

2023

PRAYER DIARY





Thank you for your prayers and support to help build 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 and his wife, Joy, with their young sons - Finn (aged 4) and Jamie (aged 1).

Cover: Ramsaran (aged 5) received bilateral clubfoot surgery at the **cbm**-partnered Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children in Nepal.

Kia ora Prayer Partner,

All over the world, transformation is happening in so many lives. The wonderful contributors to this Prayer Diary are each helping to make a difference, and by prayer and support of **cbm**, you are too!

God is faithful and is blessing **cbm**'s ministry. Please join us to pray for children and adults with disabilities, by using these prayers, thank yous, insights, and hopes for the world. These heartfelt prayers come from our partners, country offices, board members 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 and that you will stay strong. As it says in Romans 12:11-13 "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." 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.

As travel opens up, we can bring you more stories of the transformation you are bringing to people with disabilities in the world's poorest places. Whether it is sight restored, health returned, being able to provide for their families, or communities made resilient against big weather events – it is all so transformative for the people involved.

From my family to yours, 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 in 2023. Kia kaha tātou.

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 two sons.



Murray Sheard / New Zealand

DAY 1

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

JANUARY Let us open our year in prayer for all **cbm** partners and the organisations of people with disabilities that we co-design projects with. Let us all experience Whakapono (faith), Tūmanako (hope), and Aroha (love).

FEBRUARY We pray for, and thank, all of our inspiring and generous supporters today. Our God, please bless them with peace and all good things.

MARCH We give thanks for the staff of **cbm** New Zealand, and pray for Your continued guidance during these challenging times.

APRIL We pray for Seta and his team at the Pacific Disability Forum. May they know God's provision and love as they serve

many people with disabilities in far scattered islands across the ocean.

MAY We pray for all nations that are experiencing increased droughts and other effects of climate change. May **cbm's** programming teams have wisdom in preparing for, and responding to, disasters.

JUNE We pray for decision-makers at the NZ Government Aid Programme as they decide on the shape of future funding for **cbm** in Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, the Pacific and Laos.

JULY Our God, we thank you for children in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea who can now go to school because of accessibility modifications to

buildings, inclusive teaching materials, and training for teachers.

AUGUST We pray for the preparations across **cbm** to celebrate World Humanitarian Day later this month. Bless Christian and his team, leading CBM Global's humanitarian work.

SEPTEMBER We pray for **cbm** programmes in mental health, and for peace and restoration for the people they serve. Bless Julian and his team, leading CBM Global's mental health and psychosocial work.

OCTOBER We give thanks to God for the medical teams who perform orthopaedic surgeries to enable people with disabilities to move freely,

experience less pain, and participate fully in their families and community.

NOVEMBER We pray for our staff at **cbm** New Zealand, who are diligently processing gifts, as well as designing programmes, budgets, and fundraising ideas for the next year.

DECEMBER Please pray for the **cbm** New Zealand board meeting today. Let them make wise decisions for resourcing the work of **cbm** efficiently, and accountably, for our international partners and donors.

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 Jambí Garap / Papua New Guinea

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" - Ephesians 3:20-21

JANUARY Our God, we commit 2023 to You and trust that You will take Papua New Guinea eye health care issues, challenges and achievements, in Your care and be our constant help and guide.

FEBRUARY We pray that You will guide and meet the needs of parents, teachers and students in all levels of education in Papua New Guinea. We thank you for the small number of doctors training to become ophthalmologists, that they will show commitment and enthusiasm to their programme.

MARCH We give thanks to God for the Inclusive Eye Health Programmes in Papua New Guinea, the programme managers, workers and

outreach teams. We can do all things in You because You strengthen us.

APRIL We pray for joy when restoring the sight of people needlessly blind. Help us to do our duties diligently and to rejoice in You.

MAY We give thanks to God for the generous donors and partners, who continue to support eye health, low vision referral pathways, community inclusion of people with disabilities and low or vision impairment.

JUNE We pray God, that You would touch the heart of doctors out in the workforce in Papua New Guinea to have a desire to want to train to become an ophthalmologist.

JULY We give thanks to God, for the vision centres and optical workshops, and for the consistent supply of glasses for people who have refractive errors. We pray that all who need glasses are provided for.

AUGUST We pray for all programme managers of CBM, both international and local. Be with them and inspire them to lead the team.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all Eye Health workers as they attend the National Medical Symposium in West New Britain, Papua New Guinea. That their resolutions on the theme will help the government to deliver health services to the people of Papua New Guinea, and that eye health will be integrated into the health system.

OCTOBER We pray that all eye care stakeholders will celebrate World Sight Day in unity and increase awareness on eye conditions and availability of treatment.

NOVEMBER As the academic year ends, we pray for God's favour and mercy on all eye care training programs. And thank God for a successful year.

DECEMBER Dear God, our hearts are filled with praise for all that You have done for us in 2023. For Your sacrificial love, for sending Jesus our Lord to die on the cross for our sins. Wishing a very Merry Christmas to all CBM staff and supporters.

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



Chizoram / Nigeria

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil His promises to her!" - Luke 1:45

JANUARY Lord, we ask that this year our support provides more clean water, toilets and healthcare for the well-being and dignity of women in the poorest parts of the world.

FEBRUARY Lord, may You fulfil many girls' longing for wisdom and a better life. Bless them with a quality education, school supplies and assistive devices that support their goals.

MARCH We pray for the women who are holding their families together in the toughest of circumstances, and pray they are given the respect and opportunities that bring them joy.

APRIL We pray that in developing parts of the world women's voices will be listened to and respected – so that their

dreams, ideas and purposes will be supported and utilised in their communities.

MAY Lord, we thank you for creating women to be strong, kind, resourceful and resilient. May they know how much You love them and want good things for them.

JUNE Dear Lord, we pray for women and girls with disabilities to no longer face daily limitations or lack of opportunity – may cbm's work play a vital role in this.

JULY Father, today we pray that women in the poorest parts of the world are given new jobs and livelihood opportunities so they, and their families, are empowered with independence and abundance.

AUGUST We pray for women in the most impoverished areas of the world who are pregnant. Help cbm's partners to provide them with healthcare that ensures safe births, and prevents devastating conditions like obstetric fistula.

SEPTEMBER Dear Lord, we celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of women who nurture, teach, inspire and love their children and their communities.

OCTOBER Lord Jesus, we pray that You will bring peace in the midst of uncertainty. We pray for the safety and well-being of women who have been forced to flee their country with their families.

NOVEMBER Father, we come together and pray for the end of discrimination toward women and girls with disabilities to stop sexual and gender-based violence.

DECEMBER Lord, we thank you for the sight-saving surgery which will grant women and girls the opportunity to live the abundant life God intends.

Victoria David, from the Survive Fistula Healthcare Foundation, is a mother to five blessed children, and has a passion for humanitarian work and reaching out to others.



Victoria David / Nigeria

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."
- Romans 8:28

JANUARY We pray for a new beginning of great things and your unwavering provision. May Your peace wash over us as we step into a New Year. We pray for Your love and grace to provide for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

FEBRUARY We pray for God's divine direction in this New Year. We pray for discernment to hear Your voice, and we pray with an open heart and spirit, believing that You will meet us at our need.

MARCH We pray for wisdom to direct and manage affairs. Help us to make wise decisions that are for Your glory. We bring our decisions to You to be guided by Your wisdom in all things.

APRIL We pray for wisdom for the fundraising team. Give

them an openness to listen to the needs of our supporters, joyful spirits, and an eagerness to engage with others.

MAY We pray to God to show Himself mighty in all aspects. Let us feel Your Presence so that we know we are never truly alone. Remind us always that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for You.

JUNE We pray to God to crown all efforts made with success. Bless the work of our organisation to support the needs and rights of women and girls in Nigeria with special focus on prevention and management of Obstetric Fistula.

JULY We pray that God will bless abundantly and open

great doors in the second half of the year so that no woman or girl is left behind or at risk of preventable maternal death or disability.

AUGUST We pray God will reach out to all our beneficiaries and touch their lives.

SEPTEMBER We pray for new ideas for maternal health intervention, and greater impact through community education, understanding and practices.

OCTOBER We pray for peace all over the world. Move our hearts with the peace of Your Spirit as we care for ourselves and each other. Give our leaders wisdom that they may be inclusive of people with disabilities.

NOVEMBER We pray against every form of disastrous event that can destabilize our lives. Help governments invest in disaster risk reduction and preparedness training so their citizens, including people with disabilities, are less vulnerable during emergencies.

DECEMBER We pray God to end the year with good tidings. May we experience the Lord's abundant grace as He supplies our needs and gives us hearts that are fully secure in Him, delighting in His provision for all His workers as we lead the way in joyful generosity.

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



cbm staff / New Zealand

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13

JANUARY We pray for food insecurity and poverty to be eradicated with farming initiatives. Please give cbm workers in the field wisdom and strength, as they work with communities on these farming projects.

FEBRUARY We pray for an end to domestic violence in the poorest countries, particularly in families with disabilities and higher rates of abuse. We ask that attitudes in these homes be transformed.

MARCH We pray for governments and education systems to increase their focus on men, women and children living in extreme poverty with disabilities. We ask You to guide authorities to put in place programs and infrastructure that nurture the

health, education and livelihood opportunities of all people.

APRIL We pray for people who are in self-help groups, and rural and business training programs. Bless the creative ideas You have given them so that they flourish, and have secure sources of food and income.

MAY Thank you God, that here in New Zealand we have accessible healthcare. We pray that you will open the hearts of New Zealanders to the plight of others in the world who have barriers preventing access to crucial healthcare.

JUNE Lord, we thank you in advance for the needed funding to continue Your work in helping to prevent blindness through practical initiatives like

the building of toilets, and the provision of clean water and preventative medicines.

JULY We pray that more children with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world will no longer miss out on going to school to learn and play.

AUGUST Lord, we pray Your hand will be upon people who have been impacted by disasters like floods, earthquakes, and landslides. Thank you for equipping and guiding our workers in the field to reach them with life-saving assistance.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we pray against the cruel stigma people with disabilities are facing in the poorest parts of the world. May evil superstitions be eradicated and all people treated with

value, kindness and respect.

OCTOBER Father God, we ask today that You give cbm staff in the field wisdom, favour and strength as they give agriculture and business training to people with disabilities in the poorest parts of the world.

NOVEMBER We thank you for the provision of “Gifts of Life” such as goats and sustainable gardens, giving families incomes. Lord, bless their new ventures.

DECEMBER Lord, we thank you for our generous supporters who have been standing with us in prayer, and supporting people with disabilities and health conditions, in the poorest parts of the world. May You bless them, Lord, through this busy Christmas season.

Dorothy is from CBM Kenya. Her motivation to help people with disabilities is ensuring they receive their human rights and achieve their full potential.



Dorothy Obura / Kenya

"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 As we start this year dear Lord, we pray that You may continue to sustain the CBM Global family together. Provide energy and motivation as we strive towards creation of a better world for all.

FEBRUARY We pray for all women with disabilities experiencing challenges: discrimination, neglect, abuse, lack of psychosocial support - may You use us to give them hope of a better tomorrow.

MARCH Lord, we pray God that You may continue guiding our projects, staff, and everyone who supports our work so that we can achieve our goals.

APRIL Easter is here and everybody is celebrating. Dear Lord, remember people with

disabilities, especially in the poorest areas who may not have the means to celebrate due to one thing or the other, help us to bring hope to them.

MAY Dear Lord, many families in Kenya have been affected by drought, we pray that You may use us to provide support to these families, especially those with disabilities.

JUNE We pray for all children and adults at risk all over the world. May Your divine protection cover them and protect them from any form of abuse.

JULY Dear Father, we pray that with Your intervention, CBM Global may continue growing. May You bring in more resources to enable us to carry on and

sustain this worthy cause of empowering our beneficiaries.

AUGUST Lord, may You keep on opening avenues for all people with disabilities in various institutions of learning, and provide resources for them as they strive to gain the skills they need in order to earn a sustainable income.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we pray for CBM Global staff worldwide, may You give us the wisdom to develop and implement strategies and programmes that will positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

OCTOBER We thank you for giving each one of us unique gifts, skills and strengths that we use daily to ensure we achieve our vision and mission.

We thank you for doctors, nurses, teachers, care givers and all CBM Global partners.

NOVEMBER Heavenly Father, we pray for our funding partners whose contributions promote our work, may their resources continue to grow, increase their boundaries and supporters.

DECEMBER Having recently commemorated the annual International Day of Persons with disabilities, may You show us ways of ensuring that people with disabilities get to enjoy their human rights and their full potential.

Aikeo Koomanivong is the Director of Disability Service Center in Laos. Aikeo is a blind person, his wife has low-vision, and he has a lovely family with two daughters.



Aikeo Koomanivong / Laos

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

JANUARY May God bless all people from around the world, especially people who are engaged with the work of **cbm** New Zealand.

FEBRUARY We pray that New Zealanders had a blessed day on Waitangi Day, bringing harmony throughout the country.

MARCH To all women around the world, may God bless you. May their voices be recognised in development processes, and may women with disabilities have as equal an opportunity as those without disabilities.

APRIL We pray for the Laos new year and may God bless all people with disabilities.

MAY This month we celebrate International Workers' Day. May God protect all workers around the world, keeping them safe without accidents.

JUNE We pray for children this International Children's Day. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." - Psalm 127:3

JULY We pray for all CBM Global partners, who support the many countries around the world. May the projects successfully impact the lives of all people with disabilities.

AUGUST We pray for CBM Global's fundraising teams. May they be able to implement projects to help support people with disabilities to have a better life, to be respected, and to

have meaningful participation in their own communities.

SEPTEMBER We pray for the International Day of Peace. May God's blessing be on the world for happiness, peacefulness, and no hunger for all people.

OCTOBER We pray for the new school year in Laos. May God bless all children, with or without disabilities, to be able to access education with good equality.

NOVEMBER We pray for all Organisations of Persons with Disabilities. May God lead them to be a strong voice for their members with disabilities, and bless them to achieve the goal of being accepted and included in society.

DECEMBER May God support and bless all people with disabilities to have wonderful lives, get jobs, have better incomes, and fully participate and benefit from development work in their communities.

Eric Meda is a graduate in Management and also in Local Development and Management of Territorial Communities. Since 2018, he has enjoyed working as a Programme Officer to improve the lives of people with disabilities.



Eric Meda / Burkina Faso

"He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Luke 10:27

JANUARY Thank you Lord for this new year. May it be a year of health and peace in the world challenged by insecurity and health crises.

FEBRUARY We pray for Burkina Faso which is facing an unprecedented security crisis. May the Holy Spirit reconcile hearts for true peace and the return of internally displaced people to their respective localities.

MARCH On International woman's day, we pray for favour and grace so that no woman, especially a woman with disabilities, have to live with discrimination.

APRIL During Easter we pray to God of abundance and charity, to strengthen the generosity of

CBM Global's partners to allocate more financial resources for projects that improve the lives of people with disabilities.

MAY We pray to the Lord, to strengthen our partners for a better commitment in the implementation of projects that increase the empowerment and participation of people with disabilities in decisions that improve their living conditions.

JUNE We pray to the Lord that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, CBM Global and its partners discover happiness and self-fulfilment in serving people with disabilities.

JULY We pray for all organisations working in the field of disability and inclusion, for the Almighty to cultivate in them a sense of

belonging to the same family for harmonised projects for people with disabilities.

AUGUST We pray to the God of Providence who will know how to act for the contributors in this month of World Humanitarian Action Day for more international solidarity.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all people who are victims of discrimination, especially deaf and hard of hearing people who are claiming their rights this month, may God inspire decision-makers to pass laws that promote their development.

OCTOBER The world celebrates Mental Health Day and World Sight Day in October. We pray for all people who suffer from these disabilities, that the Lord may

favour their social integration so that they may achieve fulfilment.

NOVEMBER Let us ask the intercession of all the saints, particularly St Michael the Archangel, defender of the weak, to watch over the children and adults at risk who are daily exposed to abuse and violence.

DECEMBER Thanks to God for the graces received in this year 2023. May every person who has worked for the empowerment and participation of people with disabilities be rewarded beyond their expectations.

PRAY TO PREVENT AND TREAT

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



Maria / Papua New Guinea

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

JANUARY We pray You will continue to grow **cbm** programmes that prevent Neglected Tropical Diseases like River Blindness and Trachoma, such as the provision of clean water through wells and bores, the building of toilets, and hygiene education.

FEBRUARY We give thanks for the work of **cbm**'s partner eye hospitals, for the skill and the dedication of **cbm**-funded doctors, nurses and other staff, and for **cbm** supporters around the world who continue to make this life-changing ministry possible.

MARCH We come to You with every precious person who is living in fear and hopelessness because they are suffering from an eye condition. Comfort

them God, and please guide **cbm** field workers and partners to find them.

APRIL We pray for increased distribution of sight-saving medication in Nigeria, which breaks the life cycle of sight-stealing parasites that cause River Blindness.

MAY We pray for all people with treatable eye conditions. May **cbm**-funded health workers reach them quickly as well as with medication and treatments, love and support.

JUNE Bless every **cbm** supporter for their prayers, and their generous gifts which are treating cruel eye conditions like Trachoma, River Blindness and cataracts – and restoring sight to people with blindness.

JULY Thank you, Lord, for the strong men, women and children, who are learning how to prevent Trachoma through improved hygiene practices, and are speaking out about this in their communities to educate others.

AUGUST We pray to better support people with treatable eye conditions – to give them the healthcare they need, and opportunities for independence.

SEPTEMBER God, we ask that there be an abundance of glasses available in the world's poorest countries, so that people struggling to see will have their sight greatly improved.

OCTOBER We pray for **cbm**, and local partners for Your blessing

to go before them as they work to deliver sight-saving surgery to people who need it.

NOVEMBER Thank you, Jesus, for the continued training of **cbm**-funded health workers to identify eye conditions, and refer people to specialist **cbm**-funded doctors for surgery or other treatment.

DECEMBER May this be a bright Christmas for people with disabilities. We pray they will be included and valued in their communities.

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

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



Linabel Hadlee / New Zealand

DAY 10

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."
- Matthew 5:3

JANUARY We pray for families in Burkina Faso affected by ongoing conflict and violence. Dear Father heal the hearts of the families who have fled to displacement camps and keep them strong in Your love.

FEBRUARY We pray for the good heart of the community workers in Madagascar, overcoming obstacles to reach families with disabilities and support them throughout the years of drought and food crisis.

MARCH We pray for the ophthalmologists and medical staff in Zimbabwe and Papua New Guinea, may Your love continue to be the inspiration to bring sight back to people in need.

APRIL We pray for children with disabilities who are being

supported to access education in Papua New Guinea and Madagascar. Please send Your loving care to the other children around them, to welcome them and make new friendships.

MAY Dear Father, we ask for Your blessings for the refugees living in Cox Bazar for more than four years. Send them love and the strength to face their difficulties. We pray for encouragement for people receiving rehabilitation services.

JUNE We pray for Your blessing for the children in Nepal as they recover from treatment plans and orthopaedic surgeries. Guide their steps, and fill them with joy as they participate in life to its fullest.

JULY We pray for the **cbm** country teams in different parts of the world, so that together we can 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 all over the world to open their hearts to see the real value of people with disabilities, and that they welcome them in all aspects of community life.

SEPTEMBER We pray for Your blessings for the community-based inclusive development project in Laos. Send Your Holy Spirit to the team in the field and the participants in the rural communities; we pray that more people will build economic resilience.

OCTOBER **cbm** is working alongside organisations of persons with disabilities in the Pacific Region. Dear Father we pray for You to strengthen their initiatives so that they can advance social inclusion in their local communities.

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

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



Thanks to generous supporters for helping to give the miracle of sight to our near neighbours in Papua New Guinea!

One word sums up the fantastic results being achieved there - Huki!

Huki was a man lost in blindness, depression, hunger and loneliness - brought so low by two blinding disks in his eyes. But he received sight-saving cataract surgery at a cbm-funded clinic, giving him back a fresh start at life.



Mary received life-changing obstetric fistula surgery at the cbm-funded partner Survive Fistula Health Foundation in Nigeria.

After nearly 15 years of bodily waste leaking uncontrollably from Mary, her anguish turned to joy. "I am so thankful to God for the perfect work in healing me."

Thanks to generous supporters for being part of this perfect work, by sharing prayers and blessings with heartbroken mothers like Mary.

Marisa is the Country Director of the CBM office in Jakarta. She has been working at CBM for more than 17 years, keeping her commitment to transforming the lives of people with disabilities.



Marisa Kristianah / Indonesia

"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 Dear God, help the Indonesian country team, working in partnership with the disability movement, to break the cycle of poverty and disability.

FEBRUARY May God bless the Indonesian country team with faith and courage. Grant them wisdom and skill, and award them happiness in their family while pursuing inclusivity in the community and accessibility in public spaces for people with disabilities.

MARCH May God give strength and courage to the 24 million people with disabilities in Indonesia. Give them the support to voice their rights, and involve them in the decision making process that has an impact on their life.

APRIL We pray for wisdom to utilise the programmes we have developed, and to promote good practices for partner organisations to model.

MAY We give thanks to God for the strong foundation at our office, enabling us to increase our effectiveness and accountability in doing our work. May we be a good steward for our resources.

JUNE May God bless our work in strengthening eye health services and making them accessible to all people, including those with disabilities, so we can minimize avoidable blindness.

JULY Dear God, please help us to fight against the injustice of shackling, seclusion and the use of restraints, so people with

psychosocial disabilities may also enjoy their rights and have a better life.

AUGUST We pray for our work in providing entrepreneurship skills to youth (with and without disabilities), supporting the saving and loan scheme for the community, and enhancing independent living for people with disabilities, so that it can contribute to lessening poverty among people with disabilities.

SEPTEMBER Lord, may You bless our effort in ensuring no one is left behind in a disaster situation, so people with disabilities affected by the crisis can equally enjoy their rights to relief assistance.

OCTOBER God Almighty, give your blessings in realizing concession schemes and policy

for people with disabilities in Indonesia. Give faith to all Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to diligently petition their rights to the local government.

NOVEMBER Together we can do more. May our work inspire governments to practice and implement disability inclusive programmes and policies. God bless the inclusion advisory initiative in Indonesia, to be able to assist others to realize the rights of people with disabilities.

DECEMBER May God give His blessing to all individuals, organisations, and government programmes, that contribute to creating a better and inclusive world for all people with disabilities.

Evan is on the Board of **cbm** NZ. He has worked across the disability sector for over 30 years in NZ, South East Asia, and the Pacific. Evan lives in the South Island with his wife May. He plays wheelchair basketball and enjoys the outdoors.



Evan Clulee / New Zealand

"Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus." - Mark 10:49-50

JANUARY We thank the Lord for **cbm** child sponsors who help to eradicate poverty, and enable children with disabilities in developing nations to live full lives.

FEBRUARY We pray for children with disabilities across the Pacific Islands, that they would receive an education alongside their non-disabled brothers, sisters, cousins and friends.

MARCH We pray for the Ministry of Disabled People-Whaikaha in Aotearoa New Zealand, that their aim to place the voice of people with disabilities and their whānau (family) at the heart of decision making, will be fully realised.

APRIL Lord, may all our hearts be open to the needs of people with disabilities around us. May

we speak with them, listen, and learn about issues that affect the disability community.

MAY We pray that our church communities may be open and willing to join people with disabilities in seeing their rights fully realised, and people with disabilities fully included in society.

JUNE Pray for decision makers in Government that they would value the work of charities such as **cbm**, and continue to partner **cbm** with funds that support people with disabilities.

JULY We pray that each of us will be willing to join God in his work of seeing people with disabilities included, with their rights respected, needs met, and living full lives.

AUGUST We pray for **cbm** staff who make many sacrifices to serve our mission, working towards full inclusion of people with disabilities and seeing that the rights of people with disabilities are respected.

SEPTEMBER We thank God for the work of all advocates in **cbm**, as they bring to light the double disadvantage of disability and poverty across the globe, and advocate for inclusion.

OCTOBER We pray that the aims of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be fully realised: To ensure empowerment of women with disabilities, guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

NOVEMBER We thank God for the many eye surgeons, and medical teams partnering with **cbm** to bring inclusive eye health to people with disabilities living in developing nations.

DECEMBER We give thanks for the many **cbm** supporters whose generous giving enables the work of inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities to continue. May God bless them richly.

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



Michael Lulu / Papua New Guinea

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- John 15:5

JANUARY We pray for the new year to be successful for **cbm** New Zealand's partners, sub-partners and stakeholders in Papua New Guinea. May God empower and bless them all to work collaboratively with dedication and commitment.

FEBRUARY We pray for all people with disabilities in Papua New Guinea, that their rights and voice are heard by the new Government, and that they take part in the development of the country.

MARCH We pray for inclusion of all children with disabilities who are attending mainstream schools in Papua New Guinea. May the Lord bless them and show them the pathways to continue their education and graduate successfully.

APRIL We pray for New Zealanders and the New Zealand Government for their continuous support of the projects in Papua New Guinea. May God continue to bless them and open their hearts to give more donations in the year to come.

MAY We pray for peace and harmony to be present within the family unit so that children's rights are respected and protected. May God bless all children to live in a safe and caring environment.

JUNE We pray for the new Government in Papua New Guinea, to involve people with disabilities to participate in the development that benefits all. May God bless and inspire them to be compassionate leaders.

JULY We pray for leaders of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to perform their duties with dedication and wisdom. May the Lord inspire and bless them.

AUGUST We pray for the Inclusive Education Resource Centres in Papua New Guinea, so that they provide leadership and implement all the programmes and activities planned for 2023. May the good Lord bless them.

SEPTEMBER We pray for Papua New Guinea's Independence Day. May the good Lord give knowledge and understanding to the new members of the 11th Parliament so that they represent their people and provide basic services such as health and education.

OCTOBER We pray for the Inclusive Eye Health Project. May the Lord empower them so that they reach more people that have cataracts in rural areas.

NOVEMBER We pray for our lead **cbm** partner, Callan Services National Unit, that they are committed in doing their work, and for provisions to implement the programmes and specific activities successfully.

DECEMBER We pray and give thanks to all **cbm** partners, sub-partners and stakeholders, for their contribution in implementing all the programmes, and wish them a safe Christmas and a happy new year in 2024.

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



Samjhana Shah / Nepal

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

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

FEBRUARY May God bless all the giving hands in New Zealand for contributing to Nepal. May God touch them all with love and happiness.

MARCH Lord, show us the right direction and path that leads us to do better. We pray for all whom God inspires to donate to CBM's mission of working for people with disabilities, supporting them to make their life easier to live.

APRIL We pray for all CBM's staff, and partners staff, for their

involvement to continuously support advocacy and advisory work for people with disabilities in an inclusive way.

MAY We pray for all CBM fundraising teams to have a healthy and long life. May God give inspiration to support CBM's mission of working together for people with disabilities to reach more people in the year ahead with their joint effort and dedication.

JUNE God is Almighty, we pray for the good health and loving environment for all the people with disabilities in Nepal. May they continue to be supported, especially in emergency situations.

JULY We pray for strength and happiness for all CBM staff who

have been taking care of their own children with disabilities.

AUGUST We pray for the CBM Global senior leadership team's well-being, to protect them from the challenges they might face today. May God give them inspiration to work together for people with disabilities.

SEPTEMBER We 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 We pray for peace of mind and to calm the troubled hearts of people throughout the world, especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia. Give them strength and clarity of mind to find peace.

NOVEMBER We pray for all people to be given equality, with or without disability. May God give inspiration and power to raise their voices, in appropriate forums, for equal rights.

DECEMBER Happiness can't be counted, but can be reflected with a smile on one's face. We give thanks to all the kind souls, and numerous helping hands, for bringing a smile to someone's face who may not even know you.

PRAY FOR PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Please pray for adults and children, like Ramsaran, with disabilities in the world's poorest places.



Ramsaran / Nepal

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer..." - 1 Peter 3:12

JANUARY Lord, we ask that You raise up advocates with courage and wisdom to speak up for the rights of people living in poverty with a disability. As your Word says in Proverbs 31:8, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."

FEBRUARY Lord God, thank you for the big difference that Organisations of People with Disabilities make through advocacy, and educating their communities about disability inclusion. May they continue to empower all people to have healthy and independent lives.

MARCH Lord, we pray that lawmakers, and authorities, will not forget their most marginalised people, but will put them at the forefront

when making decisions, so that barriers excluding them from living healthy lives will be eradicated.

APRIL Lord, give wisdom to governments to put in place laws to end discrimination against people with disabilities, as well as protect their rights.

MAY Jesus, we know that You understand what it is like to be cast aside and excluded. Help us to stand against discrimination in our own communities, as well as in the most poverty stricken places in the world.

JUNE Lord, we pray for the most remote schools that desperately need funding and training in disability inclusion. Bless the teachers who are stretching their resources to support children who would

otherwise miss out on receiving an education, and help our work to expand and reach these schools.

JULY Lord, we pray You will be with **cbm's** workers on the ground and with **cbm's** local partners to ensure that all people, including those with disabilities, can access life-saving food and material aid.

AUGUST Just as Jesus loves people who are forgotten or cast aside in society, equip us, Lord, to share Your great love with people who are lonely and disadvantaged.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we ask that you bless every father this month, particularly those doing it tough, to provide for their families. Thank you also for

being our Heavenly Father who provides for our every need.

OCTOBER Lord, we ask that **cbm's** trained health workers and volunteers reach the most marginalised people to screen them for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

NOVEMBER God, we thank you for our generous supporters who are giving people with disabilities independence and confidence – by giving them business opportunities, training and access to self-help groups.

DECEMBER Lord, we lift up each person with disabilities to You. May You help us to bring them timely healthcare, the basic essentials, and opportunities to live purposeful, independent lives.

Philip is the Programme Officer responsible for the Community Based Inclusive Development and Mental Health programmes for CBM Nigeria's Country Office. He is passionate about promoting the rights and protection of the poor.



Philip Ode / Nigeria

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." - Matthew 7:12

JANUARY We give thanks to God for the year 2022, and pray for God's continuous love and protection upon all CBM's family and friends, donors, and beneficiaries through the new year.

FEBRUARY We pray for peaceful political transition in Nigeria, and the election into offices of dedicated and God-fearing people that will work to build a better Nigeria.

MARCH We pray that all people working for social justice, peace, and development all over the world, especially those within CBM and its partners, may experience the grace and mercy of God in their lives.

APRIL We pray for growth and development within CBM and

its partners, for more resources to be able to carry on and sustain the work that we do.

MAY We pray that all men, women and children experience the touch of Christ through the work that we do, and come to embrace Christ completely.

JUNE We pray for God's protection on children, and other vulnerable people, all over the world from abuse. May God also grant those who consciously or unconsciously violate them a contrite and repentant heart.

JULY We pray for the return of peace and normalcy to parts of the world ravaged by disasters, especially areas inundated by violence.

AUGUST We pray for harmony among the nations of the world so that sustainable growth and development can be pursued.

SEPTEMBER We pray for governments worldwide to give due attention to addressing the needs of the poor, neglected, and marginalized within their jurisdiction.

OCTOBER We pray for God's mercy upon the sick and the dying.

NOVEMBER We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DECEMBER We thank God for His love and protection through the year and pray for final perseverance.

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

PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN TIME OF CRISES: Your prayers are needed for countries facing hunger and starvation, experiencing the effects of drought, war, or natural disasters.



Liasoa / Madagascar

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."
- Psalm 23:4

JANUARY Lord, we ask that more community leaders and authorities include people with disabilities in decision-making before disasters happen, to ensure that their needs and safety are prioritised.

FEBRUARY We pray for your divine peace, God, in the parts of the world ravaged by war, revenge, and hostility.

MARCH Lord, today we pray for people who are living with trauma from violence and unrest all around them, that you would be their sanctuary, heal their bodies and heal their hearts.

APRIL Lord, we thank you for the preparedness and the quick care that vulnerable people are receiving when disasters strike, through the relationships **cbm**

has been building with local organisations on the ground.

MAY Thank you for people who are not held back by their disabilities, and can support others in their community with disabilities to be prepared, and safe, when disasters like floods and cyclones hit.

JUNE God, please give **cbm** teams wisdom as they look at their finances coming up to the end of the financial year. May You put on our hearts also what You want us to give to better the lives of Your most vulnerable children.

JULY We give thanks to God, for the **cbm**-supported Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction work ensuring people with disabilities are not left behind during disaster.

AUGUST We pray that in floods, cyclones and other disasters, fear and chaos will not stop communities from enacting their disaster plans, and caring for people with disabilities.

SEPTEMBER Lord, this month we pray for humanitarian aid packages, from the Gifts of Life catalogue, will make a powerful impact on families facing disasters. Guide **cbm** workers and **cbm** partners as they distribute these packages.

OCTOBER We pray that world leaders, and the UN, will listen to the needs of people with disabilities in disaster-prone areas. May they have wisdom and compassion.

NOVEMBER God, we ask that **cbm** leaders have Your wisdom

when they are planning logistics in response to disasters, such as deciding where to distribute food aid packages, healthcare, and other assistance on the ground.

DECEMBER Thank you, Lord, for the many inspiring beneficiaries who are sharing what they have and passing on skills and encouragement in the midst of disasters like floods.

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



Jane Edge / Australia

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?"
- James 2:14

JANUARY God, we ask that You give governments and community leaders wisdom to be prompted by You, and ensure that policies, facilities, services and schools are inclusive for people with disabilities.

FEBRUARY God, thank you that every human being has something to bring to humanity, regardless of their strengths and weaknesses.

MARCH We pray for people of influence such as church leaders, teachers and other community leaders. Help them to seek out and listen to the voices of the vulnerable so their needs are heard and acted upon.

APRIL We pray You will raise up more people with disabilities so

they can become role models in their community. May they show others how they can be independent and have their own businesses.

MAY We pray for the financial provision that will help CBM partners to distribute plentiful supplies of medication to people living in areas prone to River Blindness.

JUNE God, we pray more people with disabilities, and their families, will have access to agricultural or vocational training. Lord, bless the work of their hands so they have flourishing livelihoods, abundance and independence.

JULY We pray You will guide the hands of surgeons as they remove cataracts, treat

glaucoma, and correct obstetric fistula.

AUGUST We thank you for the Miracles of sight being provided this month by our faithful supporters. Father, we pray each patient will have a smooth recovery.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we pray for community leaders and churches who are preparing for disasters such as storms, floods and earthquakes. Help them to listen to the needs of the vulnerable so no one is forgotten during disasters.

OCTOBER God, we pray for the provision of books, educational materials and disability-inclusive materials in schools so that all children have the opportunity to have an education and thrive.

NOVEMBER Lord, we thank you for every "Gifts of Life", such as chickens, that will reach families in most need this month. May they provide an ongoing supply of eggs and much-needed income to people with disabilities.

DECEMBER We pray for the provision of assistive devices such as eyeglasses, wheelchairs and prosthetics, to reach vulnerable people. May these assistive devices help them with mobility, and inclusion, as well as give them connection with others.

Brother Desmond Taboeya is the Eye Care Coordinator for cbm-partner, the Network of Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities in Papua New Guinea. He works with the Goroka Eye Unit and Callan Optical Services to coordinate surgical eye clinics.



Br Desmond / Papua New Guinea

"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." - Luke 21:3-4

JANUARY Lord, make me an instrument of peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy.

FEBRUARY Lord, give us the grace to be compassionate to our fellow brothers and sisters and share the love You have shown to us.

MARCH Grant us the understanding and knowledge of truth about the care of our mother earth, our beautiful home and embrace her goodness that gives life to all.

APRIL Lord give us the grace to recognise God in our families, at work and in our communities. Give us the sight to see and

the energy to continue this wonderful ministry we are entrusted to do.

MAY Grant us, Lord, the good attitudes and understanding of our frailness and allow us to see our brokenness and diversity.

JUNE Instil in us the desire and spirit to serve Jesus the crucified in every person who is marginalised, for whatever reason; to see the Lord in every excluded person who is hungry, thirsty and naked.

JULY Increase our faith and open our hearts and eyes to see the Lord present, even in those who have lost their faith or turned away from the practise of their faith.

AUGUST Anoint us with Your divine grace and direction to reach out to the imprisoned, the sick, the unfortunate, and the persecuted.

SEPTEMBER Bestow in us Your merciful and divine grace to the law breakers and people who have been discriminated against in society, may You give them strength and hope.

OCTOBER Lord, give us the courage to embrace the outcasts and people who feel they are unworthy, bring them into Your loving presence through the people You entrusted to their care.

NOVEMBER Lord, grant us Your grace and zeal to continue Your ministry in eye care and to respect and take good care

of the environment, and our brothers and sisters, as You have taught us to do.

DECEMBER Creator God, help us to grow in love and to bring, and show this love in word and deed, to humanity and the whole of creation. We commit all our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ekaete Umoh is the Country Director at CBM Nigeria. Her passion for CBM's work is driven by its sincerity of authentic partnership within the disability movement.



Ekaete Umoh / Nigeria

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" - Psalm 91:1-2

JANUARY We thank Jesus for new beginnings. We declare that this year shall bring forth immeasurable blessings, and may Your everlasting light shine upon us and never depart from us. We pray that this year CBM Global will make more impact in Jesus' name.

FEBRUARY Lord Jesus, we ask for Your divine direction in our lives, we pray that our steps are divinely ordered by God in all endeavours of our lives this month and forever.

MARCH Dear Father, let our lives begin to receive transformation as we draw closer to You and help us to become Christ-like in our actions and thoughts.

APRIL Father, thank you that we can call You Father. What an amazing gift that we don't

deserve. You never fail us; You always love us. Thank you, Lord. The purpose of Your death and resurrection will not be defeated in our lives.

MAY We decree that because Christ lives, our tomorrow is secured, we reject every spirit of fear and doubt. We know that God is mindful of us, and the angels of God surround and defend us.

JUNE We pray today for all who are sick, and we give thanks to God for their total healing and restoration.

JULY Father Lord, create in us a heart brimming over with love, compassion, and kindness for others. Help us to love and forgive others like Christ does us.

AUGUST Father, renew our minds so that we know what You are calling us to do. Help us to do the right thing rather than seek the world's accepted norms. Remind us of who we are and our purpose.

SEPTEMBER We thank our Lord for the gift of life and for always keeping Your angels watching over us. You are our God and there is none like You.

OCTOBER Dear Lord, we pray for everyone out there who is in a dark place. We pray for the joy of the Lord upon them. May it strengthen them.

NOVEMBER Father, teach us to have faith without complaining and murmuring. When we face trials that are beyond us, help us to find peace and cast all our

burdens on You. Help us to be faithful in prayers.

DECEMBER We thank our everlasting King for the gift of His son who continuously brings joy to the world. We thank God for the mercies that are new every morning. We worship and adore You.



Through the faithful support of cbm Child Sponsors, 11-year-old Naresh received the dignity and joy of a life-changing prosthetic limb. His family could never afford to do this, but cbm Child Sponsors, have made it possible. Naresh will be able to go to school, learn a trade, and gain independence. He will have a brighter future.

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



In Nigeria, Sha-Atu faced a lifetime of agony and blindness because she was infected with Trachoma, but the cbm-funded programme has helped keep her and her family S.A.F.E.

S.A.F.E. stands for Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness and Environment (clean water for sanitation). Thanks to generous people like you, Sha-Atu has been blessed with all these things.

"I'm so happy," says Sha-Atu. "I can only say thank you!"

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

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

JANUARY We pray for staff of all **cbm** partners across the world, that they will find rest and clarity as they make plans for the year ahead.

FEBRUARY We pray for all of the teachers at the Model Inclusion Schools in Papua New Guinea, that they will welcome the children with disabilities and make them feel included.

MARCH We praise the Lord for giving us His beautiful creation to live in. May we reconnect with its beauty today.

APRIL We thank our God for speaking to us when we most need it. May **cbm** hear His voice to guide all that we do.

MAY We pray today for strength and endurance for the community rehabilitation

officers that travel to remote communities to reach children and adults with disabilities in Papua New Guinea who need assistive devices and support.

JUNE We ask the Lord to give wisdom and creative ideas for community rehabilitation officers to find people in need of sight-saving services and invite them to outreach clinics.

JULY We give thanks to our Lord that He is always there for us, and we pray for people with disabilities who may feel excluded and alone.

AUGUST We bring to mind all the family members of children and adults with disabilities, and ask the Lord to bless them for all the love and care they demonstrate every day.

SEPTEMBER We pray to God to restore our hearts and souls as we remember people we have loved and lost.

OCTOBER We give thanks for staff working at **cbm** partners around the world. He has given each one of us special strengths and abilities that we may bless people around us with.

NOVEMBER As people in the Pacific prepare for the cyclone season, we pray for collaborative working relationships between Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and humanitarian organisations.

DECEMBER We ask the Lord to give us calm and peace amongst the often busiest time of year.

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.

Oudom Soulimoungkhoun is a project manager at the Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement. Oudom lives in Luang Prabang with his wife and newborn son.



Oudom Soulimoungkhoun / Laos

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...” - Galatians 5:22

JANUARY May God bless all the people who we serve and work along side, and also our generous supporters. May they have a happy new year.

FEBRUARY We pray for all the staff in **cbm** New Zealand. May they be happy, joyful, healthy and loved.

MARCH We pray for all women with disabilities around the world, to have strength, freedom, protection from discrimination, and to achieve gender equality.

APRIL We pray for our partners, project beneficiaries and CBM Global, may all projects achieve the desired objectives and goals.

MAY We pray for people with psychosocial disabilities and

mental illness for their dignity, rights, access to services and return to being productive community members.

JUNE We pray for all children with disabilities around the world, for their rights and interests to be protected. May they be safe from violence, abuse, and exploitation.

JULY We pray for people with visual impairment, may they have access to education, information, and find employment. May God bless and love them.

AUGUST May God bless all people in the community we serve, recovering from the impact of COVID-19. May they recover mentally, physically, and economically.

SEPTEMBER We pray for the project teams as they have been working hard with CBM Laos, New Zealand and Global. We pray for their patience, trust, goodwill, and support to the project team.

OCTOBER We pray for the continued operation of our project in Laos. Thank you, Lord, for all that You do, and we pray for effective project management and activity implementation to help people with disabilities.

NOVEMBER We pray for all people in the community, including people with disabilities, having a fruitful harvest of their rice and crops. We pray for people supporting the livelihood activities in the field.

DECEMBER We pray for all people with disabilities as we mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. We pray for CBM Global and New Zealand, and all stakeholders who generously support all the programmes in Laos.

Gayatra Dotel is a Social Mobilizer at the **cbm**-partnered Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Nepal. Having a disability himself, he loves working for people with disabilities.



Gayatra Dotel / Nepal

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."
- Psalm 107:1*

JANUARY Today is a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes or failures we may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad, and give thanks for a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that You want me to be.

FEBRUARY God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

MARCH God, we want to give You every minute of this year. We shall try to keep You in mind every moment of our waking hours.

APRIL We pray for the HRDC team, for strength and energy to continue serving the many children with disabilities.

MAY We pray for the CBM Global team and the wonderful, strong partnership ahead. We pray that many more people with disabilities will be reached with the joint effort and dedication.

JUNE Father in Heaven, we stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant us strength to power through all of the tasks today - whether little or big. It is by Your will that we live oh Lord.

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

AUGUST We pray for God to be with us at work today. Let us be led by Your words, oh Lord,

and be our rock and fortress to protect us from any challenges that may be faced. Lord, guide our actions and allow us great success.

SEPTEMBER This month commemorates when Friends of the Disabled was started in Nepal, and it has been 38 years of service to children with physical disabilities. We pray for all HRDC staff for the continuation of services to children in need.

OCTOBER Lord, grant us wisdom, and courage as we go through this day. When we are tempted to give up, help us to keep going. Grant us a cheerful spirit when things don't go our way. And give us the courage to do whatever needs to be done.

NOVEMBER Lord, You're our pillar of support and we want You to support us throughout the day. God, we need You to back all actions and decisions that surround us today. Let positivity follow us. And allow us the wisdom to avoid any negative occurrence in our time of need. We thank You, Lord, for gracing us with Your presence.

DECEMBER God, help us love the life we live right now. Show us the good things we often overlook and help us be content with what we have. Forgive us when we compare ourselves to others, forgive us for longing for things outside of You and Your Kingdom. Thank you for helping us keep our eyes on You.

Delfi Aruan works for CBM Indonesia. She is grateful for opportunities to grow in person, and in her profession, as an agent for disability inclusion in a multicultural society.



Delfi Aruan / Indonesia

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
- Psalm 119:105*

JANUARY We pray that in this new year, we can imitate Christ in all He has done for people in need, especially for people with disabilities.

FEBRUARY 2023 is the first year of the second Country Strategic Plan. Let's pray for the plans to be implemented successfully and that success will start from the annual meeting giving clear directions throughout the year.

MARCH We pray for the Indonesian finance team, that they can work together effectively to fulfill the annual finance report on time.

APRIL We pray our CBM partners can achieve the objectives of the project entrusted to them, and create disability inclusion in their own projects.

MAY This month we pray for mothers around the world, that they always be of healthy body and soul. We pray that they enjoy whatever they do, every single day.

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

JULY We pray for the health of children with special needs, such as children with disabilities, children living on the street, and children living in an orphanage. May God always be with them.

AUGUST As we celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day, we pray for people in need - their mental well-being, freedom

from fear, injustice, ignorance, marginalisation and stigma.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all families around the world to be joyful, enthusiastic and peaceful, regardless of the situation they are in, and to always have hope for the future.

OCTOBER We pray for the generous donors who support CBM wherever they are. We thank God for their kindness. May God give them everything they need to live according to God's will, and may He protect them and their families wherever they go.

NOVEMBER We pray for fathers around the world, may they always show love and kindness to their children. And may they be a companion for the spiritual growth in their children.

DECEMBER We thank God for His preservation to all of us throughout this year. Thank you for the cooperation, coordination and collaboration between staff and volunteers. May God open more channels to CBM Global Indonesia as His instrument to reach more people in need.

Elish Samuel works for the cbm-partnered HANDS (Health and Development Support Programme). He lives in Jos with his wife and their four children.



Elish Samuel / Nigeria

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
- 1 Peter 4:10

JANUAR We thank God for the achievements made in our projects in 2022. We pray for God's abundant blessings, protection, provision and success in the implementation of our activities in 2023.

FEBRUARY We pray for the success of the forth coming general election in Nigeria, that through God's wisdom, credible leaders will be elected to work for the progress and stability of the country.

MARCH We pray for our generous donors and all those who have supported our programme, and also pray for more funding opportunities for the sustainability of the projects.

APRIL We pray for the board and management of HANDS,

for God's wisdom and guidance as they lead the organization to achieve its goals and objectives. We also pray for God's protection for staff working in security risk areas.

MAY We pray for HANDS and its partners for a harmonious working relationship towards the sustainability of the Neglected Tropical Disease programme.

JUNE We pray for the security situation in Nigeria, may all people be safe in God's protection.

JULY We pray for the fund-raising efforts in HANDS, particularly for the actualization of the proposed retreat centre for the sustainability of the programme.

AUGUST We trust in God for the continuous donation from medication agencies, through the provision and timely accessibility of some of the medicine used for the interventions in our communities.

SEPTEMBER We pray for our staff as they plan for the collection and collation of data from the field for reporting to our donors.

OCTOBER We pray for the government and other agencies, for improved service delivery for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all their programmes, for better quality of life.

NOVEMBER We pray for the release of funds from all

HANDS supported states for continuous intervention of the programmes.

DECEMBER We pray and thank God for overcoming the challenges of the year 2023 and also pray for a successful meeting of the Board and Management of HANDS.

Bruce is an Engagement Manager for **cbm** New Zealand based in Canterbury. He is excited when Kiwi's give hope to people in poverty with a disability. Bruce has worked in the charity sector for 25 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 Loving God, You know all our needs. Be especially with people in Madagascar suffering from the world's first climate-induced famine. Guide **cbm's** partner as they distribute essential food supplies to the many families in need.

FEBRUARY Lord bless the partners of **cbm** NZ, both staff and volunteers, as they provide renewed hope for a better future for people in poverty with a disability. Keep them safe as they carry out their work.

MARCH Lord we pray that Your Holy Spirit will continue to ensure people in need of help from **cbm** hear of the life-changing programmes. May both their treatment and recovery go smoothly.

APRIL We pray for the inclusive education programme in Papua New Guinea, that children with disabilities will be made welcome in classrooms, be adequately supported, and get the education they need to learn and excel.

MAY Today we especially pray for the staff and Board of **cbm** NZ. May they continue to seek the will of Your Holy Spirit in the decisions they make.

JUNE Heavenly Father, we pray for the community outreach workers in Papua New Guinea. Keep them safe as they travel to remote communities and identify people needing cataract operations or disability assessment.

JULY Today we take time to pray for the surgical teams and ophthalmologists providing life-changing eye surgeries in places like Papua New Guinea, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. Also for those studying to become future team members.

AUGUST Today we pray for women in Nigeria receiving life-changing obstetric fistula surgery provided by our partner there. May they really know Your presence, Lord, throughout their treatment and ongoing after-care.

SEPTEMBER We remember the one in seven families in the world who have a child with a disability. Lord, bless them with the patience, courage and strength they need to love and support and their special child.

OCTOBER Gracious God we give thanks for the continued support given to **cbm** by the NZ Government to programmes that receive matching funds, enabling **cbm** to bless so many people who need vital care.

NOVEMBER Today we pray for Rohingya refugees living at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Lord, continue to guide our partner and the many health professionals staffing the vital "Therapy Corner" medical clinic.

DECEMBER Let us pray for **cbm** staff, partner staff and volunteers as they wind up for the year. May they be encouraged by the successes, enjoy a well-earned break, and return refreshed in 2024.

Priscilla Kare, from cbm-partnered Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities National Unit, has 22 years experience is leadership and management in non-government organizations.



Priscilla Kare / Papua New Guinea

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.” - John 6:63

JANUARY We pray that God will bless all CBM Projects that help people with disabilities, so that they can obtain health, protection and mercy wherever they are in the World.

FEBRUARY We pray for Callan Leadership and Management to ensure transparency and accountability are maintained so that they are able to manage CBM Projects well.

MARCH We pray for God to bless the partnership of Callan and CBM to continue the good work that it is currently doing in Papua New Guinea.

APRIL We pray for the Leadership Team of CBM Global, and all its partners including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs New Zealand, and also in Germany, Australia,

etc, for their generous support of children with disabilities everywhere.

MAY We pray for CBM Staff and the NZ Project Team that work hard to get funding, including providing advice to manage projects aimed at improving lives of people with disabilities in Papua New Guinea through Callan Services Network.

JUNE We pray and thank God for His faithfulness and His comfort during the time of COVID 19, and also for freeing the world from all kinds of diseases.

JULY We pray that God will bless New Zealand and Australia for their support to the Pacific Countries in maintaining regional strategy both in economics, law enforcement,

aid, and other support in terms of personnel/manpower providing help in social sectors in the Pacific.

AUGUST We pray that all people in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific will focus on the God of our Lord Jesus Christ and keep us safe from the harms of this world.

SEPTEMBER We pray for Callan Services Annual Conference to be held, as it was not previously hosted due to COVID-19.

OCTOBER We thank God for bringing us through the year safe and well.

NOVEMBER We pray for God's blessings for CBM New Zealand, and their generous supporters, who help sustain the work of people with disabilities in

Papua New Guinea.

DECEMBER We thank God for Jesus Christ, the baby born in the manger, the hope of the world in these pandemic uncertainties, natural disasters, and man-made disasters. He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Amen.

Dr Sunday is an Obstetric Fistula Surgeon at CBM's field partner, ECWA Evangel VVF Centre, in Nigeria, which provides nearly 600 obstetric fistula surgeries each year in Jos, and several other outreach sites.



Dr Sunday Lengmang / Nigeria

"Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him."
- Psalm 28:6-7

JANUARY We pray the year 2023 will be a year of expansion and diverse breakthroughs. May God's hand be upon all our endeavours.

FEBRUARY We pray for the Management and Board of ECWA. May God bless them with wisdom, vision and favour with our donors and partners.

MARCH We pray for peace in the troubled areas of our country, Nigeria, and for the protection of our beneficiaries and partners.

APRIL We pray for our donors and the fundraising team of all member associations, that their heart, skill, passion and commitment towards the work will remain strong.

MAY We pray for the ECWA Evangel VVF Centre project team who are talented and quite passionate, that they excel in health, and that their love for beneficiaries and their efforts will be blessed.

JUNE We pray for the staff of the ECWA Evangel VVF Centre, that our commitment in caring and serving our beneficiaries will grow and our results will be apparent to all.

JULY We pray that our results within our CBM partnership shall be an inspiration to other organisations. The ECWA Evangel VVF Centre shall be a pace-setter for successful, previously deemed in-operable, obstetric fistula surgeries.

AUGUST We pray that our relationship with our generous donors will be blessed and will blossom for more effective and efficient operations.

SEPTEMBER We pray that God will grant our good desires to reach all people suffering from obstetric fistula, including people with other disabilities, with adequate and timely care.

OCTOBER We pray for all ECWA Evangel VVF Centre staff: managers, programme officers, administrators and aides, that they receive wisdom to execute their tasks with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

NOVEMBER 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.

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.

Edwin Osundwa is the Country Director at CBM Kenya. He enjoys working with people from different backgrounds as they come together to pursue their individual and collective dreams to realize their full potential.



Edwin Osundwa / Kenya

“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” - Deuteronomy 31:6

JANUARY Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of life. As we start the year, we pray that You would guide us in ways that bring honour to You, and peace and restoration to our beneficiaries.

MARCH We pray for the successful Easter celebration next month as Christians all over the world remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. We pray that we may also put a smile on the faces of people with various disabilities, and assure them of God's love for them.

APRIL We pray for caregivers, and families who live with people with disabilities. We pray that God gives them grace, patience, and hope, as they encounter various challenges, and that the families might

be great examples to the communities in which they live.

MAY Almighty Father, we pray for families with disabilities in Kenya who are affected by extended drought, may You provide more resources to support them.

JUNE We thank God for giving CBM Global the vision to meaningfully allow participation of people with disabilities in important decision-making i.e. during project design and implementation, and to also take part in monitoring and evaluation.

JULY Heavenly Father, we commit people with disabilities all over the world who are struggling. Help their parents, neighbours, and caregivers, by endowing them with love

and perseverance as they work towards achieving their full potential.

AUGUST As Kenyans prepare for the general election, we pray for a peaceful election process and that all people with disabilities will have a peaceful process and a good environment to exercise their rights.

SEPTEMBER We thank the Almighty Father for making us instruments of His helping hand. May our efforts extend to make this world inclusive, bringing peace and prosperity to our workplaces, beneficiaries, and the communities at large.

OCTOBER We pray that God gives guidance to CBM Global, to support the creation of an inclusive world in which all people with disabilities enjoy

their human rights and achieve their full potential, and give us wisdom as we fight to end the cycle of poverty and disability.

NOVEMBER Almighty Father, we pray for Organisations of Persons with Disabilities worldwide, God guide them in the work that they do, furnish them with wisdom, knowledge, skills, and the strength to continuously represent the voices and issues of people with disabilities.

DECEMBER We thank God for His protection during this year. We pray for blessings to be fairly shared in the coming year among people with and without disabilities. Protect them and provide them with resources as we continue to strive for a better life for all.

Bimal Paudel is a Programme Officer at CBM Nepal. As a person who has a disability, he appreciates the efforts and benefits CBM is making to improve disability inclusion.



Bimal Paudel / Nepal

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."
- Psalm 136:1

JANUARY God, we pray for the sake of all people with disabilities and their families throughout the world. Give them Your mind, and surround them with Godly counselors who will exercise integrity and work for justice, morality and freedom.

MARCH We pray for all kind-hearted people and supportive hands across the world. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much for being there for us and our communities.

APRIL We pray for the proper rehabilitation, integration and inclusion of people with disabilities to their own communities.

MAY We thank God 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, whoever You lead us to.

JUNE Hear our prayers for people who are affected by floods, landslides and other crisis: strengthen them in their hour of need, and grant them courage to face the future.

JULY We thank God for the blessing of children and we pray for them to be kept under Your loving and watchful eye.

AUGUST God, you guide us and teach us. Help us to partner with You as we use Your word for the betterment of people with disabilities.

SEPTEMBER We thank God, 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.

OCTOBER We pray that God's hand is upon us as we sleep, and always wake up refreshed because of His protection.

NOVEMBER We pray for parents around the world, and all the desires they have given up for their children. We thank them so much for all their sacrifices.

DECEMBER This month we commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and we pray that authorities, and duty

bearers, are able to successfully deliver inclusive public services for all people.

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

DAY 31

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 Lord, we lift up to You all **cbm** workers in the field in the poorest countries, who are tirelessly advocating for people with disabilities. We pray You sustain them each day.

MARCH Lord, may you provide access to clean, safe water to all people with disabilities in times of crises.

MAY God, we give thanks for the provision of hygiene kits that will give vulnerable communities hand sanitiser, soap, and detergent.

JULY We give thanks, God, that the Organisations of People with Disabilities are being better equipped for disasters in the Pacific with the tools to support people with disabilities.

AUGUST We pray for families who have lost loved ones in past disasters or due to illness. Comfort them in their grief, and may Your hand be on them, Lord, as they step forward without their loved one.

OCTOBER We pray for safety for people with disabilities, especially those who are in hard-to-reach places affected by earthquakes, cyclone hot-zones and flood-prone areas.

DECEMBER We pray that all people with disabilities, and their families, receive early warnings for disasters, so they have the chance to be prepared and can keep their families safe.



"...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

As the famine crisis continues to grow in Madagascar, people with disabilities are often overlooked. But thanks to generous people like you, 9-year-old Liasoa and her Grandma received much needed food, water and medicine. For **cbm**-partners in times of crisis, the work is hard, the need is great, the challenges confronting. That's why your prayers are so precious to them.



“...these littles ones... their angels are always in the presence of my Heavenly Father...” – Jesus, in Matthew 18:10

Adolphe's eyes are blind, and tragically his sight cannot be restored. River Blindness is irreversible. But thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, the children in his village in Nigeria will receive vital medicine annually to protect them from River Blindness (Onchocerciasis), ending their cycle of disease and poverty.



When Paul slowly became blind due to cataracts, he was completely dependent on his wife, and his self-esteem crumbled. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, Paul received the miracle gift of sight at the **cbm**-funded hospital in Zimbabwe. The nursing sister said, “Paul is very happy. He’s going to pray for us all, the whole team at the eye unit.”

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 favour 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 2023!



Because of the loving kindness of people like you, Ramsaran's ankles twisted by clubfoot, are now straight! He will be able to go to school and gain an education. Because of people like you, he 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 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** or visit **cbmnz.org.nz/bequests**.

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