 years ago. We pray that the unit will keep going strong, and be more qualified and accountable.

SEPTEMBER Pray that CBM partners and communities will

have mutual processes filled with sharing and learnings, to grow together as equal partners, as learning is not only by asking, but also by seeing, trying and becoming better.

OCTOBER Pray that we are always ready and prepared, so we can exchange the spirit of preparedness and resilience to all, especially the most vulnerable in our communities.

NOVEMBER Pray that CBM partners will always prioritize integrity and commitment to support our efforts and hard work.

DECEMBER Pray for all people living with disabilities, and those dealing with challenges in life, that they can meet their basic needs and rights, and

have optimal opportunities for meaningful participation.

Did you know that through your Will, you can leave a legacy of hope that will change lives for generations to come? Learn more at cbmnz.org.nz



Boukary / Burkina Faso

PRAY TO OVERCOME

BARRIERS: Your prayers will help overcome the many barriers people, like Boukary living with mental illness, face in the poorest parts of the world.

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” - Isaiah 41:13

JANUARY Father, we commit each and every day to You. We ask that You show us how we can best bring relief – especially when major crises occur.

FEBRUARY Lord, we pray for wisdom for the board members of **cbm**, that they hear Your still, small voice to guide them in their decision-making that leads to incredible international impact.

MARCH We give thanks to You Lord for our generous supporters who give so kindly to provide basic necessities, such as healthcare and food assistance, to those who need it most.

APRIL We pray that the advice of Organisations of People with Disabilities will be heard and applied in policy-making throughout the world so that

the voices of people living with disabilities are represented in all governance.

MAY Father God, we pray all people have access to clean water. For those who travel a long way, please keep them safe on their journey, and may our projects make a clean water supply more readily available.

JUNE We pray that sight-saving Mectizan medication will continue to be delivered in the amounts that are needed – and on time – for each person living in areas affected by River Blindness.

JULY In countries where unrest has continued, we ask that You bring miracles of peace and healing between communities and groups of people.

AUGUST We pray for the upskilling of health workers in screening for Trachoma, and for the resources to provide surgery and medication for people impacted by Trachoma so that preventable blindness is avoided.

SEPTEMBER We pray for safe water worldwide through the installation of bores and toilets. May no community lack this basic human need, and may our work make an incredible difference in seeing safe water accessible by all.

OCTOBER We pray for the provision of protection, healthcare, food and water in communities that have been ravaged by disease, conflict and crisis. We ask that You guide us to respond to those emergencies according to Your will.

NOVEMBER Thank you, Lord, that when we put our trust in You, we are not afraid. Please take away every anxious thought, and replace it with Your peace and rest, no matter what struggles come against us.

DECEMBER We pray for each supporter and their family. We thank you for each and every person, and we pray they will draw close to You, and will be blessed in everything they do.

Iroj is the Project Manager at **cbm**-partnered Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC). He loves to support and uplift the children living with disabilities, bringing a positive change to their lives.



Iroj Shrestha / Nepal

"Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 5:13

JANUARY In the new year 2022, may our Lord give us the strength to overcome all the problems that reside with us from the last year. We pray for a new bright light and energy to start a new beginning full of joy and happiness.

FEBRUARY Thanks to all the giving hands of New Zealand. Warm wishes and love for all people of New Zealand. May God spread all His love and happiness around.

MARCH My Lord, show us all the right direction and path that leads to the better within us.

APRIL We pray for the HRDC team to give them strength and energy to continue serving the children living with physical disabilities in Nepal.

MAY We pray for the **cbm** team, and the wonderful and strong partnership ahead, and also pray that many more people living with disabilities are reached in the year ahead with the joint effort and dedication.

JUNE God is almighty, we pray for the good health, and a loving environment, for all the people living with disabilities in Nepal.

JULY Parents are the strongest of all. We pray for all the parents taking care of their children who are also living with disabilities. Oh my Lord, give them more strength and smiles in their lives.

AUGUST As we celebrate Humanitarian Day this month, we pray that everyone we come in contact with, will walk away with some of the happiness that lives within us.

SEPTEMBER It's the month when Friends of Disabled (FOD) was started, and it has been 38 years of service to children living with physical disabilities. Our prayers for the founder of the FOD, for a long life so that his hand is always on the FOD team.

OCTOBER My birthday month. God, bless me with more kindness and energy so that I can continue my service to those who are in need and support.

NOVEMBER We pray for peace of mind, and calm troubled hearts, for the people of the world. Give them strength and clarity of mind to find purpose and peace.

DECEMBER Happiness can't be counted but can be reflected with a smile on one's face. Thanks to all kind people, and

the numerous helping hands, that bring a smile to someone's face.

PRAY TO PREVENT AND TREAT

BLINDNESS: Pray for **cbm**-funded doctors and health workers, who specialise in eye care, so people like Wlubnesh can receive sight-saving treatment.



Wlubnesh / Ethiopia

"The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the righteous." - Psalms 146:8

JANUARY As Your Word says in Psalm 46:1-2, "You Lord, are our refuge and strength." For those who need medical care and have to travel long distances to receive it, we ask You to sustain them.

FEBRUARY God, we pray for Your protection this year for surgeons and health workers – particularly through crisis and natural disasters – as they go into communities where there is blindness, disability and suffering.

MARCH We pray Lord that You will guide us as we bring awareness to communities about the need for hygiene and clean water for the prevention of Trachoma.

APRIL Thank you for the love You have for us all. Help us to share that same heart and attitude toward Your people everywhere we go, and with everyone we meet, so that they can see Jesus in us.

MAY We ask for the continued provision for the medication Mectizan so that **cbm** can continue to provide yearly sight-saving protection for people at risk of River Blindness.

JUNE We pray for the provision of more surgeons and healthcare workers to assist in the treatment of eye conditions.

JULY Thank you, God, for the testimonies we are hearing from people who have had their sight restored – thank you that

children, men and women who were once blind are again seeing their loved ones.

AUGUST God, please guide workers in the field after crisis so they have Your wisdom as they assist people to rebuild their lives – with training and resources to have thriving businesses and freedom from poverty.

SEPTEMBER This month as we celebrate Father's Day, we pray for fathers who are visually impaired and in poverty. Please lead them as they care for their families, and we pray they be reached with healthcare and livelihood support.

OCTOBER We pray for the training of more eye surgeons in Papua New Guinea, Rwanda

and Kenya, so more people will receive sight-saving cataract surgery.

NOVEMBER God, we ask You for an abundance of glasses to come from this month's Gifts of Life catalogue so that people who are visually impaired can have improved sight.

DECEMBER God, we thank you for each and every donation, so thousands of people are prevented from needless blindness, disability and a lifetime of poverty – and bless every donor with Your love.

Linabel is the International Programmes Director of **cbm** NZ and has contributed with work and research in the international development field for nearly 20 years. Born in Mexico, Linabel now lives in Auckland with her husband and two children.



Linabel Hadlee / New Zealand

DAY 10

"Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor." - Proverbs 22:9

JANUARY We pray for the protection of good health as the world continues facing the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask Jesus to guide and strengthen our leaders, medical teams, and people in the communities, so we can face the current challenges together.

FEBRUARY We pray for children with disabilities being supported to access education in Papua New Guinea. Please send Your loving care to the other children around them to make them feel welcome, and we give thanks to teachers working for these goals.

MARCH We pray for the good heart of the community workers in Madagascar who walk through hills and rivers, to reach families living with disabilities, and support them through the food crisis.

APRIL We pray for the ophthalmologists training in Rwanda and Papua New Guinea, may your love continue to be the inspiration to bring sight back to those in need.

MAY We pray for your blessings for the children in Nepal as they recover from orthopaedic surgery. Guide their steps as they recover, to share love in their communities, and fill them with joy.

JUNE Dear Father, we ask for your blessings for the refugees living in Cox's Bazar for more than three years. Send them love, and the strength to face their difficulties. In particular, we pray for people receiving rehabilitation services, send your blessing for their progress and well-being.

JULY We pray for **cbm** teams at the country level, so that together we continue to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us at **cbm** NZ, to multiply God's blessings in communities in need.

AUGUST Dear Father, we pray for people to open their hearts to see the real value of people who live with disability, and to welcome them in all aspects of community life.

SEPTEMBER We pray for your blessing for the community-based inclusive development programme in Laos. Send your Holy Spirit to the team in the field, and the participants in the rural communities.

OCTOBER **cbm** is working alongside organisations of Persons with Disabilities in the

Pacific Region. We raise our prayers to you dear Father to strengthen their initiatives so that they can advance social inclusion in their communities.

NOVEMBER We pray for girls and women suffering Obstetric Fistula so that they can find help through **cbm** health partners in Africa. May the Lord also heal and invigorate their spirit, and bring joy and prosperity to their lives.

DECEMBER We pray for **cbm** supporters who give generously to help families living in poverty from across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Send them, and their families', abundance of love and blessings.



Love has saved Kellie's sight. Her mother's love. Her neighbours' love. And the loving kindness of people like you.

Blinded by bilateral cataracts, three-year-old Kellie received the miracle gift of sight at the **cbm**-funded Kabgayi Eye Unit in Rwanda.

Kellie's world is so much brighter now. What a wonderful gift to give a child living in the world's poorest places.



In Nigeria, young mother Maimunat received life-changing obstetric fistula surgery and healing at **cbm**-funded partner Survive Fistula Health Foundation.

Maimunat never expected to ever smile again, but thankfully generous people like you have brought joy to her heart.

Maimunat smiled, she laughed, she praised God – and she even danced, singing... “Come and join me – Sing Hallelujah.”

Marisa is the Country Director of the CBM office in Jakarta. She has been working at CBM for more than 16 years, keeping her commitment to transforming the lives of people living with disabilities and those who are left behind in Indonesia.



Marisa Kristianah / Indonesia

DAY 11

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." - Ephesians 2:10

JANUARY We pray for a good start to 2022, may many people be filled with hope and solidarity during the COVID-19 recovery period.

FEBRUARY We pray for people living with disabilities, who are also affected by COVID-19, may their needs be met. Please bless all efforts to support them.

MARCH We pray for good health and good spirit of the health workers and volunteers who are working constantly to provide medical treatments and vaccines. May God bless them and their families.

APRIL Dear God, please guide us, and our partners, to help us create more involvement and contribution for woman and children with disabilities in our community.

MAY We pray for advocacy work, aimed at eye health, to be part of the important issues taken by governments, and that children with visual impairment can access inclusive education.

JUNE We pray for the inclusion of people, living with psychosocial disabilities, into the wider community. We also pray for better provision of good quality, affordable medicine for them.

JULY God, thank you for your blessing. We pray for good health and happiness of all staff and partners, to continue to be persons who are purposeful and dedicated to disability inclusion.

AUGUST Many people have been affected by COVID-19, such as those who have had to wait longer for sight-saving cataract surgery. May they remain in

God's protection as they wait patiently for their surgery.

SEPTEMBER We pray for a good collaboration with disability movements to strengthen the voice of the people living with disabilities. We pray for people to be enlightened and commit to inclusion.

OCTOBER As we develop programmes that are aimed to break the cycle of disability and poverty, God please bless us and always guide us, to commit to our values of inclusion, justice, excellence, partnership, and integrity.

NOVEMBER God, there is always room for improvement in doing our jobs. We pray for your help so that we diligently listen to the feedback from others, including the community where we are

working. Remind us to uphold accountability to people living with disability in our work.

DECEMBER We pray for people to be friendlier to the environment, to be resilient and prepared for disasters. May people living with disabilities have more access to disaster preparedness programmes, and have their rights upheld during emergency responses.

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to see the faces of people
your prayers are reaching
each day.*

Geraldine is a **cbm** NZ Board member. Inspired by her time in India and on the Thai/Myanmar border, she strongly believes in fighting against the double disadvantages that poverty and disability cause. She is an employment lawyer in Auckland.



Geraldine Crudge / New Zealand

"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" - Amos 5:24

JANUARY God of Mercy, COVID-19 has ravished the disabled in the majority of the world in often unseen and unknown ways. We pray for provision of vaccines, for PPE, and for basic hygiene tools to reach those most in need.

FEBRUARY God of Justice, we pray that location of birth should not determine a person's health outcomes. In particular, we pray that the outreach workers at the **cbm**-funded Kabgayi Eye Unit in Rwanda will find those in need.

MARCH Restoring God, we lift up those in Nepal living with disabilities that need healing so they are able to physically access education and employment. We pray for miracles and for successful medical interventions.

APRIL Almighty God, be at work in those suffering from Neglected Tropical Diseases. Cleanse the water. Protect them from insects that spread disease. Provide sanitary conditions. Make a way for the preventative medication to get through to those who need them.

MAY Heavenly Father, we pray for healing and restoration for those suffering from mental health issues around the world – especially in the majority world – and claim 2 Timothy 1:7 over their lives. "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

JUNE God of Comfort, be with disabled Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Comfort them. Heal them. May they feel seen and not forgotten.

JULY God of Life, we pray for the people in Western Kenya who cannot see, that they may access the specialist eye treatment they desperately need.

AUGUST God of Restoration, we declare your hope and restoration over women in Nigeria suffering from Obstetric Fistula. May they be fully healed, and may they know they are Your precious daughters in Christ.

SEPTEMBER Creator God, the burden of climate change falls heavily on the Pacific. We pray for the earth to be calm – for no earthquakes or tsunamis or floods – and for world leaders to be galvanised into strong and radical action to halt the warming of our planet.

OCTOBER Healing God, for those in Papua New Guinea who cannot see, we thank you for access to surgeries that give the gift of sight. Give people courage and the means to access the eye care they need.

NOVEMBER Lord, for those facing major food shortages, we pray for miraculous provision of food, and for life, and for hope.

DECEMBER Sovereign God, we declare your favour over marginalised farmers and people living with disabilities. May their businesses and collectives flourish, and may they be able to provide for their families, and be included in decision-making in society.

PRAY FOR LIVELIHOODS: Your prayers are a blessing to people living with disabilities, like Rina, to enable them to earn a living and contribute to meaningful work in their communities.



Rina / India

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

JANUARY We pray for the increase of income for people living with disabilities and other vulnerable groups through livelihood disaster and climate change adaptation.

FEBRUARY Lord, we thank you for more training and business opportunities for people living with disabilities. Thank you that their sadness, stigma and exclusion is being replaced more and more with inclusion, dignity and joy.

MARCH We pray, Lord, for the establishment of more self-help groups focusing on the empowerment of people living with disabilities, and for more income generation opportunities.

APRIL We pray, God, for livelihoods in remote

communities, that farmers will receive education on how to harvest their land in times of drought, and that small businesses will flourish.

MAY In this month as we celebrate the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, we thank you for the provision of more health workers and surgeons to reach women affected by Obstetric Fistula after birth, so they can participate in work opportunities with dignity and confidence.

JUNE We thank you for our homes and material goods. May we open our hearts to share some of what we have with people in the most remote and disadvantaged parts of the world, however You lead us to.

JULY We pray for the improvement of the quality of life for children with treatable physical disabilities by providing holistic clinical services through collaboration and partnerships.

AUGUST God, we pray that more accessible, affordable and comprehensive eye care will be provided to people in need around the world.

SEPTEMBER We pray for more business loans to be provided to people with disabilities. May this help them gain access to tools and resources to earn an income and contribute to their communities.

OCTOBER Lord, lead us to guide women who are farmers, as well as farmers living with disabilities, with the entrepreneurial training

in skills they need to increase their harvests, and live a healthy life of abundance.

NOVEMBER We thank you for all that you continue to teach us through the voices of people living with disabilities. Help us to be quick to listen.

DECEMBER Today we rejoice at knowing that **cbm** supporters have contributed to thousands of people around the world being set free from avoidable blindness caused by diseases like Trachoma.

Samjhana is a CBM Programmes Officer and is responsible for project management with partners. She is originally from western, rural part of Nepal, but now lives in Kathmandu with her husband and daughter.



Samjhana Shah / Nepal

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:35

JANUARY Pray for a very happy year for everyone, with the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that everything becomes normal, and people feel disease-free and peaceful in this beautiful world.

FEBRUARY Pray for God to give the power of strength to people bearing the loss of a family member, and encourage everyone around them to support affected people.

MARCH Pray for all whom God inspires to donate to this wonderful mission of CBM, by supporting people living with disabilities to make their life easier to live.

APRIL Pray for CBM, and CBM partners, well-being and involvement to continuously advocate for and advise those

working to support people living with disabilities in an inclusive way.

MAY Pray for all of CBM's fundraising team and member associates healthy, and long, life. May God give inspiration and commitment to support CBM's mission of working together with people living with disabilities.

JUNE Pray for all of CBM's fundraising team and member associates for their heart, skill, passion and commitment, to continue supporting our partners and communities, especially people living with disabilities in emergency situations.

JULY Pray for all CBM staff working with the organisation's mission and value. God give power and inspiration to working

together, and understand the people living with disabilities in an emergency context as well.

AUGUST Pray for all people affected by mental health and psychosocial illness in the family and community. God give power and strength to live a healthy life with many happy moments.

SEPTEMBER Pray for CBM and CBM partners to advise communities on mental health and psychosocial well-being. May God give power and strength to live a healthy life.

OCTOBER Pray for the people living with disabilities, and their family members, to be empowered and raise their voice against discrimination and stigmatization in the society.

NOVEMBER Pray for everyone to treat others on an equal basis, including those living with disabilities. May God give inspiration and power to raise their voice in the appropriate forum for their equal rights.

DECEMBER Pray for CBM Global for continuous support to enhance skills and knowledge of our partners and community, and to advocate with government for equal rights of people with disabilities.



Suman / Nepal

PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITY:

Please pray for opportunities to help heal more people, like little Suman, living with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

JANUARY We pray more teachers and community leaders will be reached with inclusivity training, so more children living with disabilities are enrolled in school and are given assistive devices.

FEBRUARY We pray, Lord, for the establishment of more self-help groups focusing on the empowerment of people living with disabilities and for more income generation opportunities.

MARCH We pray for the improvement of the quality of life for children with treatable physical disabilities in Nepal and Papua New Guinea by providing holistic clinical services through collaboration and partnerships.

APRIL We praise You, and we thank you, for Your miracles of

giving sight to the blind through doctors removing cataracts in the most impoverished areas of the world – so they can continue to work and provide a livelihood for their families.

MAY We pray today for those living in hard-to-reach places that are struggling with poverty or battling disability or disease. Help us to reach them with exactly what they need.

JUNE We thank you for all that You continue to teach us through the voices of people living with disabilities. Help us to be quick to listen.

JULY God, may You continue to bless the presence of radio announcements that spread disability awareness, so people living with disabilities are aware of the availability of quality health

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” - Colossians 4:5

services, home rehabilitation and assistive devices.

AUGUST We pray for a blessing for people living with disabilities to earn a livelihood. May every person, and their families, have more than enough in times of crisis and to earn an income.

SEPTEMBER We pray for people living with disabilities who have been impacted by crises, and that they are included in recovery efforts and their needs considered in future planning.

OCTOBER Thank you, Lord, for Your miracles of inclusion for children living with disabilities at school! We particularly thank you for blessing the CBM projects building ramps and toilets that everyone can access.

NOVEMBER We pray for equality that breaks poverty – that women will be raised up in their families and communities – that their voices will be respected and they will be supported in their ideas, hopes, dreams and contributions.

DECEMBER May this be a bright Christmas for people with disabilities. We pray for the abundance of gifts that will be used to advocate for them – so they are included and valued in their communities.

Jane is CBM Australia's CEO. She is passionate to help achieve positive change for people living with disability, and to see sustainable development realised in countries less fortunate than her own.



Jane Edge / Australia

"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." - James 2:17

JANUARY God, thank you for the compelling mission of CBM to achieve positive change for, and with, people living with disabilities in poverty. Help us to best serve those who are vulnerable and needing our care.

FEBRUARY We pray for those who choose to join CBM's work and make a difference in the lives of people living with disabilities. May each person's God-given talents and gifts work together to end the cycle of poverty and disability.

MARCH Thank you God, for the government bodies and institutions that are shining a light on injustice, and we pray for the same dedication in supporting vulnerable people across the globe.

APRIL We pray for those who are sick, neglected, lonely and dying, may our programs provide relief, and may we each rise and take action on behalf of the marginalised and vulnerable.

MAY We pray this year will see a dramatic shift in the way all races and cultures relate, that respect and kindness will continue to grow throughout the world.

JUNE Lord, we ask that everyone stands up and supports the rights of people living with disabilities in poverty, enabling our partners on the ground to assist more people with training, tools and opportunities that establish flourishing livelihoods in the most remote communities.

JULY We pray for all governments and local leaders who have an incredible impact

on the livelihood of the communities they serve; may you guide their decision-making as they ensure facilities, services and infrastructure are all made inclusive.

AUGUST Thank you Lord, for restoring livelihoods alongside sight and mobility, so people living in impoverished areas can continue to work and provide for their families.

SEPTEMBER During ever-changing situations of crisis, natural disasters and illnesses, we pray for those who are directly impacted and need to rebuild their lives. We thank you for helping aid workers to reach them with life-saving food, water and medical assistance.

OCTOBER Thank you, God, that thousands of people have

avoided going needlessly blind, due to the generosity of our loyal CBM supporters. We pray that you would bless each new supporter who joins us in ending the cycle of poverty and disability this year.

NOVEMBER God, we thank you for the real and meaningful partnerships that CBM has established globally to create grassroots and systemic change that transforms the lives of people living with disabilities who are trapped in poverty.

DECEMBER Father, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, and we pray that every supporter who has given so generously this year, will be blessed by you and know that their Christ-like love has directly helped someone in urgent need.

PRAY FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FOOD CRISES:

Your prayers are needed for countries facing starvation, and experiencing the effects of drought-affected food harvests, which are particularly acute throughout Africa.



Drought / Madagascar

"Yet He has not left Himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."
- Acts 14:17

JANUARY We thank you for blessing our food aid projects in 2022, and for equipping our partners to make sure people living with disabilities have access to food in times of extreme need.

FEBRUARY As we step into 2022, we pray for children and families most at risk – especially those living with disabilities who are in drought-affected areas, may they be reached with urgent food assistance, and access to a long-term food supply.

MARCH We pray for all people in Madagascar, especially those living with disabilities, that humanitarian relief will reach them, and that the rain will fall again to enable crops to grow.

APRIL Dear Lord, we lift up every person in Africa who is without

food. May the local communities work together to care for each other, share food and be of service to one another, especially to the most vulnerable.

MAY We pray, God, that You will send rain in areas of drought so that farmers who have lost stock or crops can provide for their families and local areas once again.

JUNE We pray for Your provision – that will not only take emergency food to millions of people but that we can provide more farming and business programs supporting people living with disabilities in poverty, so they can begin to invest in, and see a long-term quality, of life.

JULY God, we ask that You will help people living with

disabilities and in extreme poverty – that You'll help us to reach them with food, material aid, and life-changing surgery where it is needed.

AUGUST We praise You and we thank you for Your miracles of giving sight to the blind through doctors removing cataracts in the most impoverished areas of the world – so they can continue to work and provide a livelihood for their families.

SEPTEMBER We pray for Your intervention in the hearts of governments as we advocate for food aid, access to clean water and farming projects so that families will no longer face a daily battle with starvation.

OCTOBER We pray for a blessing over the seeds and livestock that will be given to help people

living with disabilities earn a livelihood. May every gift help families have more than enough in times of crisis and to earn an income.

NOVEMBER God, we ask you for the gift of seeds to come from this month's Gifts of Life catalogue so that a person living with a disability in poverty, will be able to plant, nurture and grow vegetables.

DECEMBER Lord, we thank you for sustaining weary workers in the field as they work hard to reach people living with disabilities with food aid and other support.

Satry is a Programme Manager within CBM Global's Country Office in Madagascar, and has been in the development field for more than 10 years. He believes that Jesus Christ is his Lord and tries to follow His steps.



Satry Ramaroson / Madagascar

"The one who loves us gives us an overwhelming victory in all these difficulties." - Romans 8:37

JANUARY At the beginning of this year, let us pray that all the populations affected by the humanitarian crises find comfort in Our Lord, and that our hearts be touched to have the love of sharing.

FEBRUARY Let us pray that all CBM Global Disability Inclusion staff around the world will continue to be joyful, and motivated in their work to help those most in need, especially people living with disabilities.

MARCH Deaf and hard of hearing people are among the most marginalized because of their invisible disability. Let us pray that their rights will be taken into account, and that their inclusion in society will be facilitated.

APRIL In this Autism Awareness-raising month, let us pray that people with autism spectrum disorders, and those with all forms of intellectual disabilities will be considered as full citizens, and that their families will be supported in their daily struggle.

MAY Let us pray for the Country Offices, that the teams on the ground will be strengthened in their mission to support the partners in the implementation of the actions planned in the programs and projects.

JUNE In this month of childhood, let's pray that all children living with disability around the world can find a smile, away from the difficulties of daily life, and especially that their rights as children are respected.

JULY Pray for the thematic teams that their knowledge and skills will be strengthened, and that they will have the opportunity to share them with the teams on the ground.

AUGUST Let us pray that our Lord will touch the hearts of all people of good will to support CBM's efforts in the fight to break the cycle of poverty and disability.

SEPTEMBER The United Nations is meeting during this month. Let us pray that the leaders of all nations can find common solutions to the various conflicts and wars in the world, which accentuate the phenomenon of poverty, causing even more disability.

OCTOBER Blind and visually impaired people are among

the most deprived in the world. Let us pray that their rights will be recognized and respected, and that they will be able to participate fully in the life of their families and communities.

NOVEMBER Let us pray for the entire CBM Board that the Holy Spirit will give them wisdom to put the interests of the most vulnerable people first in all decisions to be made.

DECEMBER In this last month of the year, and especially in this month when the world celebrates the World Day of Persons with Disabilities, let us pray that people living with disabilities will no longer be discriminated against, and that they will enjoy their rights and be able to use their full potential.

Hermie has worked at **cbm** New Zealand since 2010, and you've probably heard her warm voice answering the phone when you call our office. Hermie lives with her husband Des in Auckland. She is proud of her three children and adores her grandchildren.



Hermie Petersen / New Zealand

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." - Psalm 34:4-5

JANUARY As we face the new year, we thank God for His faithfulness over the past year. Pray for the country teams that they will do the work with energy and enthusiasm, and may we all strive to fulfil our common goals with love and respect for others.

FEBRUARY Pray our work can continue to ensure children with disabilities receive the support they need to be included in mainstream schools. Pray for all the children throughout Central Africa living with disabilities, may God comfort and encourage them to know they are not alone.

MARCH Pray we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us so that we can continue building our capacity and changing lives well into the future.

APRIL Thank God for achievements made in the past for people living with disabilities. Pray for more opportunities for us to play an effective role in helping them overcome remaining barriers.

MAY Praise God for all supporters of **cbm** who pray for and share with people living with disabilities. Ask that God will continue to shower His blessings on them, for their faithfulness and unwavering faith in **cbm's** work.

JUNE Give thanks for those who volunteer their time here in our office, to serve the most vulnerable people living with disabilities. They are a blessing to us, and to the people we serve.

JULY Pray for all the mothers around the world; pray in the poorest places, women will have access to the maternal health care they need to safely deliver their babies. Pray we might reach more women suffering from Obstetric Fistula to restore health, hope and dignity to them.

AUGUST Stigma against people living with mental illness is a worldwide problem. Pray for **cbm's** mental health projects, and for their success and expansion.

SEPTEMBER We ask that God keeps our families safe and strengthen us in His love. Please pray for our children and grandchildren, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

OCTOBER As we celebrated World Sight Day earlier this month, we pray for the millions of people living with preventable blindness, that they gain access to treatments that can improve their lives significantly.

NOVEMBER As we enter into a season of giving gifts, we pray God will encourage people to give a gift that will change a life forever from our Gift of Life catalogue, making a lasting impression on the lives of vulnerable people all over the world.

DECEMBER Give thanks for another year at **cbm**, and pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year. Pray for renewal in our lives as we seek to serve Him daily, and remember the blessing of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to humankind.

Melanie is the Programme Manager at the Network of Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities in PNG, and oversees the implementation of **cbm** projects, working tirelessly to reach, and give hope, to those who think there is no hope.



Melanie Palili / Papua New Guinea

"It is the spirit that quickened, the flesh profiteth nothing, the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." - John 6:63

JANUARY At the start of the new year, pray the work planned across all the Callan Network sites reach even more people with physical, hearing and visual impairment in PNG.

FEBRUARY Pray for the leadership of the Callan Network, to uphold transparency and accountability, and provide good examples for staff behaviour and management of services to children and adults living with disabilities.

MARCH Pray for God to bless the partnership between Callan and **cbm**, to continue the good work that started in PNG over 40 years ago.

APRIL Pray for the Callan Network Annual Partnership Conference, may it not be delayed by COVID-19.

MAY Pray for **cbm** staff in New Zealand who support our initiatives in PNG with funding and advice.

JUNE Pray for God's comfort for those who have lost loved ones, both in PNG and in the world, due to COVID-19.

JULY Pray that God will bless the Governments of New Zealand and Australia as they continue their support of Pacific nations for maintaining regional strategies for economics, law enforcement, aid, and social sectors.

AUGUST Pray that all people in PNG and the Pacific will focus on our Lord Jesus Christ to keep us safe.

SEPTEMBER Pray for the staff of the Network of Callan Services,

that they may have a new burst of energy to keep delivering quality services to children and adults living with disabilities.

OCTOBER Thank God for His guidance through the year and for keeping us safe and well.

NOVEMBER Pray for NGOs like **cbm** that bring funding to countries like PNG where our Governments are not able to meet the need of our population of almost 9 million people. May they be blessed and persevere.

DECEMBER Thank God for Jesus Christ, the baby born in the manger, the hope of the world in these pandemic uncertainties, He is Lord of lords and the King of kings. Amen.

Are you looking for a way to use your skills or stay active and engaged with the community? Why not join our friendly team of volunteers! Visit us at cbmnz.org.nz.



The miracle gift of sight. Benjamin can now see!

Through the faithful support of **cbm** Child Sponsors, 3-year-old Benjamin received sight-saving bilateral cataract surgery at the Mengo Eye Hospital in Uganda.

Generous supporters reflect God's love by helping children living with disabilities receive the vital support they need to live their lives as God intended.



In the Amhara Region of Ethiopia, Wlubnesh's sight was slowly fading, and deep in her heart she knew that without help disaster would eventually fall on her family, sinking them further into poverty.

Thanks to generous people like you, who helped pay for the vital eye surgery she needed to set her free from sight-stealing Trachoma, Wlubnesh's joy is now overflowing. No wonder she is so thankful and grateful!

Karen is the Pacific Regional Co-ordinator for **cbm** New Zealand. Her role is to communicate directly with our partners across the Pacific to support programme implementation and develop programmes for new opportunities.



Karen Jack / New Zealand

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

JANUARY As the staff of our **cbm** partners overseas start the new year, pray for clear thinking for planning of activities over the year ahead. Pray for safety for staff, and their families, as they return from holidays.

FEBRUARY Partnerships and working relationships based on empathy, trust and mutual respect are essential for the best outcomes in the communities. Pray for good communication as **cbm** accompany our partners on the journey.

MARCH Working with infants and children living with disabilities as early as possible, is really important to help them reach their full potential. Pray for community rehabilitation staff as they visit communities to find people in need and offer support.

APRIL Many people living in remote communities are simply unaware that some impairments can be reversed or managed. Pray for **cbm** partner staff as they visit families to raise awareness.

MAY Pray for the Principals and teachers at mainstream schools in Papua New Guinea, that they would accept children living with disabilities in their classrooms, just like every other child.

JUNE Many people who have developed cataracts do not know it is possible to have their sight restored. Pray for these people who remain inside their homes to hear the good news of cataract outreach clinics.

JULY Pray for children, with and without disabilities, at schools to form long-lasting friendships.

AUGUST Pray for **cbm** partners in Papua New Guinea to form connections with other services so that the client's living with disabilities can access the benefit of multiple health, education and livelihood services.

SEPTEMBER Pray for strong communities to cooperate and support one another, making them stronger and more resilient in the face of disease and natural emergencies.

OCTOBER As school children and trainee eye doctors prepare for their annual examinations, pray for concentration and motivation so that they may excel and move forward in their academic pursuits.

NOVEMBER Various personal situations can disrupt delivery

of quality rehabilitation services. Pray that people can still access support from **cbm** partners in times of need.

DECEMBER As the staff in Papua New Guinea wind up for the year, pray for endurance and blessings during this season of hope.



cbm staff / New Zealand

PRAY WITH US: Our close-knit team in New Zealand consists of full and part-time staff who feel humbled to work for this life-transforming organisation.

"But the wisdom from above is always pure, filled with peace, considerate and teachable. It is filled with love and never displays prejudice or hypocrisy in any form." - James 3:17

JANUARY As we step into 2022, we pray for children and families most at risk – especially those with disabilities who are living in drought-affected areas. May they be reached with urgent food assistance and access to a long-term food supply.

FEBRUARY God, we pray that more accessible, affordable and comprehensive eye care will be provided to people in need around the world.

MARCH We pray for mothers who have been impacted by traumatic births and conditions like Obstetric Fistula, that they will be reached quickly with quality medical care and support. And we ask that their babies are healthy and receive all the care they need.

APRIL We pray for the smooth distribution of aid such as towels, soap and sanitiser that assists thousands of people with hygiene in areas where people are at risk of Trachoma.

MAY Lord, we thank you for the strategic plans in place that will not only be a helping hand for people now who are caught in the cycle of poverty and disability – but that they will change lives for generations to come.

JUNE Jesus, please guide the hands of healthcare workers in frontline hospitals who are caring for vulnerable people with COVID-19. Thank you for their dedication and determination to help the sick.

JULY In the month that we celebrate the International Day of Friendship, we pray for Your

kindness to touch the hearts of influential people in powerful positions. Help them to stand up for the vulnerable and be champions for justice and inclusion.

AUGUST God, we pray that more accessible, affordable and comprehensive eye care will be provided to people in need around the world.

SEPTEMBER We pray for food aid and hygiene items to be kept safe in transit and to reach vulnerable people. Help us find those who cannot work, and who are in desperate need.

OCTOBER We pray for disability-inclusive equipment, books and other resources to reach more students, so they have what they need to receive an education and break free from poverty.

NOVEMBER We pray for more farming and business opportunities for families who are struggling so they have an ongoing supply of nutritious food.

DECEMBER We commit our eye care projects to you and pray you will bless them as we equip more eye surgeons to remove cataracts – so that thousands of people will be able to avoid needless blindness!

Nouanta is the manager for CBM Global's country office in Laos, and is widely acknowledged as a leading expert in Disability Rights. Nouanta lives in Vientiane Capital with his family.



Nouanta Latsavongxay / Laos

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13

JANUARY Pray that 2022 is a year of success and free of deadly diseases, and that God gives the gift of strength to all staff of CBM Global at the start of the year.

FEBRUARY Pray for CBM Global's safeguarding team. Their commitment and passion is significant to provide quality support to the country team and our partners.

MARCH Pray for donors and supporters who generously contribute to CBM Global's mission and work. Their love and sincerity is eternal and powerful.

APRIL Pray for CBM Global's partners around the globe. Their knowledge, skill and expertise is key to ensuring effective support to those in need.

MAY Pray for all Community Based Inclusive Development facilitators who work tirelessly, and eagerly, to support people living with disabilities and other vulnerable groups to access fundamental services in their communities.

JUNE Pray for God's encouragement to change the mindset and negative attitude towards people living with disabilities, and that disability inclusion will be constantly empowered by all.

JULY Pray for CBM Global's advocacy team to effectively support people living with disabilities, and their respective organizations, to be meaningfully engaged and involved in the process of UN High Level Political Forum.

AUGUST Pray for all CBM Global's staff and partners. We always honour those who work hard to combat the humanitarian crisis, and those who lost their lives for humanitarian causes.

SEPTEMBER Pray for peace in the world's conflicted areas. Pray for the appropriate protection of the most vulnerable groups living in their communities.

OCTOBER Pray for all children who experience mental health issues and who have severe disabilities. More effort by OPDs and local government will be made to address their daily barriers and to improve the quality of their lives.

NOVEMBER Pray for all the great achievements gained within the year by all CBM Global family

members. Their tremendous contribution and support will be blessed.

DECEMBER Pray for all people living with disabilities to be more visible and to be treated equally in the event of emergencies. Pray for their strong health and good mental health.

Adrian is the Program Manager for the CBM Indonesia Country Office. He has a passion for community development, and loves seeing the world become a better place for marginalised groups of people.



Adrian Brahma / Indonesia

*"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."
- Philippians 4:13*

JANUARY Thank you, Lord, for our vision to guide disability organisations in every endeavour so they can reach people with quality care. May we continue to glorify you through the work of our hands.

FEBRUARY We pray for ongoing support to be able to continue to provide healthcare with specialised services to the regions most needing it.

MARCH We pray for specialised services to give quality care to those who need it – and we pray for specialists who will be willing and diligent in serving humanity as an expression of Christ's love.

APRIL We ask for the provision of funding for the different projects sponsored by CBM. May this funding help improve

leadership skills and enable more life-changing programs to be developed.

MAY God, we pray that CBM and their partners will be pioneers at setting community health standards that are inclusive so that quality healthcare is given to every man, woman and child with disabilities.

JUNE We pray that all beneficiaries will experience an improvement in their quality of life and their communities as a whole from the transformative programs of CBM and its partners.

JULY We pray for safety for staff who risk their lives and journey into hard-to-reach areas. Let God be their protector as they go through the different camps.

AUGUST God, we pray for all supporters who have invested in CBM projects. May the work we do find favour in their sight so we can continue to extend support and relief to more people within our communities.

SEPTEMBER We pray that You will bless every supporter – each individual, family, corporation and other entity that is helping us put love into action. May God sustain them as they give so that underprivileged communities continue to grow.

OCTOBER We pray, Lord, that you will sustain resource mobilisers globally as they advocate and lobby for change. May God grant them wisdom and direct their paths in this season of great need.

NOVEMBER Today, we pray for good health for staff, and resilience in their work so they can provide needed care to people in physical and mental turmoil. May they receive strength from above to make a difference.

DECEMBER Heavenly Father, we pray for Godly leadership for CBM so that we can meet the needs of vulnerable people and share your love with them.

Pastor Nalason from the Malagasy Lutheran Church project manages the partnership with Platform of Federations of Persons with Disabilities. He cares for, and protects, the poor and the marginalized. He is married with a daughter.



Pastor Nalason / Madagascar

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficient in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8

JANUARY Jesus, we pray to you for the Holy Spirit to provide a new strategy for including people living with disabilities around the world and especially in Madagascar.

FEBRUARY God, we pray that you will protect the environment, especially in the face of climate change around the world. Take a special look at Madagascar during the hurricane season, so that people living with disabilities can also be looked after.

MARCH Jesus, we pray to you in the fight against insecurity in the world, and ask your help to guide the government as it strives for the peace of the people living in Madagascar.

APRIL Jesus, we pray that Easter will not only be a celebration,

but that we will imitate you and look after the poorest people living with disabilities in the world. Take a special look at Madagascar so that they feel free.

MAY God, we pray that we can do good work to help those who are unemployed. Take a special look at the work of people living with disabilities or their organizations around the world, especially in Madagascar, so that they can become independent.

JUNE Jesus, we pray that you look after all children around the world, especially children living with disabilities. Let them enjoy their rights and find joy as children.

JULY Jesus, we pray for your strength to see us through the next six months. Let's rekindle

our commitment to work, especially for people living with disabilities in Madagascar.

AUGUST God, we pray for you to guide parents in their preparation for the start of the new school year. Pay special attention to children living with disabilities in rural areas of Madagascar.

SEPTEMBER Jesus, bless this month as a global ecumenical union to end discrimination, exclusion and oppression. May CBM be at the forefront of this unity, especially in Madagascar.

OCTOBER Jesus, bless this month that people will change all their wrong views. May world leaders have a new vision and strategy to achieve the goal of sustainable development, especially in Madagascar.

NOVEMBER God, let everyone live the true gospel. Bless CBM who support evangelism through activities such as health, education, social, livelihood, employment, etc., so that there will be inclusion for people living with disabilities.

DECEMBER Jesus, we pray for you to end the year 2022 with joy. Enjoy the celebration in early December around the world for the people living with disabilities, especially in Madagascar. Let the new year 2023 be a time for us to take a special look at people living with disabilities.

Dr Garap works as an ophthalmologist and also as the senior ophthalmology lecturer at the University of Papua New Guinea, motivating and training new ophthalmologists to follow in her wake.



Dr Jambi Garap / Papua New Guinea

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." - Psalms 23: 1-6

JANUARY We thank God for seeing us through the pandemic in 2021. We continue to trust in Him to protect us and our families.

FEBRUARY We pray for a smooth start in all eye health programmes. From service delivery in the hospital, to outreach programs and training of all eye health workers.

MARCH This month the National Prevention of Blindness committee will meet to discuss, plan and advocate for eye health issues in the country. We pray for the wisdom of God to be upon all stakeholders including **cbm** and Callan Services as they continue to serve our community.

APRIL Community rehabilitation officers within the Callan Network travel into remote

villages to find people with cataracts. Pray for their safety, and for their strength and endurance.

MAY There is a big need for a boost in the human resources in eye health in PNG, especially ophthalmology training. We pray for funded positions in each hospital to take on a trainee eye doctor.

JUNE We pray that the need to wear glasses will be widely accepted and accessible by men and women equally, and that women and girls will not be stigmatised for wearing glasses.

JULY We pray that plans for the first optometry degree programme at the University of Papua New Guinea will gain momentum rapidly.

AUGUST We pray we can continue all cataract surgery outreaches without problems. We thank God for the support we get from the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority, with funding from **cbm**.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all the health workers across PNG, that they have strength, passion, and endurance to deliver health services across the country.

OCTOBER So many people do not know that their blindness from cataracts could be reversed with a simple operation. As we celebrate World Sight Day this month, pray for awareness on eye conditions and availability of treatment to increase.

NOVEMBER Thank the Lord for a successful year and for

the challenges that gave an opportunity to learn.

DECEMBER As each programme winds down and we review our impact for the year, we thank God for His divine help, care and protection. May God bless each person who contributed to His work in PNG. A very merry Christmas to ALL!

PRAY FOR PEOPLE LIVING

WITH DISABILITIES: Please pray for people with disabilities to feel God's love and provision in their lives..



Huawa & Danjuma / Nigeria

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." - Hebrews 6:10

JANUARY Lord, continue to sustain **cbm** partners in Papua New Guinea as we begin a new year. Keep them energised and motivated to work in Your name.

FEBRUARY We pray for people living with disabilities to be trained in the skills they need to earn an income and be contributing members of their societies.

MARCH On World Water Day, we pray for all people living with disabilities who are launching projects to access clean and safe drinking water. May God provide strength to carry on their work, especially in rural areas.

APRIL Father, we pray that all those living with disabilities may encounter kindness and assistance so they can live life to their fullest potential.

MAY We lift up those living with disabilities who experience discrimination or judgment. Just as Christ loves those who are looked down on in society, may we be a light to the lonely or forgotten.

JUNE We pray for schools where inclusive education is not properly funded. Help those teachers to remain committed to educating every student in their care with fairness, and may our work continue to expand for areas like these.

JULY We pray for children living with disabilities who have been abused or neglected. Lord, protect them and bring them help.

AUGUST Thank you, God, for the role of Organisations of People with Disabilities in fostering

social connection in remote areas of the Pacific. May they have continued access to government grants that support their efforts.

SEPTEMBER We pray that children living with disabilities in the poorest communities can participate in local sports, which play a great role in their inclusion in the community. May sport help create joyful connections.

OCTOBER Lord God, thank you for the difference that Organisations of People with Disabilities make in bringing change in rural communities.

NOVEMBER Lord, please guide every employee of **cbm's** partners in Papua New Guinea. Be their rock and comforter when they are low in spirit

and give them the strength to continue their journey.

DECEMBER We pray for all people living with disabilities. May they be fully included in society, enjoy their human rights, and achieve their full potential.

Bruce is an Engagement Manager for **cbm** New Zealand based in Canterbury. He is excited when Kiwi's give hope to those living in poverty with a disability. Bruce has worked in the charity sector, helping many in poverty overseas, for 24 years.



Bruce Morriss / New Zealand

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed." - Luke 4:18

JANUARY We pray today for those people receiving treatment in **cbm**-funded programmes. May both their treatment and healing go smoothly.

FEBRUARY Pray for the staff and Board of **cbm** New Zealand. May they continue to be guided by God in the decisions they make.

MARCH Today we pray for the Governments of those countries where **cbm** works. May their decisions assist, and not hinder, the programmes designed to help their people.

APRIL We pray for those who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 pandemic. God may You grant them peace and the strength to carry on.

MAY We give thanks for the support given by the New Zealand Government to those programmes that receive matching funds, enabling many more people in need to benefit.

JUNE Bless the partners of **cbm** New Zealand as they reach out to give renewed hope for a much-improved future for many people living in poverty with a disability. Keep their workers safe.

JULY Today we pray for the women in Nigeria recovering from life-changing Obstetric Fistula surgery provided by our partner there. May they know your presence, Lord, through the time of recovery.

AUGUST We pray for those Rohingya refugees living at

Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Lord guide our partner and the many health professionals staffing the vital "Therapy Corner" medical clinic.

SEPTEMBER We pray for the community outreach workers in Papua New Guinea. Keep them safe as they visit remote communities, and identify those needing cataract operations or disability assessment.

OCTOBER Today we pray for those ophthalmologists and surgical team members providing life-changing eye surgeries in Rwanda, Kenya and Papua New Guinea.

NOVEMBER For those families who have members living with disabilities, give them patience and courage as they give them the love they need.

DECEMBER Bless those living with a disability for whom "normal" is different to many of us. Help us to include them in our life's journey.

Hercules is the Country Director of CBM Philippines. He is passionate about improving the quality of life for people living with disabilities, and is working hard to ensure no one is left behind.



Hercules Paradian / Philippines

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes; naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me." - Matthew 25:35

JANUARY Lord, we pray for increased effectiveness to improve the lives of people living with disabilities, through and with them.

MARCH Almighty Father, bless and guide the country office as we start defining our long-term direction – in alignment with CBM's vision, mission, values and programmatic direction.

APRIL Loving God, give us the wisdom to design and implement projects that are relevant to the desires and needs of people living with disabilities.

MAY Lord, bless and guide us in the selection of the right partners – those partners who have a heart, a mind, and a hand that sincerely looks at the empowerment and uplifting of people living with disabilities.

JUNE Heavenly Father, bless and strengthen our staff as we guide, coach and mentor our partners and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities.

JULY Lord Jesus Christ, we pray you to continue to endow CBM and our partners with personnel and resources – so we have programs and projects to empower and provide services to people living with disabilities.

AUGUST Lord God, we pray that through our programs and projects, people living with disabilities will be empowered to push for policies and services that will give them their rights and improve their quality of life.

SEPTEMBER Lord Jesus, we pray that people living with disabilities in the country will unite and consolidate their

strengths to have a powerful voice – especially on matters that directly affect them.

OCTOBER God, our Father, we pray that you continue to bless, motivate and encourage all people living with disabilities – that there is love and compassion and hope, despite the challenges they face each and every day.

NOVEMBER Loving God, we pray that governments, and the general public, will continue to respect the rights of every human being, including people living with disabilities – so services are inclusive to all vulnerable sectors.

DECEMBER Loving Father, we pray to never lose sight of your vision, mission, values and goals, despite the challenges

– including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters and emergencies, that tend to slow down our work.

Samuel works at the CBM Country Office in Nigeria. He is very passionate about CBM's work after growing up with a friend living with a disability, which stirred up his passion to impact lives of people living with disabilities.



Samuel Nnanna / Nigeria

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:33

JANUARY We pray that the love of Christ be shared abroad in the heart of every staff member of CBM, to bring unity of purpose in actualizing the vision of the organisation.

MARCH We pray that God will protect every staff member of CBM working in hard to reach and volatile areas.

APRIL We pray that God will use our intervention to bring restoration and healing to our beneficiaries.

MAY We pray that the Nigerian government will be successful in ending insurgency and banditry in the not so distant future.

JUNE We pray for peace and unity among the leaders of Persons with Disabilities in Nigeria, so that their mandate

can be achieved as they collaborate with CBM in meeting the needs of Persons with Disabilities.

JULY We pray for commitment from the international community in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of having an inclusive world.

AUGUST We pray for effectiveness and efficiency of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities in Nigeria promoting disability inclusion.

SEPTEMBER We pray for the Executive Leadership Team for wisdom to stir the affairs of CBM following the examples of Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER We pray for member associations and their fund-

raising activities; for more openings so that more impact can be made in the lives of Persons with Disabilities.

NOVEMBER We pray for more innovations and creativity in the operations of CBM, so that more efficient and effective processes can be discovered and employed.

DECEMBER We pray for the salvation of souls for every staff member of CBM. So that we will truly live in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Would you like to know more about the people you're helping? By signing up to our eNewsletter you will receive monthly updates with reports on stories from the field. Sign up at cbmnz.org.nz

PRAY AT A TIME OF GREAT NEED: **cbm** Emergency Response Units prepare and respond to disaster situations, from supplying immediate food and medical needs, to longer-term interventions such as improving livelihoods and helping with reconstruction.

JANUARY We pray this year that people living with disabilities and other at-risk groups will be considered as a priority in disaster planning – and we ask that you'll give on-the-ground staff your favour as they advocate for this.

MARCH We ask God, that You equip and strengthen our workers as they risk their lives in areas of high conflict or natural disasters so they can reach vulnerable people in the most remote communities of the world.

MAY Thank you for strengthening the voices of people living with disabilities in the community, so they have a clear understanding of what to do in a disaster and how to prepare themselves.

JULY We pray that people living with disabilities, the elderly,

pregnant women and children are remembered in disaster preparation and community planning.

AUGUST We pray for the provision of more shelters that are easily accessible for people living with disabilities and other vulnerable people when disasters and crises hit.

OCTOBER We pray for wisdom for workers in the field as they aim to provide recovery and psychological rehabilitation to people recovering from trauma after violence, conflict or being displaced from their homes.

DECEMBER We pray for those who advocate for vulnerable groups of people by giving so generously to the work of **cbm**, may their generosity see outcomes that are multiplied.



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9

Our lives continue to be touched in some way by COVID-19. But we are fortunate to live in New Zealand, and enjoy a level of freedom. This is not the case for a growing number of countries, like our near neighbour Papua New Guinea, who are facing a significant humanitarian crisis on a scale never seen before.



"...invite the poor, the maimed, the disabled, the blind, and you will be blessed..." Jesus' words in Luke 14:13-14 are calling us to seek out and include those who are less fortunate, and as a valued **cbm** supporter, your loving kindness is doing just this!

Hauwa's eyes are forever blind, but the eyes of her 9-year-old nephew, Danjuma in Nigeria, are safe and bright. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, Danjuma will receive vital medicine to protect him from River Blindness (Onchocerciasis).



When Daka slowly became blind due to cataracts, she was utterly devastated to depend on others for absolutely everything. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, Daka received the miracle gift of sight at an outreach clinic in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

May you be encouraged:

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'" - 2 Corinthians 9:8-9

From all of us at **cbm** New Zealand, we pray a blessing over you and your loved ones for your faithful commitment in lifting up the ministry of **cbm** in prayer. Please pray for God's favor as we seek His guidance and wisdom with stewarding the great responsibility of helping those most in need. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to prayer. May you be filled with expectancy and joy in 2022!



Because of the loving kindness of people like you, Marie can smile again and 3-year-old Kellie can see! She will be able to go to school and gain an education. Because of people like you, she will have a brighter future.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE

Including **cbm** in your Will is a powerful legacy with life-changing and eternal impact.

Through your legacy gift you will continue to help change the lives of people living with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, is a generous act of love that can change a life forever.

If this is something you would like to prayerfully consider, you can find out more by calling our friendly team on **0800 77 22 64.**

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