

2020

PRAYER DIARY



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

Dear Prayer Partner

Your prayer is a gift to the most vulnerable people in this world. Join us to pray for God's work through **cbm** by using these stories, insights and hopes for the world, that come from our partners. As it says in Romans 12: 12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

I have seen the transformation you help bring about! In 2019 I saw those with cataracts receive back their sight and children with disabilities able to go to school. You can imagine all the blessings that flow from that. These people, no longer dependent, can support a family, get an education, and keep a job - as well as proudly take their place in their local community.

It's so encouraging for us to have so many praying with us. Our staff pray along with you, both individually and at our Wednesday Devotions. And all over the world, we know we are joined by passionate people doing the same.

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.

In this new year, let's continue to pray together. May God's love be felt in very practical ways by many more through your prayer and ongoing support.

You are God's partner and our partner in a wonderful work. Celebrate!

May God richly bless you this year. Kia kaha taatou.

Murray Sheard
Chief Executive Officer, **cbm** New Zealand

DAY 1

Murray is CEO of **cbm** New Zealand. He 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 one-year old son, Finn.



Murray Sheard / New Zealand

JANUARY Pray for **cbm's** work in Papua New Guinea. For the amazing gift of children being able to see again and being able to take their place in school with a tailored learning plan. Give thanks!

FEBRUARY Pray for the board and staff of **cbm** as we begin a new strategy designed to better serve those in need. Pray for our fundraising, finance and international programmes teams.

MARCH Give thanks for all those who have been led to give to **cbm** so that others less fortunate can be blessed and given sight, mobility, dignity and hope. Those are great gifts to give!

APRIL **cbm** New Zealand and Australia both partner with the Pacific Disability Forum in the Pacific Islands to help when disasters strike. Pray for all workers as they map who is most vulnerable and make evacuation shelters more accessible.

MAY This month, the New Zealand Government aid programme makes important decisions about funding, including for **cbm**. Pray for wisdom and understanding of the positive impact they can have on the lives of those with disabilities.

JUNE When 800,000 Rohingya people fled their homes in Myanmar, many acquired disabilities. Pray for the continuation of our vital work in providing assistance to these people.

JULY Please pray for guidance for all those involved in setting up the new **cbm** Global federation. Amazing levels of work, love and care have been poured in so far and the work continues.

AUGUST The fastest way to reverse progress in fragile states is to have a new war. So please pray for peace in the world's most troubled areas, and for the protection of those with disabilities in places of conflict.

SEPTEMBER **cbm** provides technical advice to other development agencies so that they can better serve people with disabilities. This is a wonderful way to extend our reach to more people. Give thanks to God.

OCTOBER Pray for the families of **cbm** staff who are left behind as we travel to the places we work so that we can understand and serve them better. Pray for strength and peace.

NOVEMBER Please pray for those suffering from tropical eye diseases. **cbm's** staff work tirelessly to heal the blind in Jesus' name, and also to stop these preventable diseases from striking.

DECEMBER Our partners in Nigeria and Tanzania restore hope and dignity to the lives of women who developed Fistula during childbirth. Pray for these women, the medical staff and those that work to prevent it.

DAY 2

Dr Geoffrey from Uganda worked in Papua New Guinea as an Ophthalmologist and lecturer. He is passionate about eye health for children.



Dr Geoffrey Wabulembo / PNG

JANUARY Pray for the training programme of ophthalmologists in Papua New Guinea. That it will not only be sustained, but will grow.

FEBRUARY Pray for the fundraising efforts for **cbm** work that resources will be availed for the work that has been planned.

MARCH Pray for the entire **cbm** family to remain united in purpose as they serve those in need.

APRIL Pray for Goroka eye clinic in Papua New Guinea, that the government will be able to find an ophthalmologist to work there and put to good use the investment **cbm** has made over time.

MAY Pray for journey mercies for **cbm** family, since a lot of work involves lots of travel.

JUNE Pray for the partners of **cbm** that they will remain firmly on board in advancing the values and aspirations of **cbm**.

JULY Pray for people in disaster areas that **cbm** is working with that their suffering may be short-lived.

AUGUST Pray for clients who receive the news that their visual impairment cannot be reversed, that they will find the grace to live a positive and happy life with the skills that will be imparted to them through the **cbm** programmes.

SEPTEMBER Pray for the surgeons in the **cbm** family, that their hands will be blessed, and have minimal or no complications in the course of treating clients.

OCTOBER Pray for World Sight Day that through the various awareness campaigns globally more people will be reached with information about eye health.

NOVEMBER Pray for all the women with cataracts in need of treatment, that this will be accessed speedily.

DECEMBER Give thanks for all the achievements, and learning points of this year, and may God receive all the glory.

DAY 3

Florah manages CBM's programme quality portfolio in Africa East Region. She is passionate about social justice and inclusive economic empowerment. She is married with four children.



Florah Mukabana / Kenya

JANUARY Thanking God for a new year. Psalms 127:1 - Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain... Thank the Lord for all that he has enabled us to achieve in 2019, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need Him and rely on His presence filling us every day.

FEBRUARY Pray that God will give us inspiration, and courage to build an environment where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or experience poverty; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

MARCH Pray for the government and other stakeholders to be sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities during the policy making processes and that CBM's strategic alliances with Disabled Persons Organisation will be productive.

APRIL Pray that we find inspirations to demonstrate compassion in service to others, and that we will receive wisdom to provide life-changing services to those we serve.

MAY Pray for CBM Africa Country Directors, and their teams, that they will find favour with other stakeholders and partners as they oversee the planning for CBM work. Pray for CBM partners; that they will remain motivated and passionate as they identify and support people with disabilities as well as their families.

JUNE Pray for peace in war-torn countries. Pray that CBM and other local partner organisations will be better prepared to respond when disasters strike.

JULY Pray that as we budget for the year 2021, that inclusive development will be everyone's' priority and that we will be accountable to every resource under our care.

AUGUST Pray for people with any form of disability, that they will find support and understanding around them, and that their families and communities will be sensitive to their needs and support them to achieve their full potential.

SEPTEMBER Pray for patients who have undergone surgical operations and are in pain, that God will grant them peace, relieve the pain and restore their health.

OCTOBER Pray for all CBM donors that God may bless their generosity.

NOVEMBER Praying for those whom God has put into our lives through our work with CBM, that we may show acts of mercy by demonstrating the love of God and praying for them.

DECEMBER Pray for CBM staff and their families as they travel in various places during the celebration of the birth of our King, and that we are reminded of His power to revive us and give us a fresh start to the new year.



Jafor, a Rohingya refugee in Bangladesh, is hopeful for a brighter future now that 2-year old Asha is able to receive physiotherapy treatment for clubfoot at a **cbm** supported rehabilitation centre.

DAY 4

Seta is the CEO of the Pacific Disability Forum based in Fiji. **cbm** New Zealand works with the Pacific Disability Forum to strengthen the resilience of people with disabilities to face natural disasters.



Setareki Seru Macanawai / Fiji

JANUARY Please join us in prayer as the Board, members and staff of PDF plan and prepare themselves to serve persons with disabilities and their families in this New Year.

FEBRUARY Pray for planning meetings and training programmes taking place in the Pacific, and opportunities for organisations to work together to reach even more people with disabilities.

MARCH Please pray for opportunities to arise so that persons with disabilities can share messages with governments, schools and communities, so that services can become even more accessible and inclusive.

APRIL Give praise to the Lord for providing safety over the cyclone season to people living in remote and difficult to reach places.

MAY Pray for our team of trainers at Pacific Disability Forum who work with organisations of persons with disabilities throughout the Pacific. May they be inspired to steadfastly share their knowledge.

JUNE Bless all the staff working tirelessly at the Pacific Disability Forum. May the Lord offer protection as they travel.

JULY Pray that all the organisations of persons with disabilities, that Pacific Disability Forum works with, will feel confident and strong to advocate for their rights and access to services on an equal basis with others.

AUGUST Each Pacific country has a national department that is responsible to prepare and respond to disasters. Pray that they will hear the voices of people with disabilities, and make sure they are included in disaster planning.

SEPTEMBER Many people with disabilities cannot see or hear warning systems to know that disasters are imminent. Pray that accessible early warning systems will be developed so that everyone can be prepared and no one will be left behind.

OCTOBER Give thanks to the Lord for all the caring families throughout the Pacific that care for family members with disabilities. May they be blessed in all that they do.

NOVEMBER As the cyclone season approaches, please pray for safety of those with disabilities living on remote islands across the Pacific.

DECEMBER December can be a season of rushing around and finishing tasks for the year. Please pray for clear thinking and direction as the management of the Pacific Disability review the year and make plans for the year ahead.

DAY 5

Dr Sunday is a Fistula Surgeon at **cbm's** field partner in Nigeria, which provides nearly 600 fistula surgeries each year in Jos, Nigeria and several other outreach sites.



Sunday Lengmang / Nigeria

JANUARY Let us thank God for His promises for the year 2020, and his provision through the generous support from **cbm**, providing transforming surgery for women living with obstetric fistula.

FEBRUARY Let us thank God for protecting our staff as they dedicate themselves to reaching women with fistula in very difficult circumstances, especially in crisis prone areas of North Eastern and North Central Nigeria.

MARCH Let us pray for insight for our surgeons as they continually seek new ways to serve patients with complex fistula, so that women with fistula deemed inoperable are commonly referred to Jos for their care.

APRIL Let us pray that God would bring healing to women who were abandoned because they had obstetric fistula. May the Lord provide for their needs and heal their broken hearts.

MAY Let us pray for special intervention for women with multiple disabilities who also had obstetric fistula, for interventions that would reach this special group with information for **cbm** supported free surgical outreaches, and for support to be able to access the service provider.

JUNE Pray for our Project Director and his family, as they dedicate themselves to the service of women living with obstetric fistula. Let us pray that God would meet them at their point of need.

JULY Pray for the government of Nigeria to provide conditions for peace to reign in crisis prone areas and policies that would promote health services for the underprivileged, especially those living in remote areas where obstetric fistula thrives.

AUGUST Let us pray for the families living with women who have obstetric fistula, for grace to support the women, provision to assist with transportation and kindness to uplift their broken spirit.

SEPTEMBER We need safety and protection for **cbm** staff travelling to support and supervise project work. Let us pray that God would provide safety and protection for such staff as they travel through difficult terrains to ensure that quality services are provided as planned.

OCTOBER Let us pray for wisdom, harmony for our field partners in the execution of their project interventions in all project states.

NOVEMBER Let us pray for our donors: those who provide support to **cbm**, those who write proposals for grants. As they dedicate themselves to the service of giving, that God would provide for their own individual needs.

DECEMBER Let us give gratitude to God for having a successful year of interventions to women with obstetric fistula. Let us appreciate God for caring and protecting the staff through the year, and for healing and restoring the health of women who had obstetric fistula.



Gizachew Abebe is an ophthalmic nurse and field worker from cbm-partner GTM Grarbet Tehadiso Mahber, Butajira. He checks Elfinesh (9) for signs of Trachoma. Watched by Kidist (12), Genet (7), grandmother Asgedech (55) and Wondwosan (10).

Trachoma is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness, a bacterial infection that causes a roughening of the inner surface of the eyelids. This roughening can lead to pain in the eyes, breakdown of the corneas and eventual blindness.

Grandmother Asgedech, who is raising her children, had successful surgery for Trachoma Trichiasis (ingrown eyelashes), which was painfully blinding to her. The children all have Active Trachoma and they now receive an annual dose of antibiotics.

Thank you for your prayers!

DAY 6

Samuel is married to Yiftusera and they are blessed with three children. Samuel works for CBM Ethiopia as Programmes Officer providing technical support.



Samuel Bekele / Ethiopia

JANUARY Almighty God, give us the strength to witness peace and harmony, instead of hate and division, announcing the Word of Jesus, who sacrificed himself for our salvation.

FEBRUARY Almighty God, give us the strength to increase our commitment towards the poorest of the poor and the most marginalized, following the example of Jesus Christ our Lord, who always chose the forgotten ones.

MARCH May the Lord enlighten and guide our partner organisations in Ethiopia to be good stewards of the resources and to make the best possible informed decisions for the wellbeing of their beneficiaries.

APRIL Almighty God, help us all to understand the importance of protecting the environment we live in, starting from small and do-able actions, in our everyday life, so we can enhance a change in the long term.

MAY Almighty God, enlighten our government and institutions to commit and provide access to education to all children, particularly to children with disabilities, who are still left out of the system.

JUNE Almighty God, help us to enhance the provision of high-quality health care to those who need it the most, in the attempt to ensure the full achievement of basic human rights, such as access to health care systems.

JULY Almighty God, help the Ethiopian government to continue operating for the well-being and progress of the country, targeting the gaps and promoting equitable development, whereby nobody is left behind and forgotten.

AUGUST Almighty God, help us all to increase our attention and focus towards our young, acknowledging their right to happiness and to live their life as anybody else, striving to provide them with what they need to express their talents.

SEPTEMBER Almighty God, help us in promoting mutual respect and understanding, enhancing open and sincere communication, overcoming futile problems and valuing others as resources, instead of considering them as threats. May God enlighten our institutions, so that they can promote stability and reconciliation in all areas of the society.

OCTOBER Heavenly Father, this month we would like to pray for CBM staff who are supporting the vision and mission, and continuing to dedicate their lives to persons with disabilities.

NOVEMBER Almighty God, help us in protecting the family, recognising its unreplaceable role in society and providing it with the needed support.

DECEMBER Almighty God, help us all to operate towards justice, promoting equality, ensuring basic rights are met, inspired by the Gospel.

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
(Gal 3:28)*

DAY 7

In 2017 New Zealander's David and Kathy Tait followed God's calling to Wabuye, western Kenya to establish medical services and build a surgical eye unit at Kingdom Faith Based Hospital. The doors are now open and ready to serve those in need.



David & Kathy / Kenya

JANUARY Thanks for the blessing of another year of support from **cbm** - may all we do, bring glory to God; May we be guided by good planning and strategies for the year ahead.

FEBRUARY Pray that our patients will be able to use the National Health Insurance Fund so that we can start even more affordable health treatment and surgery.

MARCH Give thanks for the visiting eye surgeons and scrub nurses and the equipment they help us with. May our patients recover well and follow post-operative care.

APRIL We celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in Scotland with all our family. Pray for travelling mercies particularly for our son in NZ with Multiple Sclerosis and that all will continue smoothly and safely at the hospital while we celebrate this milestone abroad.

MAY Please pray that publicity about the eye screening outreach clinics will reach those most in need. May the patients have transport to receive an accurate diagnosis, early treatment and surgery.

JUNE Thank the Lord for supplying our eye surgical equipment and consumables in the past. May the Lord continue to bless us with all other equipment, operating instruments and consumables without unforeseen delays.

JULY Give thanks for the protection upon our lives in Kenya and pray for continued good health.

AUGUST Please pray for blessings upon our sons and their families in the UK and NZ whom we miss dearly.

SEPTEMBER As we plan more and more eye care services, may all the co-ordinating be smooth and patients be able to arrive on time.

OCTOBER Please pray for protection and blessing on all staff and families at Kenya Faith Based Hospital as they serve diligently.

NOVEMBER Pray for the two local doctors who are currently training to specialise as ophthalmologists. Pray for concentration and dexterity as they learn the skills for eye surgery.

DECEMBER Give thanks to the Lord in this busy season. May we all take the time to reflect on his blessings and provisions over the year.

DAY 8

Zorodzai is the monitoring and evaluation officer for Supporting Adolescent Girls in Education (SAGE) programme in Zimbabwe. The programme focuses on providing high quality, accessible education for marginalised girls.



Zorodzai Marume / Zimbabwe

JANUARY Lord, we thank You for allowing these girls to be enrolled in the programme as many have never been to school.

FEBRUARY Lord, we pray that these girls are able to adapt to school life so that they can reap the fruits of the programme.

MARCH May the Lord continue to give the SAGE team strength and wisdom to help these girls.

APRIL Lord, may girls with disabilities who are part of the SAGE project have patience and endurance to learn, despite the discrimination and negative attitudes that they can face from their communities.

MAY May the Lord instil compassion in the communities where these girls come from so that they can show support to these girls.

JUNE We thank God for the SAGE team who have great passion to help girls in Zimbabwe to access education.

JULY We pray for CBM who are implementing inclusive education projects around the world.

AUGUST May the Lord instil love in the communities where these girls come from so that they can help these girls realise their dreams.

SEPTEMBER On International Literacy Day, we pray for the success of our SAGE project. We pray the consortium staff will channel their passion to change the lives of these girls.

OCTOBER Lord, we pray for girls under the SAGE project to be motivated to learn despite the social situations that they are in.

NOVEMBER We pray for all our partners to continue the good work that is helping children with disabilities.

DECEMBER Lord, we pray for girls under the SAGE project to realise the benefits of gaining an education despite the harsh economic situations that they are in.



Of all our nearest neighbours in the South Pacific, the most extreme examples of poverty are in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.

It is a devastating thing to be blind in the Highlands. Everything Jack did - to stay safe, to earn a living, to support his family - all depended entirely on his sense of sight. Then it was gone. He was totally blind.

Unable to see, Jack could no longer work to provide for his wife and newborn son - a son whose face he had never seen. Blindness broke Jack's spirit. He lost all desire to be with other people, leaving him isolated, depressed, angry and withdrawn. He felt his life was over, and lost all hope of ever being a productive member of his family and his village.

Then Jack's prayers were answered, making it possible for him to be part of a week-long cataract surgical outreach clinic. The successful 12-minute operation restored Jack's sight and now his joy abounds.

"All I think about is getting home to see my son, my wife and my family, and to start my life again." - Jack

DAY 9

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



Linabel Hadlee / New Zealand

JANUARY Over the cyclone season, we pray for safety of our Pacific neighbours vulnerable to natural disasters, and for solidarity of the community around them so that challenges are not faced alone.

FEBRUARY We pray for your blessing to the people that have received the gift of sight through **cbm** eye care programmes in Asia, Africa and Pacific. We thank the Lord for the work of the medical teams and the generous donors that have made it possible.

MARCH This month we remember women and girls with disabilities who are too often neglected and abused. Pray for the **cbm** programmes implemented in Asia, Africa and the Pacific to empower girls and women with their true worth.

APRIL We pray for children with disabilities who struggle to access education in disadvantaged countries and give thanks to teachers that work for inclusive schools in remote communities.

MAY Pray for women with Obstetric Fistula undergoing life-changing surgery from **cbm** health partners in Africa, may the Lord also heal and invigorate their spirit to reinstate female dignity and life opportunities.

JUNE Pray for abundant harvest for farmers with disabilities in India demonstrating care for the earth by engaging in organic farming with a **cbm**-supported programme.

JULY Pray that communities will see the real value and heart of a person who lives with disability and welcome them in all aspects of community life.

AUGUST Pray for the safety of the **cbm** Emergency Response Unit who tirelessly move around the globe, assisting people with disabilities affected by disaster.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all families that have been exiled and have taken refuge in other countries, particularly those at risk of being left behind due to disabilities. May God protect them and bless them with unity and inner love.

OCTOBER **cbm** is working alongside organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) in countries in which we have a presence. Pray for the strength and leadership of DPOs so that important decision makers at local and national government levels hear the voice of people with disabilities.

NOVEMBER **cbm** can impact even more people if we work in partnership with other development organisations to help them include people with disabilities in their programmes. Pray for these partnerships.

DECEMBER We pray for the staff of **cbm** partners 'in country', composed of local community workers and missionaries who travel through remote areas to reach persons with disabilities and provide much needed support, hope and services, thus empowering local community.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

DAY 10

Stevie is a Community Education Officer with CBM. Through public speaking she advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities. Stevie wants all people with disabilities to have opportunities to reach their potential, just as she has had.



Stevie Wills / Australia

JANUARY We pray that people with disabilities will be integral members of their church. Together we pray that they can fully participate in their church community.

FEBRUARY Thank you, God, for churches in Australia. We pray that they will desire to be inclusive of all people.

MARCH As we head into Easter, may we remember that Jesus took on weakness and vulnerability, and that weakness and vulnerability are part of all of our humanity. Thank you, Jesus, that you identify with us.

APRIL We pray that churches will value the gifts and contributions that people with disabilities bring. We also pray that people with disabilities will have the opportunity to serve and use their talents.

MAY Please pray for opportunities for CBM Australia to share about our work with churches around Australia. Pray for relationships to develop between CBM and churches to support our work.

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JUNE We thank God for the CBM staff who are working to see people with disabilities included in churches and communities. We pray for God's wisdom, guidance and strength as they do this.

JULY God, we pray that churches all over the world will be accessible and welcoming for people with disabilities and those who they come with. May people have positive experiences when they visit a church.

AUGUST God, thank you for our supporters. Bless them. Please continue to provide financial support so that CBM can continue to support people with disabilities in developing countries.

SEPTEMBER Together we pray for our own health and energy, that God will enable us to continue to serve Him and that He will bless the work of our hands.

OCTOBER God, we pray that churches will understand that people with disabilities who live in developing countries are among the poorest of the poor. Please inspire them to support inclusion around the world.

NOVEMBER We pray that churches will intentionally reach out to people with disabilities within their communities.

DECEMBER Thank you, Lord, for our church leaders. Bless them. May your love inspire them to have a heart of inclusion.

DAY 11

Julius is married with four children (three boys and one girl) aged 8 to 15 years. He is a member of his church choir and his favourite pass-time is playing tennis and watching football.



Julius Niba Fon / Central Africa

JANUARY For success in our work endeavours. That as we start a new year, CBM Cameroon staff and partners would be dedicated to deliver in their commitment to service persons with disabilities and their communities through the programs we are supporting.

FEBRUARY For the youth: that young people especially in Cameroon may embark on serving their communities and contribute to local environments that are conducive for all and void of security threats.

MARCH For a Christlike world: that Christian communities all over the world will show love by supporting works that impact the needy.

APRIL For peace in our world: that the risen Christ may instil among leaders in conflict the courage to open new paths.

MAY For more workers in the Lord's vineyard: that more professionals will be dedicated to work in the field of management and prevention of disabilities.

JUNE For political leaders in developing countries: that they may embrace modesty and humility of their lives and commit themselves to an active solidarity with the poorest people in their communities.

JULY For doctors and nurses: that they may remain dedicated to provide quality care so that preventable disabilities are minimised.

AUGUST For families: that through appropriate work/life balance parents and children will bond more and more for true human development.

SEPTEMBER For inclusive schools in resource poor settings: that children with disabilities will be shown due respect as all children scramble for a space in schools.

OCTOBER We pray for people suffering with neglected conditions: that children in resource poor communities will be early diagnosed and supported to access medical intervention for neglected conditions like scoliosis, clubfoot. And that more people will support the work to control and eliminate neglected tropical diseases.

NOVEMBER For a more humane world: that world leaders gathering in summits will be more committed to creating scope for reduced inequalities around the world.

DECEMBER For safe delivery: that as we celebrate the birth of Christ, more mothers would safely deliver healthy babies.

*While I am in the world, I am the light for the world.
(John 9:3)*

*Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
(John 15:4)*

DAY 12

Benoit is responsible for planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluating the CBM Programmes in Rwanda, building partners' capacities and national level advocacy, alliance-building and networking.



Benoit Bizimana / Rwanda

JANUARY Heavenly Father, thanks for the excellent talented ophthalmologists like Dr Theophile Tuyisabe endowed with skills to help patients with eye problems in Kabgayi. We ask you Lord to keep strengthening and blessing their work.

FEBRUARY Almighty Lord, thanks for the life you give to children with blindness and your tremendous protection to them. We pray for their blessings, your compassion keep being with them and bless their families and communities to help them and advocate for their well-being.

MARCH Our Father, I pray for the nurses who are always committed to helping children and adults with disabilities. Bless them and their efforts and give them bravery and wisdom to perform their job.

APRIL Lord, we pray for children with eye cancer, who risk losing their sight or life. Heavenly Father, give their lives hope, help their parents, families and neighbours and assist those people suffering from cancer.

MAY Lord, we pray for poor people with disabilities who are fighting to find their daily bread and improve their lifestyle. Lovely God, give them courage and zeal to work hard to get food and support for their health services.

JUNE Our Lord, we pray for the health facilities of Kabgayi Eye Unit, dedicated to delivering quality health services for persons with eye problems.

JULY Thank you Lord for our supporters. Guide them and help them in their daily plans and priorities, while they pray for people with disabilities.

AUGUST We pray for all the staff and leaders of the Kabgayi Eye Unit, to have heavenly wisdom, loyalty, humility and influence to advocate for patients' health.

SEPTEMBER Thank you Lord for the nice and kind people you gifted with important wealth and wise hearts to help poor people with disabilities. Lord, bless them and their families, their children and neighbors, and encourage them to keep supporting people with disabilities and saving their lives.

OCTOBER We ask you Lord to guide the plans for Kabgayi Eye Unit and support the teamwork and collaboration to build positive futures of the capable citizens. May your blessings remain with them and their endeavor, Amen.

NOVEMBER Our Father, I pray for the ophthalmic clinical officers who are always committed to helping children and adults with disabilities. Bless them and their efforts and give them bravery and wisdom to endure performing their job.

DECEMBER Heavenly Father, thanks for the excellent talented ophthalmologists like Dr Sylvain El-Khoury endowed with skills to help patients with eye problems in Kabgayi. We ask you Lord to keep strengthening and blessing their work.

DAY 13

Madhi has worked in the CBM South Asia Regional office since 2003, and is currently Senior Programme Officer. He is responsible for working with partners towards promoting equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities.



Madhizhagan Mohan / India

JANUARY Pray that CBM's programmes in India will positively affect and transform the lives of people with disabilities.

FEBRUARY Today we dedicate a prayer for people who live with the challenges posed by dementia.

MARCH We pray that our partner hospitals get the resources they need to provide quality treatment to people in need.

APRIL Pray that the entire South Asia Regional Office team will be blessed with strength and enthusiasm to continue our mission to serve the poorest people with disabilities, their families and communities.

MAY Lord, we pray for people and communities to be positive towards people with disabilities.

JUNE Pray for organisations and their members that help disabled people to take up roles of leadership and responsibility, helping to redefine the lives of fellow people with disabilities.

JULY Let us remember that in times of crisis, Lord, you are with us in our lives. Let us turn to your wisdom when we face daily challenges.

AUGUST Pray for the health team and Senior Programme Officers working to transform lives in India.

SEPTEMBER We pray that children with disabilities can shine as brightly in education as any other children.

OCTOBER Lord, we pray that more resources can be allocated towards disability-related programmes within our communities.

NOVEMBER Lord, we pray that people who have lost their memories through Alzheimer's disease can find peace and comfort with their families.

DECEMBER We pray that our schools get the resources they need to provide education to people in need.



At just 22-years old, Victoria has lost five babies to miscarriage and stillbirth, with the last birth causing an obstetric fistula. Due to her incontinence, her husband abandoned her and then her own father rejected her, but Victoria never lost her faith in God, praying alone at night for God to heal her fistula.

DAY 14

Susan is Board Chair at **cbm** NZ and has served since 2014. She loved visiting the **cbm** projects in Africa to see transformative surgeries and rehabilitation programmes at work. Susan lives in Auckland with her husband Andrew and three children.



Susan Willis-Hirst / New Zealand

JANUARY As we celebrate 30 years of **cbm** in NZ, we thank you Lord for your faithfulness and for the faithful pioneers of this work.

FEBRUARY Please join me in praying for the thousands of women in Africa who are suffering from fistula. May they find help through a **cbm** project today.

MARCH We pray a blessing on the supporters and donors of **cbm**, who give sacrificially to advance your work.

APRIL May we all know the Lord's mercy today, particularly those who live in pain every day due to injury or a congenital condition.

MAY Pray for the international leaders of CBM; that they will have wisdom and insight to lead this organisation well.

JUNE We pray that children who are deaf and blind will be able to access education through the work of **cbm**.

JULY We pray for those who face barriers in the community every day. May public spaces become more accessible for people with disability.

AUGUST Thank you Lord for the incredible staff and volunteers of **cbm** NZ. May you bless them as they serve you.

SEPTEMBER As Spring flowers show your mercies are new every morning, we pray for fresh hope for those who live with a disability in poverty.

OCTOBER Sovereign Lord, as the winds and waves obey your voice, may you grant help to those with a disability that are affected by natural disasters around the world.

NOVEMBER We pray for your beautiful daughters who are cast aside due to a disability. May they find help and hope today.

DECEMBER We thank you Lord that you are with us in this special season, as we at **cbm** endeavour to demonstrate your love to those with disabilities around the world.

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

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phillipians 4:4-6)

DAY 15

Albert is the Regional Hub Director for CBM East Africa and is based in Nairobi. In this region, CBM works with over 60 partners and uses Disability Inclusive Development principles to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.



Albert Kombo / Kenya

JANUARY As we begin a new year, may we be guided by Your grace and wisdom, and that our work may always be fruitful.

FEBRUARY We pray for people with disabilities that are also suffering from cancer. Gracious God, grant them strength.

MARCH We pray for all women with disabilities, particularly in low-resource settings like East Africa.

APRIL Lord we pray for CBM and all our partners to be more conscious of the value of working towards environmental sustainability.

MAY With recognition that almost 700 million people are now over the age of 60, we pray for increased attention to the needs and challenges faced by older people, and in particular those with disabilities.

JUNE As Rwanda marks 26 years since the end of the genocide, we pray for all people who were injured, impaired and traumatised as a result of atrocities.

One of the best ways you can help us reach more people and plan programs more efficiently is with a regular gift. For more information call 0800 77 22 64.

JULY As South Sudan marks its Independence Day on July 9th, we pray for prevailing peace so that people with disabilities can continue accessing the services they need, provided by CBM and our partners.

AUGUST We pray that achievements of women with disabilities should be brought to the fore and celebrated.

SEPTEMBER Lord we give thanks for people working towards cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

OCTOBER Lord, we ask for strength to take action for the protection of our environment.

NOVEMBER We pray for the CBM community, particularly the community in East Africa.

DECEMBER Lord, lay your blessing on Rwanda and ensure continued peace.

DAY 16

Father Jaison is the Director of Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS), the social service wing of the Catholic diocese of Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India.



Fr. Jason Manuel / India

JANUARY We pray for CBM family all over the world that all the good works being carried out may always be effective and may lead to fullness of life for all.

FEBRUARY We pray for all those Support Organizations/Donor Agencies, Civil Society Organizations and individuals who make efforts to eradicate poverty and destitution all over the world. May they serve as channels of God's love and act together against extreme poverty.

MARCH We pray for women with disabilities, that they may live a life of dignity and self-respect. May there be an empowering environment for them to excel in life especially in all those parts of the world where women are abused, ill-treated and suppressed.

APRIL We pray for all people with disabilities who are involved in making their communities more inclusive and resilient every day, that the Lord may bless all the small and big collective efforts of people with disabilities all over the world to improve their quality of life and that they may lead many more to self-esteem and empowerment.

MAY We pray that the Lord may bless all those social workers and volunteers who are involved in bringing qualitative and sustainable changes in the life of those with disabilities.

JUNE We pray for all the CBM team South Asia Regional Office that God may bless them with His choicest blessings

and make all their efforts successful and effective. May they be strengthened to serve the humanity as God's instruments.

JULY We pray for peace and prosperity all over the world and that all acts of violence and terrorism may stop. May all human beings live in fraternity and brotherhood and this world becomes the real abode of love.

AUGUST We pray for all those who are deprived of their basic human needs and rights, that they may be given the dignity and respect which God confers on all his people.

SEPTEMBER We pray for all girl children, that they may get their rights and entitlements, lead a life of dignity and self-respect and may lead many more to the path of empowerment.

OCTOBER We pray for all the nations. May God guide all the leaders of the nations with wisdom and power so that everyone may live in peace and mutual trust as one family.

NOVEMBER We pray for mother earth that Lord may fill everyone with knowledge, awareness and innovations to treat the land in such a way to reduce the carbon footprint on earth.

DECEMBER We pray for all the farmers engaged in various kinds of farming that they get a good climate for the increased production and thus to earn their livelihood.

DAY 17

Diana has been working for **cbm** for over 20 years, and has held many roles in the Philippines and Papua New Guinea and is currently living with her family in the south of Manila.



Diana Ureta / Philippines

JANUARY Thank you Lord for the gift of the New Year 2020, for another year of **cbm's** love in action ministry in Papua New Guinea through and with our project partners.

FEBRUARY Please pray that we may always see our work for people with disabilities as a vocation, and that we may serve with the strength God provides.

MARCH Please pray for the training of national ophthalmologists, and for Dr. Jambi Garap as she fulfills her role as the first national full-time lecturer.

APRIL Access to eye health services in many provinces in Papua New Guinea remains a challenge. Please pray for the success of outreach cataract surgical trips to prevent avoidable blindness.

MAY Please pray for the Annual Conference of The Network of Callan Services; may the staff and key stakeholders be inspired to continue to do more to improve services for people with disabilities.

JUNE Please pray for school administration and management, the provincial and national education departments piloting the model inclusive schools that they may persevere and progress.

JULY Please remember in prayer the early intervention programme which addresses not only the rehabilitation needs, but also the nutritional needs, of malnourished children with disabilities.

AUGUST When caught in a laundry list of concerns and worry, may we be reminded by Your word "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything."

SEPTEMBER Please pray for child protection officers and all those who work in child safety and protection.

OCTOBER Please pray for traveling mercy and protection for community workers and volunteers as they visit and provide interventions to people with disabilities in the communities.

NOVEMBER Please pray for those who are sick and suffering.

DECEMBER May we give thanks to the Lord for His blessings, and for choosing us and appointing us to be a blessing to others.

DAY 18

Omoi works for CBM's Nigeria country office as the Program Manager. He is passionate about CBM as the interventions have an instant impact on the lives of the persons we serve.



Omoi Samuel / Nigeria

JANUARY I pray that in this month January and new year, that the government of Nigeria will begin the implementation of the disability law, so that Nigeria can become a more inclusive country.

FEBRUARY I pray that God provides financially for all those who support CBM's work and for those who intend to support us.

MARCH I pray that the love of Jesus unites the entire CBM's family in meeting CBM's mandate

APRIL May our beneficiaries receive healing through our intervention, even as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour this April.

MAY May God spread his banner of protection over all CBM staff working in volatile environment globally.

JUNE I am praying for unity of purpose among organisation of persons with disabilities in Nigeria and that they will be strengthened to advocate for their rights adequately.

JULY I pray that the government of Nigeria will be committed to ending armed opposition.

AUGUST In this month of August I am trusting God for good health for all CBM staff in Nigeria and globally, so they can adequately deliver on CBM's vision of creating an inclusive world.

SEPTEMBER May the good Lord grant wisdom to the global leadership of CBM so that they can steer CBM in achieving its vision.

OCTOBER I pray that the international community will be committed to achieving the SGDs, so that the world will move towards an inclusive world.

NOVEMBER I pray that God bless our funders with good health and the work of their hands.

DECEMBER May our beneficiaries and the entire CBM's family enjoy the love Christ, even as we celebrate his birth.

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.

DAY 19

Karen works in the Programmes team at **cbm** NZ. She travels to Papua New Guinea to support eye care and inclusive education programmes, where she enjoys sharing the skills from her former profession as an Occupational Therapist.



Karen Jack / New Zealand

JANUARY Community fieldworkers in PNG go out into remote communities to find young children with disabilities. Please pray that the families are open to support and taking part in the rehabilitation plan so the children can go to school.

FEBRUARY Give thanks for the teachers in PNG as they start the year with a new class. May they welcome children with disabilities into their classroom to learn alongside their friends.

MARCH The Highlands of PNG have a particularly high incidence of cataracts. Pray that more and more people with cataracts hear about the Goroka Eye Clinic and surgical outreach clinics and have their sight restored.

APRIL In the hot humid weather of PNG, mosquito-borne diseases like malaria are too common. Pray for safety of the community fieldworkers as they travel great distances by foot to find and serve more people with disabilities.

MAY Pray for blessings to Dr Jambi as she serves as the first national Senior Lecturer at the University of PNG in Port Moresby, training more doctors to become ophthalmologists.

JUNE **cbm** is working with schools in PNG as they embark on a journey to increase accessibility so even more students with disabilities can access the classroom and curriculum. Pray for motivation to make all classrooms inclusive.

JULY The roads of PNG can be dangerous with pot holes and rugged terrain. Pray for the safety of **cbm** staff and community fieldworkers as they travel to reach children and adults with disabilities.

AUGUST Dr Wahamu is an ophthalmologist from PNG, dedicated to restoring the sight of children and adults with avoidable blindness. Pray that he is sustained in his duties with the peace that surpasses all understanding.

SEPTEMBER PNG gained Independence in 1975. Pray for the country in September as they celebrate another year of independence and continue to develop inclusive national policies.

OCTOBER This is the time of year when students in PNG prepare to sit exams to graduate. Pray for a steady mind at this time. May more and more students with disabilities be able to enrol in further education at places like the University of Goroka.

NOVEMBER Pray for all the babies and pre-schoolers attending the **cbm** funded rehabilitation classes in PNG. May they get the nutrition and support they need to thrive and reach their potential.

DECEMBER At this busy time of year, please pray for inclusive education teachers from **cbm** partners in PNG to relax and unwind after a busy year!



Dibelayi and his grandfather Fortunat, are thankful to be receiving sight-saving medicine in their remote village in Nigeria.

Onchocerciasis (River Blindness) is prevalent in many parts of Nigeria. It is estimated that about 31 million people are at risk. If left untreated, the disease can cause blindness and a variety of debilitating and disfiguring skin problems.

In the remotest parts of the world, blindness condemns families to poverty upon poverty. Fortunat, blinded for nearly twenty years, and his wife moved villages, hoping to beg for survival, but what can you beg from people who have so little themselves?

Their hardships multiplied when their son died, leaving them to raise their grandson Dibelayi. They cannot afford to send Dibelayi to school. Instead, this loyal little boy leads his grandfather around with a stick.

"We are so thankful that Dibelayi is receiving the medicine needed to prevent him becoming blind from Onchocerciasis." - Fortunat

DAY 20

Brother Kevin is the Director of **cbm** partner The Network of Callan Services in Papua New Guinea - the largest provider of services to children and adults living with disabilities in the country.



Brother Kevin Ryan / PNG

JANUARY May your Spirit guide our hands, hearts and minds and may we always focus on the needs of our friends who need extra support with community life and education.

FEBRUARY May we follow the example of our brother Jesus to assist all the communities of PNG to be fully inclusive and also assist adults and children with disabilities to have the knowledge, skills and heart to contribute strongly and generously to their communities.

MARCH As we prepare for PNG National Disability Day we ask for the gift of 'celebrating our successes together' as well asking the government to respond to the immense challenges still ahead of those of us in the disability sector.

APRIL May we share the liberating heart of God in our work in Community Based Inclusive Development, in particular through facilitating inclusive education among children with disabilities.

MAY As The Network of Callan Services gather in Annual Conference this month, we ask for the gifts of generous and open sharing, of listening to the spoken and the not spoken, and the gift of making decisions with the help of the Spirit of God.

JUNE Help our country to be inclusive, God our creator. We can include others through the way we build our houses, Churches, markets, stores, paths and public buildings.

JULY We ask you, Son of God, to help us continue your work of liberation by discovering ways of providing the assistive technology that will liberate people to participate more fully in family life, education, community affairs, social and spiritual activities and growth.

AUGUST Spirit of God, the examinations for many of friends are coming closer. Give them the teaching and guidance they need, the energy and confidence.

SEPTEMBER Jesus you called on people to review their lives, so we beg you to share with us the gifts we need to do that openly and transparently with our services.

OCTOBER Spirit of Hope, help the young women and men with disabilities to be open to what you are calling them to do in their lives, to trust their abilities and inspire them with courage to move forward with confidence in their hearts, knowing that You are moving forward within them.

NOVEMBER May we be given the inspiration and energy to finish our working year professionally and creatively. Thank you, Loving God for joining us on this journey and strengthening our bodies and spirits.

DECEMBER Our God, you who wish to include all people and all creation in the Kingdom of God, we thank you for all the help we have received from you.

DAY 21

Robert lives in Cape Town with his wife Annie and has worked with international development organisations for 30 years. He is CBM's Regional Director for Southern Africa.



Robert Donnelly / Southern Africa

JANUARY As we start a new year, pray for all those working with CBM: for their energy, passion, wisdom, resilience, service and love. May they continue to use their gifts to make a difference.

FEBRUARY We pray and give thanks to all those that support the work of CBM. It is their love, generosity and selflessness that enables and sustains our work.

MARCH 12 months after Cyclone Idai struck Southern Africa, we pray for those who lost loved ones and whose livelihoods were destroyed. May the support provided by CBM and other organisations be effective in enabling them to rebuild their lives.

APRIL As Zimbabwe celebrates its 40th anniversary of independence this month, we pray for the people of Zimbabwe, that the deep and lasting changes necessary in the country to reverse its steep decline may come about peacefully.

MAY In the predominantly agricultural economies of Southern Africa, the lives of so many people depend upon a good harvest. Pray that this year's harvest is a good one and that people can look forward to a year with enough to eat.

JUNE Pray for all those who are stigmatised in their communities and in society. Bring understanding and compassion to those that ostracise and exclude them. May they learn to love and accept all people for who they are.

JULY Pray for CBM's partners around the world. It is through working together that we are jointly able to bring about the change that we do. May CBM and our partners work well together for the benefit of those we serve.

AUGUST On the occasion of women's day in South Africa, pray for women around the world, especially those affected by gender-based violence and those that have been abused. Give them strength and resilience.

SEPTEMBER Pray for the family members, friends and community members who care for, love and support people with disabilities.

OCTOBER Pray for those living in poverty, for the marginalised, for those left behind and those excluded. May they have hope and fulfilment and be given dignity and respect.

NOVEMBER Pray for leaders; for those who have more than they need; and for those who have power and influence. May they share what they have. May they empower the disempowered. May they use their positions to spread justice, peace and equity.

DECEMBER On the international day of disabled persons, pray for all people with disabilities. We pray that they are fully included in society, enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.



Two-year old Theo can now run and play with his friends after receiving cataract surgery on both eyes at the Kabgayi Eye Clinic in Rwanda. At last he can see his Dad's face and his Mum's loving smile.

DAY 22

Jane is CBM Australia's Chief Executive Officer. She is passionate about working with people with disabilities to ensure we see the end of the cycle of poverty and disability.



Jane Edge / Australia

JANUARY Today we commit the work of CBM to the Lord, and ask for His wisdom to guide us as we embark on a new year. May we graciously allow Him to direct our steps and lead us along the right paths. (Proverbs 16:3, 4:11)

FEBRUARY May God bless every supporter who freely gives to those living in poverty with disabilities. May all supporters' hearts be filled with joy, knowing they are transforming lives and communities.

MARCH Today I pray for every mother who is doing her best in whatever circumstances she faces. Lord, may you remind her of her strength through you and may her family call her blessed. (Proverbs 31:28)

APRIL This month we pray for local community groups and decision makers in Australia and overseas. May they seek and welcome the input of people with disabilities, to achieve true accessibility and inclusion.

MAY Today we take a moment to celebrate and give thanks for CBM's volunteers. Thank you, Lord, for their generous hearts. Please amplify the impact of their work for your glory.

JUNE God, today we celebrate the millions of lives that have been restored in the first half of 2020. We pray that you will continue to use us to reach millions more in the months to come.

JULY Today we pray for countries where conflict or natural disasters have brought devastation. Wherever we go, may our programs offer timely relief so that no people with disabilities are left behind.

AUGUST This month we pray for every beneficiary who will receive the Miracle of sight-saving surgery. As their vision is restored, may they know how precious they are in God's sight.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we pray for the joint efforts of international aid organisations all over the world. As each focuses on the area in which they are called to make a difference, may you bless the work of their hands.

OCTOBER Today we pray for the families of CBM and partner organisation staff who support us every single day in our efforts to reach the most marginalised in our world. We are so grateful for the gift of their love.

NOVEMBER God, how blessed we are in Australia to have access to healthcare. We pray for those living with Trachoma, Fistula or other conditions who have lost hope. May our teams be quick to find them.

DECEMBER This month we are thankful for the unconditional love that we can all freely receive through the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you that your love did not discriminate and that all are welcome to know you.

*If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?
(James 2:16)*

DAY 23

Rebie is a programme officer, working for our partner Eye hEAR Foundation in the Philippines. Rebie says, "A thankful heart from satisfied beneficiaries is more than enough. When you enjoy what you do, the workplace is a place of joy."



Rebie Relator / Philippines

JANUARY As children and teachers return to school after the Christmas break, may we pray for all children with disabilities - that they can learn and have fun together and not be separated from other children.

FEBRUARY May we pray for all people affected by glaucoma, especially those who are living in poverty.

MARCH Lord, we pray that more optometrists find joy in conducting optometry in poor communities.

APRIL We pray that more world leaders and development organisations be responsive, particularly to the needs of women with disabilities.

MAY Pray for the programmes staff and partners, to keep their focus on the mission that we are trying to achieve.

JUNE May our present volunteer optometrists be in good health while traveling from one place to another, bringing hope for those living with visual impairment.

JULY Lord, we pray for all the programme staff, community based rehabilitation workers and all those who tirelessly work together with disabled people's organisations to empower people with disabilities to advocate for themselves.

AUGUST We pray that those living in poverty are able to access funds for their ongoing medication.

SEPTEMBER We remember with grateful hearts all our donors, our partners in programme development, and the people whose lives we touched and continue to touch.

OCTOBER Lord, may we have the heart to listen to the cry of women who are still disadvantaged in many areas.

NOVEMBER Lord, we ask that those living in poverty are able to access the help they need from organisations.

DECEMBER Pray for the programmes staff and partners who will be very busy in consolidating year-end reports and at the same time planning for the new year's programmes and activities.

DAY 24

Dinesh has been a Senior Programme Officer with CBM for over 11 years. The CBM values and culture motivates me to devote my time, expertise and knowledge towards sustainable development.



Dinesh Rana / India

JANUARY We pray for CBM family, partners and community for continuing the good work towards the improving quality of life of persons with disabilities and their family members.

FEBRUARY We pray for persons with disabilities and their family members who are involved in the project for organic production of major crops - wheat. Bless the seeds for fertility and good yield.

MARCH We pray on International Women's Day for all women, and especially for women with disabilities, implementing project activities for mainstreaming disability in development agenda. May God bless and provide strength to carry on activities with the community in rural areas.

APRIL We pray for the CBM family all over the world, for supporting the community and government, for mainstreaming disability in the development agenda and ensuring the improved quality of life of persons with disabilities and family members.

MAY We pray for BVJF - Disabled People Organisation. May God bless with wisdom to DPO leaders for strengthening the organisations' objectives carried in the different parts of the country.

JUNE We pray on World Environment Day for a safe and clean environment. Lord bless the rural community including persons with wisdom to nurture and protect our world.

JULY We pray for blessed monsoon for farmers, including farmers with disabilities, as monsoon rain brings happiness and prosperity to farmers.

AUGUST We pray for CBM India, country office and staff involved in a budget recommendation for the next year. May God guide the leader with wisdom and power so that we continue serving deprived community members including persons with disabilities and family.

SEPTEMBER We pray for the CBM India staff and project partner's staff who are engaged in training of farmers and persons with disabilities on organic farming and dairy management.

OCTOBER We pray for the CBM staff and field partners associated with projects in India. May God protect staff and visitors while travelling to the project locations in India.

NOVEMBER We pray for peace and prosperity all over the world. May God shower His blessings on all and bless them with peace, happiness and good health.

DECEMBER We pray for the families of CBM staff associated indirectly with our work. May God give strength to family members for continuing to support us in fulfilling our duties.

DAY 25

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



Hermie Petersen / New Zealand

JANUARY Pray for wisdom as we begin the new year. Pray that we might accomplish all the goals that the Lord has set before us in 2020 in order to help even more people trapped in poverty by disability.

FEBRUARY I want to lift our volunteers in prayer today; their perseverance and dedication is crucial to our work. May God bless them and their families.

MARCH Today, let us remember Christ's sacrifice for us.

APRIL May the Lord protect the most vulnerable people – those with disability – in times of emergency.

MAY Please pray for our field workers who often travel to remote places to reach people in desperate need. Pray God provides them with support and good health.

JUNE Pray for insight on how to respond to people when their expectations are wildly different from our own. Pray that we will be strengthened and comforted by our faith in God whenever challenges seem great.

JULY Today I pray for our supporters who give so much, both financially and also with their prayers, to make our work possible. May they be filled with joy and peace today.

AUGUST Give thanks for the many wonderful **cbm** medical specialists, doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and counsellors offering care and support to people in the most isolated and poor communities.

SEPTEMBER We pray that eye and other health services will be proactive in ensuring the most marginalised people can access the life-saving services they provide.

OCTOBER Des and I celebrate our wedding anniversary this month and we are grateful for the amazing love God has given us. Thank God for the privilege of being part of His healing Kingdom work.

NOVEMBER Pray that we discover new and exciting opportunities to gain knowledge through **cbm's** partnerships in the poorest places. Our aim is that people will not be limited by their disabilities but blessed through their abilities.

DECEMBER Give praise for God's faithfulness and great love as we remember the true meaning of Christmas and the hope and love for all.



One child each year represents the many children being helped through cbm child sponsorship.

Seven-year old Dinesh lives in a steep, perilous, and very poor part of Nepal - the ravines that rise towards the world's highest mountains.

Born with two life-limiting disabilities: cleft palate and an entire leg missing, Dinesh suffered even more heartbreak when his beloved mother died two years ago.

The surgery for Dinesh's cleft palate was simple compared to the challenge of having him stand and walk for the first time. With no thigh to anchor a prosthetic leg, it needed to be moulded and strapped to his waist by a harness, with joints to replace his hip and knee.

What a wonderful boost to Dinesh's confidence and sense of dignity, being able to stand, take his first steps and attend school with his friends.

Thanks to cbm Child Sponsors, children - rejected because of their disability - are welcomed into school and their community. Their lives are improved forever.

DAY 26

Mark is a Registered Nurse by profession but a development worker by heart. He is a Quality and Reporting Officer for CBM's country office and works closely with partners and persons with disabilities.



Mark Rueland / Philippines

JANUARY Lord Jesus, may everything I do begin with You, continue with Your help and be done under Your guidance May I grow in Your love and Your service, and become a pleasing offering to You.

FEBRUARY Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever.

MARCH Blessed are You for giving us family and friends to be with us in times of joy and sorrow. To help us in days of need and to rejoice with us in moments of celebration.

APRIL Help me to drink of Christ's Truth, and fill my heart with His Love so that I may serve You in faith and love and reach eternal life. You give me the joy of sharing Your life.

MAY Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, as stewards we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

JUNE Father God, make me deserving of the faith that I need to get near You. Forgive my shortcomings and light my way to the right path.

JULY I offer myself to You now, trusting in Your wisdom and love to direct me in working out my salvation and in helping

others to know and come close to You, so that I may find my reward in union with You for ever and ever.

AUGUST God of Love, I thank You for my family and friends who understand my actions, who support me in my decisions, and whose presence can lift the burden of a thorny day.

SEPTEMBER As we live each day, we pray for those less fortunate, especially those who are hurting, and whose wounds need to be healed. Help us become involved in ways that show them how deeply we care.

OCTOBER Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your Fragrance everywhere I go. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your Presence in my soul.

NOVEMBER Heavenly Father, Almighty God, shine your light upon me, allow me to walk with you and always do your Holy Will. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, grant me peace, love and joy.

DECEMBER Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church. The earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which His presence will bestow.

DAY 27

Esther is the Programme Officer for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Emeka is the Regional Mental Health Advisor with CBM Africa West and Central. Both are based in Nigeria's Country Coordination office in Abuja.



Esther Bature & Emeka Nwefoh

ESTHER'S PRAYERS

JANUARY Pray for every CBM staff and partners for God to bless the fruits of our labour and grant us lasting peace in Nigeria and all over the world.

FEBRUARY Pray for CBM staff, who are always on the road, for safe travels to monitor implementation and offer support to partners.

MARCH Pray for our partners who work in Kano and Jigawa for their safety and acceptance in the communities they work in.

APRIL Pray for people with disabilities that are part of our beneficiaries, for God to alleviate their sufferings.

MAY Pray for Trachoma surgery beneficiaries for God to grant them quick and complication free recovery, so that they can see again and fulfil their potential.

JUNE Pray for the staff from CBM and our project partner who engage in training community drug distributors in areas of high insurgency, and conducting mass drug administration that contribute to the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases in Nigeria.

EMEKA'S PRAYERS

JULY We thank God for using our partners and family members to bring smiles back to the faces of persons with psychosocial disability in the region.

AUGUST God, we thank you for our donors who deprive themselves of comfort to ensure that persons with disabilities in the region enjoy their lives like every other person in the community

SEPTEMBER Lord we thank you for the amazing people in the CBM Regional Hub office, Country offices and partners in the field. They are excellent people doing marvellous jobs to make life better for persons with disabilities.

OCTOBER We pray that you comfort people living in refugee camps across the nations and that, in time, they shall reunite with their loved ones in their various communities.

NOVEMBER We pray for the project coordinator for Nigeria and Cameroon, that as she travels long distances to monitor and support project in the region that you protect her and her loved ones and keep them out of danger.

DECEMBER We pray that God be with the people of Cameroon and those working that country, particularly in the South West and North West regions experiencing civil war, that God helps in the resolution of the issues maintaining the crisis.



Pauline, aged 4 from Uganda, smiles as her friends look on. Pauline was able to undergo surgery to correct Knock Knees. She will now be able to walk without pain and even go to school.

DAY 28

PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITY

We stand with people with disability, fighting stigma and discrimination and helping people with disability to be included in their families and communities.

JANUARY Pray our work can bring continual change in negative attitudes towards disability around the world, and help those living with disability to become valued participants in their communities.

FEBRUARY Pray our work can continue to ensure children with disabilities receive the support they need to be included in mainstream schools.

MARCH Pray we can continue to break down barriers faced by people with disabilities with sustainable and well-developed solutions.

APRIL Pray our work with local governments and policy makers will ensure people with disabilities are included in agendas and initiatives that fight global poverty.

MAY Stigma against people with mental health issues is a worldwide problem. Pray for **cbm** as we work to raise community awareness and acceptance in the poorest places.

JUNE Pray for our community-based rehabilitation workers, who provide care and support to persons with a disability, as well as educating families and communities, to ensure greater disability inclusion.

JULY Pray that our programmes can continue to raise awareness and promote disability inclusion in our church communities throughout New Zealand.

AUGUST Pray that together with local Disabled People's Organisations we can strengthen the voices of more people with disabilities, promoting their human rights.

SEPTEMBER Pray all refugees will have access to critical support and services, especially those living with a disability.

OCTOBER Pray **cbm** can continue to promote the importance of including people with disabilities and their rights and needs when preparing for disasters as we recognise International Day for Disaster Reduction this month.

NOVEMBER Access to healthcare and education is a challenge many people with disability face daily. Pray we can bring change where it's most needed to ensure they have access to the basics that can help alleviate poverty.

DECEMBER Pray for the gift of Jesus Christ and celebrate the miracle of birth. May mothers and their newborns living in poverty with disability have access to the maternal support they need to get the best start in life.

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
(James 5:16)*

DAY 29

PRAY FOR US

People living in poverty with a disability are the most marginalised group in the world. **cbm** works to help improve the quality of life of those affected. Making up almost one billion people, pray with us that they have access to the services they need.

JANUARY Pray for **cbm** Member Associations, that God will continue to be at the centre of all our plans for the future of **cbm** as we serve the poorest of the poor.

FEBRUARY Pray for the joy of the Lord to be in the hearts of all who **cbm** performs surgeries and interventions on. May they experience life-changing transformations that allow them to grow up empowered and confident.

MARCH Thank God that we are able to provide for our international brothers and sisters, giving them access to facilities and education available in their communities.

APRIL Pray that we continue to keep at the centre of our work our mission of improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world.

MAY May God be present with our partners in operating theatres all over the world, and in the lives of every patient who comes under our care.

JUNE Pray that we see significant breakthrough with our vision of an inclusive world in which all persons with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

JULY Pray for our partner programs all throughout the world and the people living with disability that they help.

AUGUST Ask God to sustain the energies and commitment of all **cbm** staff. May God bless our work.

SEPTEMBER Thank God for our partners who work in some of the world's poorest places. Give thanks for their dedication and faithfulness.

OCTOBER Pray that God continues to help **cbm** to grow in understanding, and to use our skills for blessing others.

NOVEMBER Ask God to give us the strength to speak up for the people who have no voice and to stand up for their rights.

DECEMBER May we remember that through reaching the least of God's people, we come closer to reaching Him.

Are you on Facebook? Why not follow @CBMNZ to see the faces of people your prayers are reaching each day.

DAY 30

PRAY WITH US

Our close-knit team in New Zealand consists of full and part-time staff who are privileged to work for this life-transforming organisation.

JANUARY Pray that we may find new avenues to support our work.

FEBRUARY Pray that God protects all children from danger and ill health. May they live joyous and prosperous lives.

MARCH Give thanks for the generosity of our wonderful supporters. Pray they continue to share God's love in action with the most vulnerable people.

APRIL Pray that governments heed the call to include disability in their national agendas.

MAY Praise God for all He is doing to impact the world's poorest people with disabilities.

JUNE Pray for God's protection on all our field staff and their families, particularly while they travel into dangerous places.

JULY May God continue to guide our leaders to use their country's resources wisely.

AUGUST Pray that we find inspiration in Christ's actions – that we have continued love and compassion to serve others.

SEPTEMBER Pray for those whom we have lost this year, that they rest with God.

OCTOBER May God's blessing be with **cbm** co-workers struggling with being so far from friends and family. May His love reignite their passion and commitment.

NOVEMBER Pray that more people this year are touched by God's calling to help the poorest of the poor.

DECEMBER May we live out Christ's calling through our actions of love and generosity.



The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. (Lamentations 3:25)

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)

DAY 31

PRAY AT A TIME OF GREAT NEED

cbm Emergency Response Unit prepares for and responds to disaster situations, from immediate food and medical needs to longer-term interventions in fields such as livelihood and reconstruction.

JANUARY Lord, when disaster strikes, we ask you to be at the sides of those affected, but in particular those with disabilities who may find it particularly challenging to escape dangerous crisis situations.

MARCH In the immediate aftermath of crises - from natural disasters, to war, many people need urgent life-saving medical intervention. Lord, give us the capacity and resources to deliver the care needed.

MAY Lord, allow us to help break down the barriers that people with disabilities often face to receiving vital supplies, food and medical care in crisis situations.

JULY Dear God we give thanks to you for all the people involved in developing the Humanitarian Hands-On Tool, which

is helping transform the way front line workers deliver disability-inclusive aid.

AUGUST Lord, please grant patience and empathy to those delivering humanitarian aid. We ask that the voices of those with disabilities are heard and they get a say in the support being provided to them.

OCTOBER Dear God at times of crisis, we ask for collaboration. Help humanitarian workers and agencies to work together to ensure the most efficient response.

DECEMBER Father, thank you for the fantastic people we work within the **cbm** Emergency Response Unit and at our partner organisations on the front line. We ask that you keep them safe.



Neeraj aged 21, with Linabel, **cbm** NZ's Programmes Director. Neeraj has a visual impairment but thanks to your prayers and **cbm's** partner in India, he is now a successful organic farmer.

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 the team at **cbm** New Zealand, we pray the Lord bless you for your faithful commitment in lifting up our work in prayer. As we seek His guidance and wisdom with stewarding the great responsibility of helping those most in need, may you also be filled with joy for the year ahead in whatever you are called to put your hands to.



*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
(John 15:13)*



Little Vincent's future looks bright, and although only nine-months old, his parents hope he becomes a doctor. Just like one of the wonderful doctors at **cbm's** partner CCBRT where surgery was performed to repair his cleft lip.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF **HOPE**

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

Through your support you will help change the lives of those living with disability in poverty, for generations to come.

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 staff on **0800 77 22 64.**

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