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PRAYER  
DIARY

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Above: Murray and his wife, Joy, with their young sons - Finn (aged 5) and Jamie (aged 2).

Cover: Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters like you for giving the gift of sight. 7-year-old Kyle is looking forward to continuing his schooling, playing with his friends, and most importantly of all, playing basketball again.

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.

Kia ora Prayer Partner,

Welcome to **cbm** New Zealand's 2024 Prayer Diary. We are blessed to have you journey with us, praying for this transformative ministry. Inside, you'll meet some of **cbm's** partners, board members and staff from around the world who are at the coalface. Their dedication and your faithful giving and prayers help make this vital ministry happen. God is with us.

My staff and I pray along with you at our Wednesday Devotions. We pray for you too – that you will know God's protection and grace. As Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Please let us know if there is anything specific for which you would like prayer.

Please join your **cbm** family to pray for children and adults with disabilities in the world's poorest places. These prayers, thank yous, insights, and hopes for the world are heartfelt prayers. To use this prayer diary each day, first go to the page for the 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.

Late last year I was blessed to visit Nigeria and see some of **cbm's** life-changing ministry. I heard from women excited to be set free from the shame of Obstetric Fistula. I saw the success of **cbm's** River Blindness programme and the new programme to cement those gains, through providing clean water and sanitation to wash away the misery of Neglected Tropical Diseases.

From my family to yours, thank you for the gift of prayer. May God's love make its way across the world through your prayer and ongoing support. May you experience God's blessings in 2024.

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

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
- Matthew 19:14*

**JANUARY** Our God, may 2024 be a positive year for all **cbm** partners and the Organisations of Persons with Disabilities whose mission we prayerfully support. Let us all experience Whakaponu (faith), Tūmanako (hope), and Aroha (love).

**FEBRUARY** Our God, please bless the very inspiring **cbm** Nigeria team and their partners who I visited last year, as they work to strengthen and complete **cbm's** fight against Obstetric Fistula and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**MARCH** We pray for **cbm's** new climate change programme in the Solomon Islands. And for all people experiencing increased and more severe droughts, cyclones and other effects of climate change.

**APRIL** We pray today for **cbm's** inclusive eye care work in Papua New Guinea and for the staff involved – including ophthalmologist Dr Peter Slagar as he assesses patients and carries out surgeries.

**MAY** We pray for our staff at **cbm** New Zealand, who are diligently raising funds, processing generous gifts, and designing and managing programmes and budgets. I celebrate a great team!

**JUNE** We pray for the Emergency Alliance, a network of international development agencies (including **cbm** New Zealand), raising funds collectively when a disaster strikes, to give the public one clear message and channel for giving.

**JULY** Thank you God for the medical teams who perform orthopaedic surgeries and provide rehabilitation and assistive devices so people with disabilities can move freely, experience less pain, and participate fully in their families and community.

**AUGUST** Our God, we thank you for children in Papua New Guinea who now go to school because of inclusive teaching materials, training for teachers, and accessibility modifications to buildings. All made possible by **cbm's** generous supporters.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for the **cbm** programme in agriculture and livelihoods in Laos, that includes people with disabilities. Thank you for the life-changing transformation this brings.

**OCTOBER** Our God, please bless the preparations around the globe for World Sight Day on 10 October. May we bring increased awareness of efforts to save sight where blindness is preventable.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for all of **cbm's** inspiring supporters in New Zealand and across the world, thanking them for their generosity and prayers. Our God, please bless them with peace and all good things.

**DECEMBER** Please pray for CBM globally and the Board here in New Zealand. Let them make wise decisions to resource the ministry of **cbm** efficiently and accountably. It is Your work.

Nirmala Puri is a dedicated social worker, driven by a profound passion for empowering marginalised communities, and is committed to CBM's mission to transform lives. She cherishes her loving family, who are a source of strength in her journey.



**Nirmala Puri / Nepal**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

*- John 3:16*

**JANUARY** Dear Lord, guide us into this new year with hope and purpose. May Your light shine on our path, and may we find strength in Your presence.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, help us express love and kindness to others every day. Fill our hearts with compassion and empathy.

**MARCH** Heavenly Father, as the seasons change, let our lives be renewed with faith and growth. May Your blessings shower on us like the gentle rain.

**APRIL** Dear God, grant us the wisdom to make righteous decisions. Let our actions reflect Your teachings as we navigate the challenges of life.

**MAY** Lord, in this month of new beginnings, help us plant seeds of positivity, nurture them with love, and watch them grow into beautiful blessings.

**JUNE** Heavenly Father, guide us through these times and seasons. May our hearts be as generous as the sun, shining Your love on people in need.

**JULY** Lord, as we celebrate freedom, let us remember the freedom found in Your grace. Help us cherish the liberty to serve and love one another.

**AUGUST** Dear God, as the new season approaches, teach us to live in gratitude for the abundance in our lives. May we share our blessings with people less fortunate than ourselves.

**SEPTEMBER** Heavenly Father, in the season of change, grant us the courage to embrace new opportunities. Help us grow and become the best versions of ourselves.

**OCTOBER** Lord, may we let go of grudges and bitterness. Fill our hearts with forgiveness and understanding toward others.

**NOVEMBER** Dear God, in this season of thanksgiving, help us appreciate life's simple joys and the love of family and friends. Let gratitude fill our hearts.

**DECEMBER** Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, let His message of love and peace guide our actions. Bless us with unity and joy.

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**Diana Ureta** / Papua New Guinea

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6*

**JANUARY** We pray for the team in Papua New Guinea. May God grant them the grace of good fellowship, and guide them as they work together to support CBM partners.

**FEBRUARY** We thank God for the ministry of the Goroka Eye Unit. We pray for travelling mercies for CBM staff as they conduct outreach clinics in places with limited medical and surgical services for eyes.

**MARCH** We pray for the Prevention of Blindness Committee in Papua New Guinea as they work towards strengthening eye health services in the country.

**APRIL** We pray for CBM's partners like the Network of Callan Services and

Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in Papua New Guinea. Lord strengthen them, and increase their impact, to help people in need.

**MAY** We give thanks to God for providing the strength and wisdom to carry out CBM's ministry in Papua New Guinea. We also thank God for the continuous support from faithful colleagues at CBM New Zealand.

**JUNE** We pray for travelling mercies for the hard-working CBM outreach workers who travel to remote part of the country to provide physical rehabilitation, distribute assistive devices, and conduct school and community ear and eye screenings.

**JULY** We pray for girls and women facing challenges when accessing services, to be treated on an equal basis with boys and men.

**AUGUST** May we feel and see God's presence in the ministry of CBM, and may we all have the stamina to approach each day in the best way possible.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for community leaders to care for people in need, especially the vulnerable.

**OCTOBER** We pray for CBM's Ophthalmologist, Dr Peter Slager, and the Goroka Eye Unit team, that they may remain in good health as they provide medical and surgical services.

**NOVEMBER** We praise and thank God for the smiles of children with disabilities in the early intervention programme, and the love and care of their parents. May this inspire us all to achieve greater things in Christ.

**DECEMBER** We are so grateful to you Lord for the support of our CBM family, and for faithful CBM supporters who give generously for the ministry in Papua New Guinea and other countries.

**PRAY FOR AVOIDABLE**

**BLINDNESS:** Join us in prayer to lift up CBM's partners, and their tireless efforts to provide access to surgeries, medications and preventative treatments for people in the world's poorest places.



Clean Water / Kenya

**JANUARY** We pray for wisdom and favour for CBM staff and field workers to prevent conditions like River Blindness, Trachoma and other Neglected Tropical Diseases, by providing clean water through digging wells and bores, building toilets and sharing hygiene education.

**FEBRUARY** God, we ask that You comfort people living with the fear of losing their sight. Give them Your hope and faith as CBM sends field workers out to find them.

**MARCH** We pray for good health and stamina for CBM eye surgeons in the world's poorest places, and for nurses working alongside them. Guide their hands as they tirelessly perform eye surgeries such as the removal of cataracts.

**APRIL** Having recently celebrated Easter, we thank you, Father, for giving us life, so we may live abundantly and help others to have abundant lives too.

**MAY** We pray that people living with cataracts in the world's poorest places will receive the miracle of sight through swift provision of surgeries by CBM-funded partners.

**JUNE** Bless every CBM supporter for their prayers and generous gifts that will help provide accessible clean water and toilets, and hygiene education for people in need.

**JULY** Thank you, Father, for the faithfulness of CBM supporters who generously give the miracle of sight to people in

*"To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." - Isaiah 42:7*

the world's poorest places. May You bless them and their loved ones.

**AUGUST** Lord, we thank you for the miracle of sight You bring through CBM-funded healthcare professionals working in the field. Guide them and give them Your wisdom to reach isolated people, identify eye ailments and link people with physicians for treatments or surgery.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for fathers, grandfathers and all men in our world. May You show them how to lead in godly love.

**OCTOBER** Father, we pray You will mightily bless CBM programmes so elderly people in marginalised communities will have access to sight-

restoring medication and surgery for eye conditions.

**NOVEMBER** Eyeglasses give the gift of sight to people who otherwise struggle to see. Father, today we ask for the provision of more eyeglasses so that more people than ever may experience a remarkable restoration of their sight.

**DECEMBER** Matthew 6:10 says we are to pray Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray we can help bring heaven to earth for people living with Neglected Tropical Diseases through our gifts to provide clean water and good sanitation and eye care practices to stop the spread of these diseases.



**Sengsuly Phimmasone** / Laos

Sengsuly Phimmasone is a Senior Officer for CBM Global Laos. In his spare time he loves gardening and playing chess.

*“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

**JANUARY** Father Lord, we ask You to bring happiness and success to all CBM staff around the world.

**FEBRUARY** God of reconciliation, we ask for Your guidance so all people can live together in happiness, health and harmony.

**MARCH** Dear God, please grant all people with disabilities around the world happiness, joy and peace, and may they feel included and be able to participate in their community.

**APRIL** Father Lord, we know that Your love is forever. In these challenging times, help us to bring Your strength to improve economic growth of Laos. Help people who are facing

poverty and hardship to have a better life.

**MAY** Father God, we pray for Your peace in this world. Please bring Your love, kindness and peace for countries that are facing disharmony.

**JUNE** Father Lord, sustainer and giver of all life, we thank you for the faithful and sacrificial giving of kind CBM supporters, and we ask that you continue to bless and protect them.

**JULY** Dear God, we ask that Your light shines for people who are suffering from debilitating health conditions. Grant them emotional strength and mental fortitude. Help them to carry on through these difficult times.

**AUGUST** Almighty Lord, we ask for Your wisdom and strength for the CBM New Zealand fundraising team. Bless them and help them to raise more funds for CBM field programmes.

**SEPTEMBER** Almighty Lord, thank you for Your selflessness. Please wrap Your mighty arms of protection around people with disabilities and keep them safe from harm.

**OCTOBER** Almighty God, we ask for Your leadership, strength and guidance for CBM Global. Bless them with wisdom and prosperity to keep leading the CBM teams around the world.

**NOVEMBER** Dear God, we ask that You bring sustainability and empowerment to Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and their partners, so they may be strengthened and successful.

**DECEMBER** Father God, we pray for people with disabilities in Lao and New Zealand. Remove all barriers that prevent them from inclusive development. Bless them to have a good education, equal opportunities for employment, and let them lead healthy and successful lives.



Philip Ode / Nigeria

Philip Ode is a Disability Inclusion Programme Officer for CBM Global Nigeria. He is passionate about promoting the rights and protection of the poor, under-served and marginalised populations in society.

*“So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” - Matthew 7:12*

**JANUARY** Almighty God, thank you for joining us in unity through the love of Christ. Strengthen our bonds of worship and service so that together we may share Your love with the people You bring into our lives.

**FEBRUARY** We praise You, Lord Jesus Christ, who came to earth to bring transformation to Your people. As we follow in Your footsteps, may we, with kindness and understanding, also bring transformation to our communities.

**MARCH** Loving Lord, who has created us all in Your image, open our eyes to see Your face in those of our sisters and brothers. Transform our hearts and minds that we may respect and value each other as beloved children of God.

**APRIL** Loving Saviour, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, we worship You, we give You thanks, we rejoice in Your resurrection. May our songs of praise resound in heaven and earth bringing glory to Your Holy Name.

**MAY** God of compassion, please bless our endeavours to help people whose lives have met with adversity. We ask for the finances, time, and talents to enable us to fulfil our mission as we express our faith in action.

**JUNE** As a CBM Global team, we embrace our mission to break the cycle of poverty and disability. May the God of righteousness equip us with all we need to play our part in creating a just and equal society.

**JULY** Heavenly Father, give us grace in all relationships. May hope be stronger than struggle, celebrations more frequent than trials, may kindness prevail over judgment, equality dissolve oppression, and may love break walls of hate.

**AUGUST** Loving Lord, we thank you for Your love so freely given to us all. Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share Your love and continue to reach out as Your hands across the world.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, let all who support and belong to the CBM Global team touch as many lives as possible. May every life that we touch and every community that we serve, be surrounded by Your love.

**OCTOBER** Christ our Lord, You showed the world Your love through actions of mercy as well as words of life. As we seek to follow Your perfect example, may we reflect Your love in the world through our lives of faithful action.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we pray for the promotion of the rights and protection of the poor, under-served and marginalised in our world. May they be included in society.

**DECEMBER** Ever-present God with us, transform us with the good news of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Illuminate our lives as we behold the newborn Christ. Transform us into a people of Your light, that we may reflect Your glory in the shadows of life.





Yasin / Bangladesh

**PRAY FOR ASSISTIVE DEVICES:**

Join us in prayer for the provision of assistive devices for people living in poverty, connecting with their communities and increasing their opportunities for inclusion.

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37*

**JANUARY** We ask God to lead CBM staff and field workers as they connect with teachers and provide them with braille training so that all children with a vision impairment can attend school and receive an education.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for the 1.5 billion people around the world living with hearing loss. We stand in faith for more projects this year that will provide hearing aids to people who otherwise will not hear.

**MARCH** Dear God, we pray for children with clubfoot that they may receive timely specialised treatment, with gentle manipulation and a cast to realign and support their feet for proper growth and mobility.

**APRIL** Lord, we pray for community leaders in marginalised areas of the world. We pray their hearts will be opened to the needs of people with disabilities in their communities, so that ramps for accessibility and inclusion can be prioritised.

**MAY** Thank you for Your abundant provision of eyeglasses through generous CBM supporters so that people with failing eyesight can see. May you protect CBM field workers as they reach remote areas to distribute these eyeglasses.

**JUNE** Bless every CBM supporter for their prayers and gifts that provide people with disabilities with wheelchairs. Thank you, Lord, for the

freedom, inclusion and the dignity this brings.

**JULY** Thank you for the creative ideas you are giving CBM staff and field workers as they strive to provide quality mobility aids to fit the unique needs of people with disabilities.

**AUGUST** God, we thank you for the inclusion of people with disabilities through education and community participation, specifically in the building of ramps for wheelchairs.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we come to You in prayer for people with disabilities in countries that experience storms and cyclones. Make a way for planning for disasters that includes ramps, crutches and wheelchairs so people with disabilities can easily access

evacuation centres and shelters.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we pray that You will prompt CBM field workers to recognise other urgent needs for people with disabilities when giving them assistive devices such as hearing aids, eyeglasses, crutches and wheelchairs.

**NOVEMBER** Father, thank you for Your divine protection over people with disabilities as they travel to access assistive devices that will restore their sight, hearing and mobility.

**DECEMBER** Thank you for reminding us that with Christ all our needs will be met. We pray that each CBM field worker will be reminded of Your provision, especially when they are overwhelmed by the needs around them.

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**Busisiwe Mzyece / Zimbabwe**

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” - Ephesians 2:10*

**JANUARY** As we begin the New Year, we thank you Lord for giving CBM and all its partners strength, to take up the new year’s tasks with zeal, joy and boldness.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for all our beneficiaries worldwide. As they receive the services we render, may they also feel and experience God’s grace and loving kindness.

**MARCH** We dedicate this day to our CBM's generous supporters. We pray that they do not tire in doing good. May peace and goodness be theirs as they strive to make this world a better place.

**APRIL** We pray for CBM's leadership. May they be guided by the Lord in decision making.

May they lead the organisation in love, harmony and let equity prevail.

**MAY** We pray for the medical teams who perform eye surgeries to restore sight to CBM beneficiaries worldwide. May God renew and increase their strength day by day.

**JUNE** As we come to the middle of the year, we thank God for His guidance and provision. We pray for unity and wisdom as we journey to the end of the year to better serve CBM beneficiaries holistically.

**JULY** Our prayer this month is for governments in the countries in which CBM is operating. May they put health and disability issues on their agenda so that people with disabilities are not left behind.

**AUGUST** We pray for children inflicted by cataracts. May God heal them, and take away the pain they are feeling. May the Lord comfort their families.

**SEPTEMBER** As we plan for the following year, we pray for decision makers at CBM New Zealand for wisdom and discernment, and to make rational decisions for the betterment of our world.

**OCTOBER** This month we remember and pray for all Inclusive Eye Health Programmes as we commemorate World Sight Day. May these programmes show many the love of Christ.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for God's provision and are grateful for the resources and services rendered throughout the year. We pray that God continues to provide, so that CBM can better serve the needs of people with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

**DECEMBER** As we come to the end of the year, we thank God for a great 2024. We are grateful for all CBM's partners, supporters, and service providers for having served in love. We pray that they have a peaceful and restful festive season.

Lova Razanakolona is a Programmes Officer for CBM Global Madagascar. She is committed to working with conviction and passion. Lova enjoys singing and travelling. She is married with two sons.



**Lova Razanakolona / Madagascar**

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.” - 1 Corinthians 13:4*

**JANUARY** Thank you Lord for giving us a new year to better worship and glorify You. We pray for people with disabilities, and that You will accompany all CBM teams in their mission.

**FEBRUARY** Let us pray for countries afflicted by war. May God bring peace and security to all citizens in stress and experiencing violence.

**MARCH** We pray for all those involved in the implementation of CBM projects throughout the world. May Your powerful hand guide them to fruitful results. Lord, strengthen our conviction in our mission and actions for people with disabilities.

**APRIL** Lord, we thank you for helping us to support people with disabilities. Thank you for

the children enrolled in schools, for the people accessing health care, and for taking care of all vulnerable people.

**MAY** We pray for the CBM New Zealand team. May You guide them in their decisions, their work and their support of the ministry of CBM in Madagascar.

**JUNE** Thank you Lord for guiding the CBM Madagascar team in all its achievements and missions. Strengthen the team and give them faith and trust in You, to stay on Your right way.

**JULY** Lord, we pray for all CBM staff and their families. Give us Your heart to love, give us Your strength to persevere, give us Your kindness to know how to help. Give us Your faith to succeed.

**AUGUST** We pray for all the CBM teams working in the world's poorest places. May their main mission remain focused on Your Will.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, protect us from the effects of climate change, help protect our planet, and give us the wisdom to care for it.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we thank you for everything. For Your presence in our lives, for Your love, for the life You give us. Thank you for joy and sadness, and for poverty and riches.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, forgive us for our sins. Teach us also to forgive others. Change our hearts so we can be better every day.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we pray a special prayer for people with disabilities. Guide them to success. Accompany them in difficult times. Care for those who are ill. To all CBM Global team and partners: "Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble." - Psalms 41:1

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Why not follow @CBMNZ  
to see the faces of people  
your prayers are reaching  
each day.*



**WASH Club / Kenya**

## PRAY FOR NEGLECTED

**TROPICAL DISEASES:** Join us in prayer for the provision and smooth distribution of clean water and medical supplies for patients impacted by Neglected Tropical Diseases.

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

**JANUARY** Lord, we pray for community-based programmes that provide mental health support, address stigma and prevent discrimination against people with eye diseases that cause blindness.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, may You provide an abundance of clean water in communities deeply affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases by guiding CBM staff and field workers to foster awareness, unity and enthusiastic action.

**MARCH** Father, give strength and guidance to CBM staff and field workers as they usher in Your kingdom here on earth by following the example of Jesus. Help them to sacrificially serve others and bring healthcare to

people affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**APRIL** We pray for Your guidance of CBM staff and field workers on the ground, leading them to areas where Neglected Tropical Diseases pose the greatest risk to people's well-being, independence and inclusion in their communities.

**MAY** Today we pray that CBM staff and field workers will bring glory to Your name through their acts of kindness in communities with Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**JUNE** Lord, we lift up people in rural Nigeria as they wait for the provision of secure clean water to wash away the misery of Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**JULY** Father, we pray that people downcast with Neglected Tropical Diseases are drawn to You through CBM staff and field workers' acts of compassion as they help provide clean water, bathroom facilities and hygiene education.

**AUGUST** We thank you, Heavenly Father, that more doors may open for increased resources, funding and partnerships to reach a larger number of people to prevent them contracting Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, may every CBM staff and field workers seek You first. Make their path straight as they bring healthcare to people affected by eye diseases.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we surrender our hearts and concerns to You. We ask that You remind beneficiaries and CBM staff and field workers combatting diseases that cause blindness to give their hearts and concerns to You too.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we pray for Your wisdom, favour and strength for CBM staff and field workers as they strive to help protect people with Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**DECEMBER** God, we pray Your love shines through CBM staff and field workers who are helping protect people from going blind from Neglected Tropical Diseases.



Good health and clean water go hand in hand. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, for helping to provide people in Nigeria with access to clean water from well-maintained boreholes, and helping to free children and adults from contracting Neglected Tropical Diseases such as River Blindness and Trachoma.



“Work hard. Dream big.” In Nigeria, Faith’s big dream was to learn cake baking and event planning, to support herself and her family. But that dream was shattered when she developed obstetric fistula. For two long years she was shunned, isolated and became utterly depressed.

Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters for restoring Faith’s hope and dignity. Now her face beams and shines with a joyful smile. It is a beautiful thing for a mother, who was once shunned because of obstetric fistula, to regain her standing in her community.

Hanre Becker is on the Board of **cbm** New Zealand. He has a passion for helping people with disabilities in the world's poorest places, and hopes to make a difference with **cbm's** exceptional projects. Hanre is married, and has three sons.



**Hanre Becker** / New Zealand

*"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** Let us open our year in prayer for peace in all countries and for people currently experiencing war and conflict. May the love of God shine through those situations.

**FEBRUARY** We thank God for the **cbm** supporters, staff, volunteers, partners, and all those involved in delivering the many services and programmes that improve the lives of so many people with disabilities living in poverty.

**MARCH** Let us pray that, during this month where we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He will bring renewed expansion in all the projects where **cbm** is changing lives of people with disabilities.

**APRIL** Let us pray for all the countries experiencing, and dealing with the after-effects of natural disasters. May **cbm's** programmes team have wisdom in preparing for, and responding to, disasters.

**MAY** Let us pray for people living with disabilities, and that God may guide the **cbm** team in developing and implementing programmes according to His will.

**JUNE** Let us pray for all **CBM's** international partners, that they will be efficient, effective, and lovingly implement the programmes of **cbm** in their local communities.

**JULY** Let us pray that, during these cold months, God will provide warmth, shelter and love for people living in poverty, especially those with disabilities.

**AUGUST** Let us pray for God's provision and expansion as **cbm** continues to strive to support more and more people impacted by poverty and disability. And let's thank Him for all His wonderful love and provision that we have already received this year.

**SEPTEMBER** Let us pray for all **cbm** staff travelling during the year, often facing dangerous situations and many nights away from family. May God keep them in the palm of His hand.

**OCTOBER** Let us pray for **CBM** globally for greater impact and collaboration in a world that urgently needs God's light to shine. May the **cbm** board and leadership team receive wisdom in making decisions.

**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** Let us pray for the connection of family in this wonderful month of celebrating the birth of Christ. May we lean in closer to God and to our family members.

Brother Desmond Taboeya is the Eye Care Coordinator for CBM-partnered 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

*“I am the light of the world... I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” - John 9:5 & 10:10*

**JANUARY** Thank you God our Creator for our funding partner CBM, who continue to support our ministry to help people with disabilities in Papua New Guinea. Grant them Your inspiration and direction in this healing ministry.

**FEBRUARY** Thank you, loving and merciful God, for the precious life of people with disabilities and their care givers. Grant them Your peace, love, joy, and hope in their lives.

**MARCH** We pray for the CBM partners in Papua New Guinea that, in the true Spirit of Jesus, they may continue to reach out to serve people in the margins of society.

**APRIL** We pray for women and children in Papua New Guinea,

that they may understand the importance of eye health and break through barriers restricting them from receiving eye care services.

**MAY** We pray for all nations that are experiencing war, increased droughts, and other effects of changing weather patterns. May Your love and peace guide us all in these challenging times.

**JUNE** We pray for the staff in the CBM-funded Network of Callan Services to continue filling them with compassion and respect when working with children and adults with disabilities.

**JULY** We pray for the government of Papua New Guinea that they may fulfil their

commitment in recognising the basic rights, and give support to, people with disabilities.

**AUGUST** We pray for the knowledge and skills of the Papua New Guinean ophthalmologists, and inclusive eye care health professionals, that they may commit their time and effort in delivering quality eye care services in Papua New Guinea.

**SEPTEMBER** We thank God for the International Eye Care Organisations including CBM, serving in Papua New Guinea, that they may continue to give support in reaching out to the people in the margins of society.

**OCTOBER** We thank God for the goodness and countless blessings we experience everyday of our lives. And we

are thankful for His guidance as we celebrated World Sight Day this month.

**NOVEMBER** We thank God for the University of Papua New Guinea lecturers, and for CBM in supporting the Ophthalmology Department, allowing quality education to students training to become Ophthalmologists.

**DECEMBER** We thank you, God, for Your endless blessings and protection in journeying with us to deliver vital healthcare services. Though we may encounter challenges, we experience Your presence in all our activities bringing joy to the lives of people in our care.



Faith / Nigeria

**PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE FOR DIGNITY:** Join us in prayer for people suffering with debilitating conditions to have their dignity, confidence and hope restored.

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” - Psalm 34:18*

**JANUARY** We pray for the success of CBM’s initiatives in improving accessibility and availability of reproductive, maternal and antenatal services for women with disabilities.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for CBM staff and field workers in their collaboration with community leaders, teachers and medical staff, as they provide comprehensive training to create a more inclusive society.

**MARCH** We pray for the wisdom of CBM staff and field workers as they serve men with disabilities, helping them overcome challenges and find meaningful employment. May these strong men regain their confidence and sense of purpose.

**APRIL** Lord, we seek Your guidance for Organisations of People with Disabilities as they work together to empower people with disabilities and promote their rights to have welcome and easy access to vital medical care.

**MAY** Father, we ask for CBM partners to expand healthcare services that restore health, dignity and wholeness to mothers suffering needlessly from obstetric fistula, with exemplary care.

**JUNE** May the power of Your healing touch be manifested in the lives of people with disabilities. May they know that You are their refuge and strength.

**JULY** May mothers who have had a traumatic birth and lost their precious baby be brought to quality healthcare where they can find support and comfort. May they know that they are valued and cherished in Your eyes, for You are the ultimate healer and restorer.

**AUGUST** God, we thank you for Your restoration of people who have had cataracts removed this month, who can hold up their heads in dignity.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for increased expansion of sign language training for deaf people, their families and for communities, enabling better communication and fostering inclusion and value for people with deafness.

**OCTOBER** Father, we ask that You protect CBM staff and field workers and the services they provide to people with debilitating health conditions. We pray for healing and restoration of their dignity.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for CBM staff and field workers to be effective ambassadors of change, inspiring compassion in communities. May they be fruitful at raising awareness of the rights and needs of people with disabilities.

**DECEMBER** May Your peace and love flow through us all as we care for those around us. And use us, Lord, to bless the lives of our precious brothers and sisters in the world's poorest places.



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**Remi Donatus Akejelu** / Nigeria

*"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** Father, in the name of Jesus, grant every beneficiary of SFHF and CBM Your divine favour, resulting in supernatural breakthroughs for them.

**FEBRUARY** Father, in the name of Jesus, give us Your Spirit of Wisdom; help every beneficiary and every member of SFHF and CBM to glorify You in their businesses, vocations, and careers this year.

**MARCH** Father, in the name of Jesus, let us hear the whispers of Your Spirit in our hearts. Guide every one of us to receive breakthroughs in our troubles. Let Your Kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven.

**APRIL** Father, in the name of Jesus, give us access to Your divine wisdom. Prosper the

work of the hands of every staff member of SFHF and CBM this year, thereby helping them to boldly do Your work.

**MAY** Father, in the name of Jesus, remove every restraint for the SFHF and CBM programmes this year and beyond.

**JUNE** Father, in the name of Jesus, and if it is Your will, let us all receive the miracles for which we hope.

**JULY** Father, in the name of Jesus, restore harmony and peace when destructive storms occur all over the world.

**AUGUST** Father, in the name of Jesus, grant the beneficiaries and staff of SFHF and CBM a testimony that glorifies You and shows Your divine love of us all.

**SEPTEMBER** Father, in the name of Jesus, stir up the zeal of every member of SFHF, CBM and the beneficiaries, when engaging in the work of Christ this year.

**OCTOBER** Father, in the name of Jesus, let every one of us experience spiritual growth this year, resulting in supernatural breakthroughs in all facets of life.

**NOVEMBER** Father, in the name of Jesus, give every member of SFHF and CBM influence in their daily interactions. Let them be faithful stewards of Your Kingdom, taking care of all aspects of Your creation.

**DECEMBER** Father, in the name of Jesus, accept our offerings and meet all our needs according to the riches of Your glory all through this year and beyond.

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Anthony Kimathi / Kenya

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

- *Philippians 4:7*

**JANUARY** We pray for CBM staff and field workers so that our Lord can give them the strength and commitment to selflessly serve the communities which are most in need.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, we pray for the strategic leadership of CBM globally to always make impactful decisions that are guided by You. Decisions that will see CBM continue to grow.

**MARCH** Heavenly Father, give us the strength to overcome cruelty with grace, and hatred with love. God, remind us that our actions matter.

**APRIL** Dear Lord, we pray for all colleagues who are not feeling well or who are in any form of distress. May Your healing hand touch them and restore

their health back. May You always grant us health and the strength to work.

**MAY** Lord, thank you that we can turn to You in times of fear and when we are hurting. Help us remember that daybreak lies ahead, and that this trial will not last forever. Fill us with hope that daybreak is coming and that Your love will always prevail.

**JUNE** Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us through to the middle of the year. We pray that the rest of the year may bring joy and happiness, enabling us to achieve our milestones and granting us the desires of our hearts.

**JULY** Dear Lord, thank you for the power of forgiveness,

and for choosing to forgive everyone who has caused hurt. We pray that You always guide us to do the right thing and not to wrong others.

**AUGUST** Lord, as we face tough choices and hard situations in our lives, help us to remember Your love and promise, help us to remember that we are Your children and Your representative to the world around us.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we pray You will make our colleagues and partners strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognising that You will set right all injustice and wrong one day.

**OCTOBER** Father, we pray for people who are suffering and

have been put into situations of risk. Give them comfort and see them through the situations they are facing, and may You always watch over them.

**NOVEMBER** Dear Lord, thank you for helping us reach people most in need in our communities. Thank you for giving us the gift of humility and the hearts to serve diligently. Continue giving us the strength to serve wherever we are needed.

**DECEMBER** As we come to the end of the year, Lord, we thank you for protecting us and enabling us to achieve various milestones and targets. We pray that the coming year bring forth many more blessings.

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**Onyinye Achukoh** / Nigeria

*"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." - 2 Peter 1:3*

**JANUARY** We give thanks to God for the Medical team that conducts Obstetric Fistula surgeries and enables these mothers to resume their lives without stigma.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for the decision makers at every level, from CBM staff to partners in the field, to make the right decision at every point in time.

**MARCH** We thank God for all the partners engaged in this project, and for enabling them to access the hard to reach places.

**APRIL** We pray that the overall plan and objective of CBM will be established and accomplished speedily.

**MAY** We pray for all the programmes and key targets of CBM. May the Lord crown all our efforts with good success.

**JUNE** We pray for our beneficiaries worldwide, that we are continually able to meet their needs and put smiles on their faces.

**JULY** We pray for all our supporters, that the Lord continues to provide funds in increasing amounts to transform the lives of mothers suffering from Obstetric Fistula.

**AUGUST** We pray for all CBM staff and supporters, for good health, sound mind, and peace in all areas of their lives.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for greater open doors to increase the impact of CBM globally.

**OCTOBER** We pray that faith, love and hope will continue to drive our efforts.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for protection and preservation of CBM staff and field workers. That there shall be no evil news in their camp.

**DECEMBER** We pray that the Lord crown this year with good reports of all our endeavours far and wide.

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**Florence Saburi** / Zimbabwe

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*“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord...” - Jeremiah 30:17*

**JANUARY** We commit our plans before God to lead us, and to help us to adapt as required by the evolving global needs. Additionally, we pray for unity of purpose amongst all governments, CBM implementing partners and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities for effectiveness and efficiency in CBM's programmes.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for good health and peaceful working environments for all countries, and we pray for the fundraising teams to be able to raise adequate funds for programme implementation.

**MARCH** Let us pray for the beneficiaries of CBM's ministry, for them to understand the treatments being offered to

them. Also for the buy-in from relevant authorities, and for knowledge and wisdom of CBM-funded partners.

**APRIL** We pray for countries that are experiencing war, natural disasters, and drought, to receive relevant assistance to cushion them from the burden of sickness, starvation and loss incurred.

**MAY** We pray for the mental health of CBM's implementing partners in hostile countries, to be able to get through their day-to-day activities and for CBM to support them accordingly.

**JUNE** Let us take time to just be thankful to God for taking us halfway through the year, for the progress registered, gaps identified and lessons learned. Let us just be thankful.

**JULY** We pray for clarity for CBM-funded partners when reporting on the progress of programmes. We pray their findings will enable CBM to take relevant action in improving and up-scaling the impact of these programmes.

**AUGUST** Let us pray for CBM to be flexible enough to adjust and adapt according to the ever-evolving needs of the countries being served. Furthermore, to come up with new interventions that address other identified needs of countries being supported.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for Ministry of Health medical and supporting staff for successful surgeries in the Eye Units, Orthopaedic departments, and all hospital departments,

and to be able to register good outcomes for all patients.

**OCTOBER** We thank you God, for making the Mental Health Day and World Sight Day Commemorations peaceful, and enjoyed by all.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for CBM management, as the year nears the end, to have wisdom to make good decisions regarding funding opportunities, budget allocations, staffing, and approaches to programmes across all areas.

**DECEMBER** Let us pray for the smooth rounding off of the year's activities, and safety and protection as people take holiday breaks to rejuvenate for the following year. We pray for peace and safety during the celebrations.

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**Adedeji Ademefun / Nigeria**

*“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” - Isaiah 53:5*

**JANUARY** Dear Lord, guide us as we start this year. Let us trust in You with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding. In all our ways, help us acknowledge You.

**FEBRUARY** Father, help us to love others as You loved us. Let us put aside selfishness and pride. Help us to show kindness and compassion. Help us to always speak the truth in love.

**MARCH** Heavenly Father, we ask for wisdom as we make decisions this month. Help us to seek Your will and trust in Your plans. Help us to be still and know that you are God.

**APRIL** May we live a life that replicates Your love and grace. Help us to follow Your example of humility and obedience as

we seek to support people who are the most vulnerable in our world.

**MAY** Father, fill us with Your wisdom and understanding. Let us walk in Your ways and seek to serve others. Help us to bear the fruits of the Spirit that last.

**JUNE** Lord, bless the work of all those who labour this month on farms. May You guide them in their sustainable care of the soil and bless their land so they reap a harvest.

**JULY** Faithful God, help us to deepen our relationship with You. Let us seek Your guidance and wisdom in all areas of our lives and live with joy and excellence, doing all things as unto You.

**AUGUST** Heavenly Father, protect us from all harm that may come our way. Let us find comfort in Your love and strength in Your presence.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, help us to be thankful for all the blessings in our lives. Give us Your wisdom as we show generosity to people in need.

**OCTOBER** Almighty God, bless our countries and their leaders. Help us to live in harmony and promote justice and freedom for all.

**NOVEMBER** Merciful God, help us to serve others with a willing heart. Let us be a light in someone’s life this month.

**DECEMBER** Holy Spirit, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas. Let us rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, who came to save us. May His love fill our hearts and homes.

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**PRAY FOR DISASTER RELIEF:**

Join us in prayer for the provision and distribution of abundant aid to alleviate suffering, and foster the recovery of communities affected by disasters.



Liasoa / Madagascar

*"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." - Psalm 91:1*

**JANUARY** Heavenly Father, we lift up people affected by disaster, especially in the world's poorest countries, where people with disabilities face even greater devastation. May their needs be acknowledged and included in disaster planning to ensure their safety.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, we pray for CBM and its partners as they respond swiftly to sudden disasters. Grant them the resources, wisdom and strength to provide aid and support to the most vulnerable during times of crisis.

**MARCH** Dear God, we ask for Your intervention in regions experiencing food shortages. Strengthen and give wisdom to CBM field workers as they provide access to nutrition,

food aid and basic supplies to people who need it most.

**APRIL** Father, we lift up areas like Madagascar, where prolonged drought has caused immense hardship. Send rain to nourish the land and alleviate the effects of drought.

**MAY** Lord, protect and shelter individuals and communities affected by cyclones, storms and floods. Provide them with strength, resilience and the support they need to rebuild their lives and homes.

**JUNE** Father, we pray for people impacted by natural disasters such as cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes. Grant them the assistance they need to rebuild their lives amidst the destruction.

**JULY** Lord, we ask for Your grace and mercy to be poured out on people facing hunger and malnutrition. Guide CBM to provide sustainable solutions and resources to address these urgent needs.

**AUGUST** We pray for the safety and protection of vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, during times of crisis. May they find refuge, support and the necessary care to overcome the challenges they face.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we lift up areas where individuals endure immense suffering and displacement. Bring peace, reconciliation and stability to these regions, enabling people to rebuild their lives and communities.

**OCTOBER** Heavenly Father, we pray for the swift delivery of essential supplies to people impacted by disasters. We pray for Your hand to be on the distribution channels, ensuring that humanitarian aid reaches people promptly.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we ask for the international community's collaboration and commitment to support and uplift the world's poorest places during times of crisis. May nations unite in their efforts to alleviate suffering, foster recovery and rebuild communities.

**DECEMBER** Dear God, we pray You help strengthen the hearts and spirits of people who have experienced loss, trauma and devastation due to disasters.

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**Nouanta Latsavongxay / Laos**

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” - Lamentations 3:22-23*

**JANUARY** We pray that 2024 is a year of success and prosperity. May God bless CBM globally, and each prayer supporter, so each person starts the year with strength.

**FEBRUARY** God, today we pray for individuals working to dismantle barriers for people with disabilities worldwide, that their efforts may be guided by compassion, wisdom and determination, fostering inclusive communities for all.

**MARCH** Lord, we thank you for CBM's faithful supporters who generously contribute to CBM's ministry. Their compassion and sincerity are powerful in changing the lives of people with disabilities.

**APRIL** We pray for the staff of CBM, their partners, country teams and technical teams to have Your wisdom as they use their experience and expertise to ensure effective support for Organisations of People with Disabilities.

**MAY** We pray for all disability champions and advocates who work incessantly to support all people with disabilities and other marginalised groups, so they can overcome obstacles and get access to community services.

**JUNE** We pray for the Inclusion Advisory Groups of CBM Global, as their support and steadfast commitment are crucial in advancing the cause of advocating for people with disabilities.

**JULY** We pray for CBM leadership and governance, that their efforts will be successful when they take action and roll out their strategy and plans.

**AUGUST** We pray for all CBM partners and Organisations of People with Disabilities. Lord, may You honour those who work hard and risk their lives as they combat humanitarian crises.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for peace in the world's conflicted-affected areas. We ask for the appropriate protection of the most vulnerable groups and for people with disabilities living in their communities.

**OCTOBER** We pray for all girls who have severe disabilities and experience discrimination, neglect and mental health issues. We pray their challenges will be heard and their needs met by local and national authorities.

**NOVEMBER** God, we thank you for all the success and achievements this year through CBM staff, field workers and partners. Bless them for their invaluable contribution and support.

**DECEMBER** We pray for all people with disabilities to be assisted to be more resilient in all circumstances. We pray for their well-being, good physical health and mental health.



Through the faithful support of **cbm** Child Sponsors, 3-year-old Sophia received sight-saving bilateral cataract surgery at a **cbm**-funded hospital in Uganda. Her family could never afford to do this, but **cbm** Child Sponsors have made it possible.

Generous **cbm** Child Sponsors reflect God's love by helping children with disabilities receive the vital support they need through regular gifts, making impossible dreams come true.



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10-year-old Yasin and his family are Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. They are hopeful for a brighter future for Yasin, after he received his first hearing aid, as well as psychosocial trauma therapy, at a **cbm**-funded medical and rehabilitation centre.





**Elizabeth Viljoen / New Zealand**

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*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” - Numbers 6:24-26*

**JANUARY** Thank you, Jesus, for making Yourself known to the world. You identified with us in our strengths and in our frailty. Help **cbm** New Zealand to reach out to others in their strength and frailty.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for people who know what it is to live in the ashes: the lonely, the sick, the poor, the marginalised, and the outcast.

**MARCH** We are reminded that we were made out of dust, and we will once again turn into dust. Keep our hearts and minds on You alone. Teach us to deny ourselves, since we have encountered Your love.

**APRIL** We bring before You people whose lives are profoundly affected by illness and suffering. Hold them in the

palm of Your hand. You broke the bonds of death and gave hope eternal.

**MAY** Lord, help us to be peacemakers: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

**JUNE** We give thanks for **cbm**'s supporters in New Zealand who care deeply about people with disabilities in the world's poorest places. Bless them with hope and joy.

**JULY** Almighty Father, give us the courage to tell others stories of hope that will bring them peace. Show us the miracles You send every day, in small things but also in big things.

**AUGUST** Holy Spirit, we pray for all people who live with a disability, especially those who are stigmatised in any way. Open our eyes for people with a disability who do not yet feel welcomed in our churches.

**SEPTEMBER** Dear Lord, fill us with Your Spirit so that we can make a difference in the world. Help us to bring healing, kindness, and peace to this broken world.

**OCTOBER** We pray for **cbm** church ambassadors and storytellers, who share the stories of hope in their church communities. God of Hope, fill them with joy and peace as they trust in You.

**NOVEMBER** Teach us to walk in Your presence, so when we serve and pray for others, it will be to Your glory. We long to abide in You always and have the spiritual eyes to see Your answers to our prayers.

**DECEMBER** How good it is to sing Your praises, Lord Jesus, how pleasant it is to honour You with praise! You dry the tears of the broken-hearted and heal them.

*We would love you to inspire your church family and let them know about cbm's life-transforming ministry. Become a Church Ambassador today. Visit us at [cbmnz.org.nz](http://cbmnz.org.nz).*

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**Ekaete Umoh / Nigeria**

*"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon." - Psalm 92:12*

**JANUARY** Dear Lord, we thank you for Your goodness and mercy that is new every morning. As we begin the year, we pray that Your mercy and grace continually abide with us.

**FEBRUARY** Dear Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with compassion and love for those who are hurting. Help us to be a source of comfort and hope to people in need.

**MARCH** Merciful God, as we celebrate Easter, may we remember the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the hope it brings. Help us to live a life that reflects His unconditional love.

**APRIL** Gracious God, renew our spirit and help us to grow in faith. May we see the beauty in all Your creation.

**MAY** Almighty God, help our hearts to be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for all Your blessings. Help us to use them to serve others.

**JUNE** Lord, please help us to become more like Christ in our thoughts and actions. Allow our lives to begin to change as we grow closer to You.

**JULY** Father, we pray that You would guide us in all our decisions this month. We also ask that our steps are divinely ordered in whatever we do.

**AUGUST** Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of life and for the opportunity to see a new day each day. We rejoice in Your faithfulness and all Your promises for us.

**SEPTEMBER** Dear Lord, we commit our children to Your mighty hands. Keep them safe, and may they grow in knowledge and wisdom.

**OCTOBER** Almighty God, we pray for peace and unity around the world and that peace is restored to nations that have none. We also ask that Your strength will continuously lift the spirits of people in pain.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we ask for total healing for people who are sick. We pray for Your healing intervention, and we trust in Your Word, which never changes.

**DECEMBER** Dear God, as we celebrate Christmas, may we remember the gift of Your Son. Help us to share His love and light with those around us.



**Asha & Jafor** / Bangladesh

**PRAY FOR REFUGEES:** Join us in prayer for the provision of improved health, rehabilitation and disability inclusion services for refugees.

*“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” - Romans 12:5*

**JANUARY** Father, we pray for CBM’s Inclusion Advisory Group as they work with other organisations, ensuring that humanitarian response activities are prioritised and meet the needs of refugees with disabilities. We pray for favourable collaboration that brings about inclusion and brighter futures for refugees.

**FEBRUARY** Heavenly Father, we pray for the field workers and partners of CBM serving in refugee camps, providing essential rehabilitation programmes for people with illness and injury that cause disability. Grant them wisdom as they assess needs, develop treatment plans and deliver medical care.

**MARCH** Lord, protect and guide CBM staff and field workers, and partners in refugee camps as they perform eye surgeries and give rehabilitation.

**APRIL** We pray for the success and sustainability of CBM’s rehabilitation programmes for refugees with conditions that prevent them from being able to walk, such as club foot.

**MAY** God, we ask that You bring healing through CBM field workers to people who have suffered trauma and loss in refugee camps. Strengthen them to be instruments of Your love, bringing restoration and new opportunities.

**JUNE** We pray for peace in the lives of people with disabilities living in refugee camps in the poorest places of the world.

**JULY** We thank you for the CBM field workers who serve in the Rohingya refugee camp. Renew their strength when they grow weary from the overwhelming need.

**AUGUST** We thank you for self-help groups and the exciting health and business ideas that are growing as people with disabilities are working together for change in these groups.

**SEPTEMBER** We ask for Your guidance and provision for CBM field workers and CBM-partners as they strive to ensure that water and hygiene services are accessible and inclusive to people with disabilities. May their initiatives promote health, hygiene and prevention of diseases.

**OCTOBER** Thank you for the continued provision of medical care for refugees with conditions that cause disability.

**NOVEMBER** Heavenly Father, we pray for an abundance of assistive aids like eyeglasses, hearing aids, crutches and wheelchairs for people in refugee camps. May these tools bring sight, hearing, mobility and improved quality of life.

**DECEMBER** We lift up children in refugee camps and ask that they’ll be given opportunities for a brighter future. May they have access to books, writing materials and learning resources that foster their development and ignite their curiosity and hope for the future.

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**Aikeo Koomanivong** / Laos

*“The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” - Deuteronomy 31:8*

**JANUARY** May God bless CBM staff for the clarity in vision and effective planning for the year ahead. We seek His guidance in making decisions that align with His will.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, we ask for hearts filled with Christ-like love for one another. We seek harmonious relationships that reflect Your presence, and the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever.

**MARCH** We pray for CBM’s programmes to make a lasting impact in communities. We seek God's favour and provision for every initiative to be successful.

**APRIL** We pray for the spiritual growth of CBM's team members and volunteers, and ask for strength and perseverance to overcome challenges.

**MAY** We pray for disability inclusion and we thank God for His provision and blessings on CBM’s ministry. We ask for God's blessing on CBM teams, supporters, and partners, who are working together.

**JUNE** We pray for the Holy Spirit's empowerment for CBM staff and ask for God's anointing on their efforts and initiatives. We seek wisdom and discernment as we make decisions.

**JULY** May God bless the fundraising teams, that they may raise funds to support people with disabilities so they can achieve full and meaningful participation in their communities.

**AUGUST** Lord, we ask that You grant strength to the team

members and volunteers of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities. May they find their source of strength in You, knowing that through Your power, they can overcome any obstacles that come their way.

**SEPTEMBER** God, we pray for transformation and reconciliation. May the power of Your love overcome bitterness and resentment. Help people find common ground and work together towards a future of understanding, unity, and equal inclusion.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we ask for a world that embraces diversity and promotes disability inclusion. May all people with disabilities experience acceptance and understanding from their communities,

schools, and workplaces.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we pray for an end to discrimination, oppression, and injustice in all its forms. May every person, regardless of race, gender, religion, disability type, or background, experience the fullness of their inherent rights.

**DECEMBER** Lord, on this day, we pray for empowerment and opportunities for people with disabilities. May they have access to quality education, meaningful employment, and avenues for personal growth. Inspire governments, institutions, and communities to remove barriers and create spaces where all people can have full participation and enjoyment of their rights.

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**Greaterman Chivandire / Zimbabwe**

*“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” - Isaiah 53:1*

**JANUARY** Dear Lord Jesus, at the start of the year, set Your way before us. Direct our hearts and minds towards You and give us the wisdom to make the best choices as an organisation and as individuals.

**FEBRUARY** Lord Jesus, we pray for Your blessings to cover us and our organisation. We pray that You would help us to prosper. Make every plan succeed that You have birthed in our hearts.

**MARCH** Lord Jesus, shine Your light in us, through us and over us so that we make a difference in this world as an organisation and as individuals. May this be for Your glory and purposes.

**APRIL** With a thankful heart, we pray to be strengthened

and to stay true in all our words, thoughts and deeds. May CBM continue to impact positively on individuals and communities.

**MAY** We pray for love in the CBM family that will overlook all shortcomings. Help us remember that we are all one, embracing all and discriminating against no one. Let there be compassion, forgiveness and acceptance in times of failure and disappointment.

**JUNE** As we reach the middle of the year, Lord, we thank you that You are good! May all our CBM country teams, members teams, technical teams, partners and staff thank you for Your wonderful guidance and direction.

**JULY** We pray for protection for CBM staff and partners. Remember, Lord, those working in difficult and risky environments.

**AUGUST** Lord Jesus, we pray for Your peace to saturate every CBM workplace. We pray for every CBM colleague to feel valued and empowered and for strength for our senior leaders carrying the weight of the decisions for the organisation.

**SEPTEMBER** Dear Lord, Your Word says You work everything together for good for those who love You. Lord, continue to establish and prosper the plans of CBM in all countries.

**OCTOBER** Lord, may You continue to make us instruments of restoration for

peace and love. May individuals, families and communities that we reach see Your love and give You all the glory.

**NOVEMBER** Almighty God, give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. As we wind up the year, grant us strength to continue giving our best, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties

**DECEMBER** Father, on Christmas Day, we give You thanks and praise for the indescribable gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you for the hope, peace, joy and love that He brings to our lives. Let us keep Him the focus of our celebrations, remember all that He has done for us. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.



Ruth / Papua New Guinea

## PRAY FOR INCLUSIVE

**EDUCATION:** Join us in prayer to give teachers specialised training such as in sign language, reading braille, and inclusive teaching practices.

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” - Proverbs 22:6*

**JANUARY** Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We pray for changed attitudes so that children with disabilities are valued through the influence of CBM staff and field workers.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, we pray You will have Your hand on programmes for teens with disabilities who yearn to learn new skills and have their own businesses.

**MARCH** Lord, as we commit to You, establish Your purposes in us. We ask that You guide CBM field workers as they challenge child labour practices and advocate for children’s safety and education.

**APRIL** Bless teachers with grace, patience and wisdom to connect with students with disabilities. May meaningful connections bring about positive change and shape brighter futures.

**MAY** Lord, we pray for Your intervention in breaking down barriers to education for children with disabilities. May they have equal access to quality education and opportunities for growth.

**JUNE** Father, thank you for the provision of sewing machines, training and resources for women and girls, empowering and equipping them to build businesses and improve their livelihoods.

**JULY** Lord, we praise You for miracles of sight through cataract removal, and the provision of glasses, opening up new livelihood opportunities for people who were once needlessly blind.

**AUGUST** Thank you for our faithful prayer warriors in the CBM family. Thank you, Lord, for the impact stemming from their faith for people with disabilities through the delivery of CBM programmes.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we pray for inclusive communities that value people with disabilities and uphold their human rights. May education, advocacy and awareness foster understanding, resulting in accessible buildings and services so no one is excluded.

**OCTOBER** Father, we pray that You lead CBM staff, field workers, and partners, to support access to rehabilitation, education and livelihoods for people trapped in a cycle of poverty and disability.

**NOVEMBER** We thank you, God, for breakthroughs in the provision of clean water in the form of bores, wells and piping in schools, enabling children to attend school.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we express gratitude for the generous gifts from faithful supporters, bringing joy and smiles to the faces of children and their families. May these gifts bring empowerment and hope for a better future.

Roshana Kandel is a Programme Officer for CBM Global Nepal. She has over 12 years experience in community development in rural areas. Roshana is married, with a daughter and son.



**Roshana Kandel / Nepal**

*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” - Ephesians 4:2*

**JANUARY** We give thanks to God for the hope, patience and love with which He is blessing on us, throughout the year, and we remember Him in every good work this year.

**FEBRUARY** Dear Lord, please grant love, peace and faith to all our supporters, and give Your blessing to them.

**MARCH** God, let Your light shine for all to see. We praise You wholeheartedly, Almighty God, and ask that the Holy Spirit moves in us to help us walk Your will.

**APRIL** We pray for Your guidance, Lord, to enable CBM's direction in the ways of peace, love, faith and care, and to walk in the way of righteousness, and into life eternal.

**MAY** We pray for all CBM fundraising teams, and member associates, for good health and a prosperous life. May God grant them strength, energy and power, to bring smiles to the faces of people with disabilities.

**JUNE** We pray for the CBM Nepal team, and its partners, for courage, strength, confidence and tireless effort to support the lives of people who need it most.

**JULY** We pray that all people with disabilities receive the same support as others during the rainy season in Nepal. May God grant courage, confidence and patience to them in their journey to equality and dignity.

**AUGUST** We pray for all CBM teams, and member associates, that God may grant them dedication in their work.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for good mental health for all. God, please grant strength to us to overcome challenges in our way, and find inner peace and happiness amidst the chaos of life.

**OCTOBER** Lord, gives us courage for CBM's ministry to strengthen and support the poor and vulnerable. Inspire us to spread our faith, and good work in changing circumstances.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, bless us and CBM's ministry so that we can be a blessing to those around us. Let Your light shine through

so that CBM's team, partners, and beneficiaries will see Your love through the ministry of CBM.

**DECEMBER** We pray for all CBM member associates, and technical teams. Let them make wise decisions in the coming year, and support them to bring happiness to the lives of people with disabilities.

Okewu Emmanuel is the Disability Inclusive Development Manager at the CBM-partnered HANDS Nigeria, and is dedicated to making a positive impact. Outside of work, he finds joy in his marriage to Elizabeth and cherishes their four children.



**Okewu Emmanuel / Nigeria**

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” - Colossians 3:12-13*

**JANUARY** Heavenly Father, bless our mental health initiatives this month. Grant us wisdom and guidance as we strive to support people facing mental health challenges.

**FEBRUARY** Dear Lord, may our inclusive education programmes flourish. Help us create a nurturing environment where every child can learn and thrive.

**MARCH** Gracious God, bless our efforts in promoting inclusive WASH practices. May clean water and sanitation reach all communities, improving health and well-being.

**APRIL** Loving Father, guide CBM's management team. Grant them wisdom and

strength as they lead our organisation towards greater impact and sustainability.

**MAY** Merciful God, bless our dedicated staff. Strengthen them in their work and grant them the passion and compassion to serve people in need.

**JUNE** Heavenly Father, bless our partners and supporters. May their generosity enable us to reach even more people and may their lives be greatly transformed.

**JULY** Dear Lord, guide our Neglected Tropical Diseases programmes. Grant us the resources and knowledge to prevent and treat these diseases effectively.

**AUGUST** Gracious God, comfort and uplift people affected by disasters. Provide them with strength and resilience as they rebuild their lives.

**SEPTEMBER** Loving Father, bless our efforts in disability inclusive development. Help us create a world where everyone is valued and can fully participate.

**OCTOBER** Merciful God, guide our health programmes. Grant us the wisdom to provide comprehensive care and empower individuals to make informed choices.

**NOVEMBER** Heavenly Father, bless our clubfoot treatment and management initiatives. May every child affected by this

condition receive the care they need for a better future.

**DECEMBER** Dear Lord, bless our programmes. Grant us the knowledge and resources to prevent deaths and disabilities, promoting better health for all.





Baeau Tai / Papua New Guinea

Baeau Tai is the Director of Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities in Papua New Guinea. She has a background in journalism and public relations, and loves the work she does.

*“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you.” - Psalms 37:5*

**JANUARY** Lord, lift up all people who are working for CBM throughout the world, and for the staff at CBM-partnered Network of Callan Services. Bless their hands and make them successful in carrying out the work to deliver services to people with disabilities.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, guide each one of us to fully utilise our abilities to help others, especially the young, to understand and live the Gospel teachings. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, to see You in the needs of the vulnerable, the marginalised, and the poorest of the poor.

**MARCH** Lord, we pray for all organisations and agencies partnering with CBM. Bless

their work, and guide and direct them in the way they should go.

**APRIL** All-powerful God, encourage us to continue to work for justice, peace, love, and understanding within our communities, allowing people with disabilities to be seen and embraced with tenderness.

**MAY** Lord, help us to keep ourselves in Your love, by allowing Your anchor to hold us moment by moment. We declare victory over our lives according to Your promise, “If God is for us who can be against us.”

**JUNE** Lord, help us to be still so that we can hear Your voice and plan our activities to reach even more people with disabilities.

**JULY** Lord, we lean on Your Word and teachings, not on our own understanding. We come to Your Word in faith, seeking understanding. Support us with answers when things don’t always go to plan.

**AUGUST** Lord, as we strive at this busy time of year, fill us with peace that we may live as sisters and brothers with each other, and all of Your creation.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, as Papua New Guinea celebrates its independence this month, we are thankful for every partner, including CBM and the generous supporters in New Zealand, for the support they give through funding and service delivery.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we want to grow spiritually and be more like You. We choose to trust You in times of adversity knowing that You are working things out for our good.

**NOVEMBER** Through it all, in everything we do, Lord help us to be a reflection of Your love to all people, including those with disabilities, in our families and communities.

**DECEMBER** Happiness keeps you sweet. Trials keep you strong. Sorrows keep you humble. And God keeps you going. Lord, thank you for taking us by our hands and walking us through 2024. May your Holy Name be glorified forever and ever, Amen.

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



Jane Edge / Australia

*The King will reply, "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

**JANUARY** Lord, we pray that the extreme discrimination and stigma faced by people with disabilities ends. Help instil a sense of the inherent worth and dignity of individuals experiencing mental illness, blindness or reduced mobility.

**MARCH** We ask for Your guidance and favour for CBM staff and field workers as they partner with schools, churches and community leaders, so the needs of people with disabilities are heard and acted upon.

**APRIL** Lord, we pray for successful collaboration with governments and leaders to provide access to clean water through wells and bores. Guide us all to play our part in reducing diseases and blindness-causing conditions like River Blindness.

**MAY** We pray governments, leaders and partners will be awakened to the importance of building accessibility. Ensuring all people with disabilities can access hospitals, schools and toilets.

**JUNE** God, we express our gratitude for the surgeons and healthcare workers who are preventing blindness, restoring sight, and treating other debilitating conditions. Please give them strength daily and guide their hands.

**JULY** Lord, strengthen us to be instruments of lasting change, working together for a world where all of Your children can thrive.

**AUGUST** We come before You with our hearts filled with

gratitude for the miracles of sight that your faithful supporters have helped provide. We lift up each patient, praying for their swift recovery and renewed vision.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for CBM staff and field workers to find discernment and wisdom when supporting community leaders and churches in disaster-prone areas. May their planning and response efforts prioritise the safety of people with disabilities.

**OCTOBER** We pray that children with disabilities will be provided with educational supplies, aids and equal opportunities to learn and grow. May they have a bright and independent future.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, may You bless the hands of CBM field workers

as they provide communities with clean water and toilet and handwashing facilities that are accessible for all.

**DECEMBER** God, this Christmas season we thank you for the Meaningful Gifts coming to CBM from faithful and generous supporters. May they spread the joy of Christ's birth and may Your hand be on these endeavours. And please bless those we seek to serve.

# DAY 31

**PRAY FOR REMOVING BARRIERS:** Join us in prayer to bring about lasting change, transforming lives and creating a world where all individuals are included, valued and empowered.

**JANUARY** We pray for CBM staff and field workers to have joy despite the hardships they face when challenging societal attitudes in communities. We pray for breakthroughs that eradicate the exclusion of people with disabilities.

**MARCH** We pray for inclusive healthcare through the installation of ramps at hospitals and training for healthcare workers to understand and hear the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.

**MAY** We ask for daily safety for CBM's health workers and volunteers who are going into the world's poorest places.

**JULY** Lord, bless CBM staff, field workers and local partners as they work together in response to natural disasters to ensure

that people with disabilities have access to life-saving food and medical aid.

**AUGUST** Father, we pray You will continue to inspire CBM workers with creative initiatives that bring people together, breaking down barriers and creating meaningful connections for people with disabilities.

**OCTOBER** Jesus, You know the pain of exclusion. Strengthen CBM's staff and field workers to advocate for the rights and dignity of people with disabilities.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we thank You that barriers to children attending school are being removed by the expansion of inclusive education programmes.



**“Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Come to Me. I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis.” – Matthew 11:28**

Two-year-old Asha, and her family, are Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Thanks to generous people like you they are hopeful for a brighter future for Asha, now that she receives physiotherapy treatment for her clubfoot at a **cbm**-funded medical and rehabilitation centre.



**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” – Hebrews 13:16**

As the drought crisis continues to grow in Kenya, people with disabilities are often overlooked. But thanks to kind-hearted **cbm** supporters for acting so quickly and so generously to help people with disabilities, like Sofia, caught up in the devastating drought and food crisis.



In Nigeria, River Blindness has destroyed Muni's sight, but she is happy and encouraged knowing that generous **cbm** supporters like you are helping to break the cycle of poverty and disability in the world's poorest places.

## OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

May you be encouraged:

**“May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us, yes, establish the work of our hands.”**

– Psalm 90:17

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 people most in need. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to prayer. May you be filled with expectancy and joy in 2024!



Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters for giving the miracle of sight, 7-year-old Kyle is looking forward to continuing his schooling, playing with his friends, and most importantly of all, playing basketball again.

## 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](http://cbmnz.org.nz/bequests)**.

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