

# 2021

## PRAYER DIARY





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

Above: Murray enjoys a day out at the Auckland Domain Wintergardens with wife, Joy, and son, Finn, aged 20 months.

Cover photo: Obed, aged 4 from Rwanda, received sight-saving cataract surgery at the Kabgayi Eye Clinic.

Dear Prayer Partner,

As we begin 2021, the world has changed. COVID-19 is doing its worst. But we believe in walking close to God in prayer through the easy times and the hard times. 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 and staff.

We know passionate people are praying around the world and it is so encouraging to know you are one of them. Our staff pray along with you at our Wednesday Devotions. Please let us know if you would like prayer. As it says in 1 Chronicles 16:11 "Look to the Lord and His strength; seek God's face always".

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.

**cbm's** mission is your mission, and I have witnessed the change you are helping to make. Last February, before COVID-19 closed our borders, I saw children in Nepal who could walk again and schools made to be accessible, so those with disabilities can receive the education they deserve. You can imagine all the opportunities this will bring to their young lives.

Your prayer is a gift to the most vulnerable people in this world. May God's love be felt in very practical ways through your prayer and ongoing support.

May you experience God's blessings this year. Kia kaha taatou.

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

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



**Murray Sheard** / New Zealand

*Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." - Luke 4:18-19*

**JANUARY** As the year begins, pray for 2021 to be a year of recovery after COVID-19 took everyone by surprise in 2020. May God's hand be on all those effected by the disease.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for all whom God will inspire to donate to **cbm's** mission so that those with disabilities will be included. Our donors are the lifeblood of this work. Their love is powerful and effective.

**MARCH** Pray for all **cbm** staff involved in advisory work. Through leveraging **cbm's** knowledge, many more people with disabilities are reached because we train other development agencies to be inclusive.

**APRIL** Pray for the fundraising teams of all **cbm** member

associations. Their heart, passion, skill and commitment is so vital to making sure we can continue to serve our partners.

**MAY** Pray for **cbm** New Zealand 'Miracles Day' this month on Rhema and LifeFM. These radio stations enable many more people to find out about the work of **cbm**. Pray for generous hearts to be prepared.

**JUNE** This month, a **cbm** application for government funding will be considered. Pray for decision-makers at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, so we will be successful again and more people with disabilities can be served.

**JULY** Pray for a blessing on the staff of **cbm** involved in Papua New Guinea and our partner Callan Services. Their work in

eye care, inclusive education and rehabilitation carries on a 40-year tradition.

**AUGUST** **cbm** New Zealand is a member of CBM Global, which has transformed into a new entity this year. Pray for director David and his talented and dedicated team.

**SEPTEMBER** Today, I give thanks for the staff of **cbm** New Zealand who are talented, passionate and quite a remarkable team. Please pray for their health and that their love for people with disabilities will be blessed.

**OCTOBER** War and conflict make people with disabilities even more vulnerable. So please pray for peace in the world's most troubled areas, and for the protection of those with disabilities in places of conflict.

**NOVEMBER** Pray for the staff of the Pacific Disability Forum and their local partners as they work to make disaster preparations, and the recovery effects, as inclusive as possible throughout the Pacific Islands.

**DECEMBER** Pray for the Board of **cbm** New Zealand as we meet to consider God's leading for 2022. May God bless us with wisdom, vision and ambition.





**Dr Jambai / Papua New Guinea**

Dr Jambai has been working as an ophthalmologist since 1998 and is the senior lecturer at the University of Papua New Guinea. She is blessed with three children and five grandchildren.

*"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalm 37:4*

**JANUARY** We commit all activities around eye care delivery: outreaches; cataract surgeries; spectacle supplies; low-vision care; training of doctors and nurses; and National Prevention of Blindness committee meetings to God.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for all parents and children as they prepare for the school year in all levels of education, and for eye doctors undergoing training and their teachers, that they will stay focused and be motivated to restore sight.

**MARCH** Pray for The National Prevention of Blindness committee as they discuss a national plan to address the burden of blindness due to cataract: that the government of PNG will acknowledge that it is

an emergency and that funding may be made available to increase the number of cataract surgeries.

**APRIL** Pray for outreach programmes out of Rabaul and Goroka, the Callan Services team who travel into the districts and villages to look for cataract cases. We pray for their safety and for strength and endurance.

**MAY** Pray for the chief ophthalmologist, Dr Simon Melengas, as he continues to advocate for eye care needs with the National Department of Health in the areas of consumables for operations and training positions to train more ophthalmologists.

**JUNE** Pray that the need to wear glasses will be widely accepted

and accessible by both genders, and that women and girls will not be stigmatised.

**JULY** Pray that discussions, plans, curriculum development and funding for the first optometry degree programme at University of PNG will gain momentum rapidly.

**AUGUST** Pray that God would lead doctors to choose a career in ophthalmology and that Provincial Health Authorities and National Department of Health would sponsor them to train.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for all health workers as they attend the National Medical Symposium. That their resolutions on the theme will help the government to deliver health services to the

people of PNG, and that eye health will be integrated into the health system.

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

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

**DECEMBER** As the programmes wind-down, and data collection is finalised, we pause to thank God for his divine help, care and protection and for His provision in funding from cbm-partners. May God bless each giver.

Deborah is the Country Director for CBM Zimbabwe. She is responsible for overseeing the country programme and giving strategic direction. She is passionate about CBM's work because it brings change to people's lives.



**Deborah Tigere** / Zimbabwe

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
- Philippians 4:13*

**JANUARY** Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of life. May you continue to sustain the Zimbabwe country programme and its staff.

**FEBRUARY** Father, we ask you to bless all CBM supporters who have continued to give in difficult times.

**MARCH** With the COVID-19 pandemic, Lord, we ask for your healing grace and protection to cover all the affected families.

**APRIL** Father, we pray for health workers as they continue to help those in need. Give them peace, love and strength.

**MAY** We pray for the leadership of Zimbabwe. May you give them wisdom and strength.

**JUNE** Dear God, we remember the families that have been affected by drought and cyclone disasters. May the Holy Spirit comfort them.

**JULY** Father, we pray for all CBM staff globally. May you give them strength and wisdom to do their work.

**AUGUST** On Women's Day in South Africa, we pray for women around the world, especially those affected by gender-based violence and those who have been abused. Give them strength and resilience.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we pray for the inclusion of people with disabilities in Zimbabwe. May they not be left behind in these difficult times.

**OCTOBER** Lord, you remain our source of strength. We are thankful for opportunities for new projects to assist vulnerable families and communities in need.

**NOVEMBER** Father, we pray for all the families that lost loved ones globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comfort them and heal their hearts.

**DECEMBER** Thank you, Lord, for everyone who is praying for Zimbabwe. May you meet them at their point of need.

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

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

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."*  
- Galatians 6:2

**JANUARY** We commit our work and all people with disabilities across the Pacific to your Holy Hands for protection, guidance and strength. Please continue to reveal to us your mercy particularly in times of disasters.

**FEBRUARY** Father God, we commit the lives of disability advocates in the Pacific and in the World to you, that they continue to focus on implementing your work here on earth despite the most horrific man-made or natural disaster.

**MARCH** Our Father, we lift the lives of families and communities of persons with disabilities across the Pacific, that they may respect the human person despite our God given differences.

**APRIL** Father God, we seek the discernment of your Holy Spirit to our Pacific Islands Government leaders, that decisions made are inclusive and are centered in Christ, who is the champion of persons with disabilities and the most vulnerable in society.

**MAY** Pray for our member organisations of persons with disabilities across the Pacific, God guide them in the work that they do and give them wisdom, knowledge, skills and the strength to continuously represent the voices and issues of persons with disabilities.

**JUNE** Pray for the staff of the Pacific Disability Forum as they work with organisations of persons with disabilities.

May they be inspired and strengthened to steadfastly share their knowledge.

**JULY** Pray for wisdom and knowledge to guide decision making by the leadership team, as they steer the ship for persons with disabilities.

**AUGUST** Pray for continuous healing and protection over persons with disabilities during this pandemic, and organisations of persons with disabilities that Pacific Disability Forum work with, feel confident and strong to advocate for their rights.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for National Disaster Management Offices and humanitarian partners around the Pacific to hear the voices of persons with disabilities, include them in

disaster preparedness, risk reduction and planning, and consult their representatives.

**OCTOBER** Pray that all persons with disabilities, and their families, are prepared and supported for the cyclone season, and that National Meteorological Offices consider their needs when issuing early warning systems.

**NOVEMBER** Pray for safety and protection for the lives of persons with disabilities in the Pacific, especially those that live in cyclone hot zones, flood prone areas, and hard to reach places.

**DECEMBER** Pray for the lives of Pacific Disability Forum staff and their families, and give them clear thinking and calm spirits as we round off the year.

Sister Clara Rosline is an Indian missionary and has been working in Ethiopia as General Manager of St Luke Catholic Hospital and College of Nursing and Midwifery Wolisso.



**Sister Clara Rosline / Ethiopia**

*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12*

**JANUARY** Thank you Lord for the numerous blessings and divine intervention in the life of the poor and needy through our project partner CBM, and for the gift of new year in which CBM's care for the underprivileged will be glorified.

**FEBRUARY** Pray that God bless the entire program of CBM around the world, and save the staff members working globally from harm, giving them good health of mind and body during the spread of COVID-19.

**MARCH** Pray that many young people who seek the life and light would be inspired by the sacrificial service of CBM country coordinator, Mr Francisco, our partner in Ethiopia, and acquire power to help out the marginalised in our country.

**APRIL** Pray that the Risen Christ grant peace and harmony to Ethiopia, that the leaders of the country be committed to institute serenity in the country and lead people towards prosperity, and wisdom to discern good and evil.

**MAY** Pray that the partners of CBM would peacefully collaborate in preparation of the annual action plan, and implement the planned activities to the poor and needy on time.

**JUNE** Pray that CBM's vision and mission in establishing new programmes may give confidence to the people of God, to rely on beneficiaries and partners in receiving healing by their support all over the world.

**JULY** Pray that the power of the holy spirit strengthen Dr Solomon Melaku, the ophthalmologist specialist, who serves in Ethiopia, and protect him to continue his good work for God's own children.

**AUGUST** Pray that the ascension of our Mother Mary intercede for all who are involved in the work of CBM, and protect them under her mantel, so that all who carry out the work of divinity for underprivileged will be incorporated in God's Kingdom.

**SEPTEMBER** Seeing is believing, we pray that all people who have lost their sight, might embrace God as the ultimate light, and that some day they may be restored with sight through the good work of CBM.

**OCTOBER** Pray for all the Government officials to recognise the authentic passion of CBM and understand that their work is extremely essential for Ethiopia to eliminate disabilities.

**NOVEMBER** Pray for all the departed souls in the CBM organisation, that they may enjoy the eternal rest forever, and the bereaved family members may praise and thank the Lord for granting them the opportunity to work for CBM.

**DECEMBER** May newborn Jesus at Bethlehem bring peace and love among people. We pray that the family of CBM and its beneficiaries enjoy true love and peace from the Lord in carrying out their plan for the coming year.

Adama is the President of Sauvons le Reste and is passionate about CBM's work for people with disabilities. He is committed to the well-being of people living with psychosocial disabilities, especially those living on the street.



**Adama Ouedraogo** / Burkina Faso

*"Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'" - Luke 10:9*

**JANUARY** God our Father, hear our prayers for the sick - give them health and peace of heart.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, heal the sick from all physical and mental illness and suffering, and give them health, strength, life, youth and beauty.

**MARCH** Oh God, strengthen the hearts of people helping others who are suffering from psychosocial problems.

**APRIL** God, King of Earth and Heaven, spare the sick from the burden of stigma and prejudice.

**MAY** Oh Lord, bless and strengthen the faith and the hearts of all those who work for the well-being of those people suffering with mental health.

**JUNE** Oh Lord, in you I trust, to support the cause of those people suffering with mental health. For you alone can comfort them and give them true joy in their distress.

**JULY** Lord, who heals and cures, I kneel before you, for the cause of people who suffer from disease.

**AUGUST** Oh Lord, look at these people suffering with mental health. You, who have all the power of healing, we pray to You for the healing of the sick.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, you are the sovereign God, the creator of all things, I thank you and I implore you to restore health and dignity to the sick.

**OCTOBER** Oh God, to you the honor, to you the glory, heal and deliver in your name all those who are bedridden, and suffering with mental health.

**NOVEMBER** Oh Lord, I ask you to support with your grace, those thousands of people who have lost the use of their mental faculties so that they may regain their health.

**DECEMBER** Lord Almighty! In this time of epidemic and insecurity, we pray for all those suffering from the disease, especially those who are isolated, those to whom no one thinks of.



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 the Kingdom Faith Based Hospital.



David & Kathy Tait / Kenya

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19*

**JANUARY** Thanking God for the New Year and His provision in 2020. Pray for good strategic planning, enthusiasm and the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for 2021 in every area of the Hospital.

**FEBRUARY** Thanks for CBM and God's powerful blessing upon the organisation itself and every staff member. May 2021 be a year of release and abundance, with issues easily resolved and relationships kept sweet. Blessing on Kathy's Aunt in Palmerston North who turns 100 on the 13th.

**MARCH** Huge thanks for all our wonderful donors. May their sacrifice be doubly rewarding as we use their funds diligently and prayerfully, and may they know God's abundant blessing.

**APRIL** Pray for the Surgical Team (Lily, Emmanuel and Kathy) as we perform surgery in the hospital as well as clinics and outreaches in more remote areas; for good results and lives changed with return of sight.

**MAY** Thanks to God for 51 years of marriage for Kathy and David this month. May all their boys and their families be abundantly blessed.

**JUNE** Thanks to the suppliers of essential drugs, theatre disposables and equipment, especially for the last minute dashes to arrive in time! May we stay in a good relationship for the benefit of all.

**JULY** Pray for every member of staff in every department; that they find fulfilment and enjoyment in serving, and in the

extension of their careers. For those away studying, that they be well rewarded for their hard work and pass well.

**AUGUST** Learning Kiswahili! Ask God to help us retain what we already know, and try to add to our vocabulary and understanding of such a different culture.

**SEPTEMBER** May our patients feel the love of Jesus in our hospital as they are treated well, and their eyesight is improved or restored. Help all patients find the finance they need.

**OCTOBER** Protection is always needed in these malaria areas. We also need protection in the spiritual realm. Help us to stay prayerful and discerning day by day.

**NOVEMBER** Thanks for the staff who work so hard out on the compound, in the kitchen, cleaning the facility, and doing the laundry. May we never take them for granted.

**DECEMBER** We give God thanks for the completion of the year, for helping us overcome the trials and seeing His hand in all that has happened. As we celebrate the birth of the Saviour we acknowledge the greatness of our God.

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**Lidel Bongon** / Philippines

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6*

**JANUARY** Father, thank you for the gift of family. You set us an example of a holy, happy family. May we cherish our own and continually unite under your protection.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, thank you for keeping your promises. We can always count on you. Help us to be faithful to you, for in you we find solace and contentment.

**MARCH** Father, thank you for pouring out your numerous blessings. Forgive us when we forget and anxiously hold on to self-righteousness. Help us submit to your holy will because it's only in you that we find fulfilment.

**APRIL** Father, we seek your forgiveness for where we have not been good stewards. Thank you for reminding us of your

immense power, even in these times of uncertainty.

**MAY** Lord, thank you for your unconditional love. We pray we will reciprocate by consciously living in your loving presence.

**JUNE** We pray for people who are sick. Give comfort to their suffering. When we're weary and afraid, help us put our whole trust in you.

**JULY** We pray for those with disabilities. May our hearts be filled with compassion to be kind and give our share, to produce a world conducive for all people.

**AUGUST** Lord, thank you for the gift of sight. As we see the beauty of your creation, may we also see the truth and the light in you. Direct us in the lighted path of your loving presence.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, thank you for the gift of life. Keep us healthy and safe, and may our lives be living witnesses of your mercy and constant protection.

**OCTOBER** Lord God, strengthen us inwardly. May we increase in faith, hope and perseverance.

**NOVEMBER** God, bless refugees and victims of warfare, violence and abuse. May they be free from oppressive circumstances and overcome their traumatic experiences. May they feel your mercy and compassion.

**DECEMBER** Dear God, thank you for making us instruments of your helping hand. May our efforts extend to make this world inclusive, bringing peace and prosperity to our workplaces.

*Did you know that through your Will you can leave a legacy of hope that will change lives for generations to come? Learn more at [cbmnz.org.nz](http://cbmnz.org.nz)*

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Linabel Hadlee / New Zealand

*"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*

**JANUARY** We pray for peace in Abuja, Nigeria where unrest and violence have increased since last October, especially for the intentions of our team and their families.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for the farming organisations in India, so that their efforts for food security and social integration are blessed as the challenges of COVID-19 continue to affect the economies.

**MARCH** We pray for the families that have been affected by COVID-19 within and outside New Zealand, send your holy spirit to keep families strong in the difficult moments.

**APRIL** We pray and ask for your blessing, dear Father, for the refugees living in the Cox Bazaar. In particular, we pray for

persons receiving rehabilitation services, their families and the rehab team.

**MAY** We pray for the increased participation of persons with disabilities to be part of important decision making at local and national levels.

**JUNE** As the typhoon season starts in the Philippines, we pray for the preparedness and protection of the communities, particularly those at higher risk, such as persons with disabilities.

**JULY** We pray for the good heart of the community workers in Papua New Guinea that walk through hills and rivers, overcoming obstacles to reach children with disabilities with rehabilitation and education services.

**AUGUST** We pray for your restoring spirit over women and girls who have been neglected or abused, in particular, we pray for the women recovering from fistula surgeries in Nigeria.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for the people with hearing impairment, particularly in the Pacific Region where sign language and services are limited, so that they, and their families, can achieve their full potential.

**OCTOBER** We pray that we continue to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us at cbm NZ, to multiply God's blessings in the most disadvantage communities.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for the cbm ophthalmologists in Rwanda, Kenya and Papua New

Guinea, guide their hands so that the operations they perform are safe and successful.

**DECEMBER** We pray for the recovery of the children undergoing orthopaedic surgeries in Nepal, and for your blessings on the children's dreams to come.

Benoit is a Programme Officer at CBM in Rwanda. He is passionate about CBM's great work of restoring life to people with, and at risk of, disabilities in poor countries.



**Benoit Bizimana** / Rwanda

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

**JANUARY** Lord, thank you for this new year and blessings upon all of us; we ask you to protect us and your servants who care for people with illness and disabilities.

**FEBRUARY** Heavenly Father, thank you for the great work that CBM is doing for blind people in different corners of the world. May all donors be blessed abundantly.

**MARCH** Lord, be with all medical doctors passionate about caring for your people with disabilities. Bless them, give them strength and endurance to perform the healing work.

**APRIL** Almighty Father, bless children with multiple disabilities struggling with the difficulties of life. Help their parents, neighbours and

caregivers, endow them with love and perseverance as they help those children.

**MAY** Lord, protect and bless your servants working hard to donate gifts and support to programmes around the world. Thanks for their generosity and passion to help vulnerable women, men and children with disabilities.

**JUNE** Father in Heaven, pray for patients suffering with sickness in different hospitals and homes, those afflicted with long-standing diseases. Bless them and give them food, medication and love as human beings.

**JULY** Pray for programme workers within CBM around the world, to be powerful managers to help people deserving of health services and medication.

Bless their supporters, their health and the work of their hands.

**AUGUST** Heavenly Father, pray for the staff undergoing medical training to help people with disabilities. Give them wisdom and skills to help the patients in need.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for the community workers helping persons with disabilities. Lord, protect them along their journey, and strengthen their hard work to save lives.

**OCTOBER** Lord, pray for governments to consider the special needs of people with disabilities, to develop infrastructure, policies and laws helping them to enjoy a non-discriminated life and be accommodated in families.

**NOVEMBER** Father, thanks for giving us another day, another month of benedictions, peace and health. We pray for the same to vulnerable people with disabilities all around the world.

**DECEMBER** Thanks Lord for your protection during this year. We pray for the new year's blessings to be fairly shared among people with and without disabilities. Protect them, and give them good lives as they struggle to get medication and help.





As Obed approached school age, the cataracts in his eyes became so dense, he could no longer see. He had to be led by the hand. He could not catch a ball or go to school. He was teased, mocked and rejected for being blind. His future looked lonely and bleak.

For Obed and his family, the Kabgayi Eye Clinic in Rwanda, was a sanctuary of kindness and care given through dedicated nurses and surgeons. His family is so grateful that Obed received high-quality, sight-restoring surgery. What a huge impact this has made on his life.



In Nigeria, Balkisu suffered from obstetric fistula after the stillbirth of her only child. This caused incontinence, and she lived in isolation for over half her life until her husband eventually threw her out.

With very little money of her own, Balkisu spent it all on bus fare in search of her long-lost brother. She was over-joyed to find him, and tearfully spoke about her heart-breaking years. Without delay, her loving brother took her to a **cbm**-funded outreach clinic, where she received life-changing fistula surgery, ending years of misery and humiliation.

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



**Dr Sunday Lengman / Nigeria**

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

**JANUARY** Thank you God for helping us get through the challenges in 2020, and pray for God's grace for the effective implementation of work plans in 2021.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for women living with obstetric fistula, including those with disability, to get access to treatment through CBM intervention.

**MARCH** Pray for our partners in the targeted states for zeal and willingness to serve, and pray for stakeholders in those states for the willingness to accept the project, and readiness for sustainability.

**APRIL** Pray for the successful Easter celebration this month as Christians all over the world remember the sufferings

and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, for the salvation of mankind. Pray that the lessons do not go in vain.

**MAY** With the nature of our bad roads, I pray for journeys mercies as we travel on those roads, and for our Government to see the need to repair those roads.

**JUNE** Pray for all staff to effectively put to practice lessons learned, knowledge and skills acquired, to improve the conditions of those less privileged.

**JULY** Pray for ECWA Evangel VVF Centre, and its staff, for God's divine favour and protection throughout the year, as they journey from one community to another to implement projects.

**AUGUST** Pray for peaceful co-existence, and religious tolerance among different faiths in our project locations so that we can implement our planned activities without any hindrance.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for a smooth and cordial relationship with the Government and stakeholders in our project implementation locations.

**OCTOBER** Pray for God's divine wisdom upon ECWA Evangel VVF Centre,, and CBM staff, for the successful implementation of all partnership projects in Nigeria.

**NOVEMBER** Pray that the seeds ECWA Evangel VVF Centre, and CBM are planting will bear fruits that

would be a blessing to the project beneficiaries in Nigeria.

**DECEMBER** Strengthen us in the power of your might, O God. Dress us in your armour so that we can stand firm towards ensuring a fistula-free Nigeria.

Desire is the Programme Officer at CBM West Africa, where he is passionate about supporting and accompanying people with disabilities and their organizations.



**Désiré Kabore** / Burkina Faso

*“Even as the Father has given me His love, so I have given my love to you: be ever in my love.” - John 15:9*

**JANUARY** Thank God for this new year. Pray for the new authorities in Burkina Faso following the elections, may they develop projects that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities.

**FEBRUARY** Pray that CBM teams and partners will be enlightened to enable them to support people with disabilities, especially those involved in the Mental Health for All project.

**MARCH** In this month of celebration, pray particularly for women with disabilities to access basic social services (health and education), and that they may benefit from support for their income-generating activities.

**APRIL** For everyone who suffers in body and soul, especially those

with mental disabilities, pray that the grace of resurrection overflow into their lives, bringing them happiness and fulfillment.

**MAY** Food for all, a wish that is dear to me. Dear God, at the beginning of the agricultural season, pray for good harvests for the farmers. May God spare us from the floods and violent winds experienced in 2020.

**JUNE** Pray for the 2022 budget process, we want to see an increase in the number of donors, and their contributions, so that we have more projects to meet the needs of communities. Peace and salvation for all.

**JULY** We pray for everyone around the world to learn to love and accept all people for who they are.

**AUGUST** We stand before the Lord with our joys, our desires to love and to be loved. Here we are with the weight of the days, with our misery, our violence and our wars. But love is stronger than anything else: we believe that it still exists, because love comes from God.

**SEPTEMBER** In this month commemorating the World Day of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, let us implore God's mercy for a greater involvement of stakeholders in the promotion of ear care and hearing.

**OCTOBER** God is love and forgiveness; on World Mental Health Day, pray that God will free people from the clutches of mental illness, and that He will heal them and facilitate their reintegration into society.

**NOVEMBER** We pray that this year people can look forward to enough to eat. May the poor be spared the grinding anxiety of not knowing how they will cope until next harvest.

**DECEMBER** Every year, in December we celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Pray that the authorities have the will to implement effectively the rights of persons with disabilities, in order to improve their socio-economic situation.

Marisa is the Country Director for CBM Indonesia, and has worked with CBM for 15 years. She is passionate about equal opportunities for people with disabilities, and maximising their potential.



Marisa Kristianah / Indonesia

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:16*

**JANUARY** God, we ask you to help everyone recover quickly from the impact of COVID-19. We ask for your strength to kick off the year with quality planning.

**FEBRUARY** God, please bless CBM partners in their efforts to strengthen partnership with the government of Indonesia, local partners and organisations of people with disability. Keep them motivated to strive for quality, inclusion and accountability in their work.

**MARCH** Thank you, God, that CBM's work reaches millions of people in Indonesia. We pray for health and happiness for all staff so they can be people who are purposeful and dedicated.

**APRIL** God, we thank you for Easter and how you

demonstrated your will to restore our right-standing with you, and overcame the power of the grave.

**MAY** Dear God, please guide CBM, and CBM partners, to ensure women and children with disabilities are recognised as valuable members who can contribute to their community.

**JUNE** We are delighted to see the community mental health system in Aceh is fully developed. We pray for the better inclusion of people with psychosocial disabilities in Indonesian communities.

**JULY** We pray that CBM's three circles of Program Delivery, Advocacy and Advisory will work in harmony to create a bigger impact on the lives of millions with disabilities in Indonesia.

**AUGUST** Thank you for the generous support from donors, that enables eye-care system strengthening in East Java and East Nusa Tenggara provinces. May this support bless people with better access to eye-care services.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for good collaboration with Disabled People's Organisations to strengthen the voice of people with disabilities. May those who need to be influenced have soft hearts towards inclusion.

**OCTOBER** We pray for eye-health advocacy work to be seen as important by governments. We pray that children with vision impairment will be able to access proper and good education.

**NOVEMBER** God Almighty, give your blessings to the families of

CBM workers. We are so grateful for their support of CBM's work. Help all staff to balance work and family life.

**DECEMBER** Ending the year with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we are thankful for all accomplishments so far in making human rights a reality for people with disabilities in Indonesia.



Andrew is a **cbm** Board member who is passionate about Christian mission as service. He is committed to thinking strategically, and is mindful of the importance of ethical practice, both in operational matters and governance.



**Andrew Smith** / New Zealand

*"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Ephesian 3:10-11*

**JANUARY** At the start of the year, we pray Lord, that you would guide us in ways that bring honour to you, and peace and restoration to those around us.

**FEBRUARY** As the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray that God would guard us from anxiety, and keep us in His peace.

**MARCH** We pray for our government, and the people who make decisions about the international aid money that our country gives. We pray that God would help them in the challenging decisions that they have to make.

**APRIL** We pray for the people who oversee and implement the projects around the world

that **cbm** supports. Give them wisdom and grace as they carry out their work.

**MAY** We pray for every person who is receiving treatment in a **cbm**-funded programme today. May they find healing for their whole being.

**JUNE** Pray for the staff and boards of the various national **cbm** offices around the world. Pray that they might have strength for the work that they do, and that they might be guided by God in their decisions.

**JULY** Pray for families who live with people with disability. Pray that they would know grace and patience and hope, and that the families might be great examples to the communities in which they live.

**AUGUST** As **cbm** works with many people who have partial or no sight, we pray for ourselves that we might know the Light of the World, and be light to those around us.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for the governments of nations in which **cbm** works. Pray that the governments might make decisions that assist, not hinder, the work of **cbm**.

**OCTOBER** We pray for the **cbm** projects around the world that support community mental health, and especially for situations where mental illness carries a social stigma.

**NOVEMBER** As we look ahead to a new year, pray for **cbm** boards and CEO's that God would give wisdom in planning for the future.

**DECEMBER** Pray for people around the world who advocate on behalf of disabled people. Pray that they may be given wisdom, and that they might find favour in the eyes of the people they talk to.

Asim is an Advocacy and Communication Manager in the CBM Bangladesh Country Office. He is passionate about CBM's work, and the love for the most marginalized being translated into actions that change thousands of lives.



Asim Dio / Bangladesh

## DAY 15

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."*  
- Matthew 5:7-10

**JANUARY** Thank you Lord for another new year in our lives. Pray for the new year to bring us the unconditional love and blessings of Lord Jesus Christ in our lives through the work we do in CBM globally.

**FEBRUARY** Pray that all the people of Bangladesh, particularly the most marginalised and poorest communities, are well protected and healed with the blessings of Jesus Christ during this deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

**MARCH** May the Lord bless all the people suffering from various diseases, including COVID-19, so that they recover soon.

**APRIL** May the Almighty Lord accept all the departed souls who left us due to COVID-19.

May the Lord bless and heal the loss of the families and friends who lost their dear ones.

**MAY** Pray that all the colleagues in the Bangladesh Country Office have the blessings of the Lord to provide necessary services, show unconditional love and patience towards the most marginalised, particularly those with disabilities.

**JUNE** Thank you Lord for the love and kindness you've shown through the contributions from our donors, which enable us to support lives and dreams to thrive across the globe.

**JULY** May the community leaders have the patience to lead their fellow people to righteousness, and establish inclusive and fair society.

**AUGUST** Pray for the good health, patience and wit for the staff of CBM's partners delivering the projects in the field so that they can become the bearers of Christ's unconditional love.

**SEPTEMBER** Here I pray my Lord, take all of our sins away, guide us with your enlightenment and knowledge to the good deeds and truth, as you said 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'

**OCTOBER** Pray for the eye care service providers, and their staff, so that they can continue their quality services toward the most marginalised ones by saving their vision and dreams.

**NOVEMBER** Pray that the Almighty Lord bless the staff of the Bangladesh Office with good health, patience and unconditional love.

**DECEMBER** May the blessings and joy of newborn Christ be on us, and we can together thank the Lord again for another year of blessings and kindness in our lives.

Suraj is the Country Director of CBM Nepal. He is passionate to work with CBM, in building peace, justice and prosperous lives for people with disabilities.



Suraj Sigdel / Nepal

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." - Philippians 2:3*

**JANUARY** Lord, thank you for creating abundance for 2021, and that you will pour love and blessing on people with disabilities around the world.

**FEBRUARY** We strive for peace with everyone, Lord, and for holiness so others around us will see you. Give us the courage and power to walk alongside people with disabilities.

**MARCH** Lord, you are the only one who will truly listen. We know you have the answers. Thank you for your love that helps us in whatever trials we face.

**APRIL** Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities you give us. Thank you for the plans you have to restore the dignity of people with disabilities where it has been stolen.

**MAY** Lord, look upon all who struggle with anxiety, doubt, frustration, guilt, hopelessness or grief. Your Word tells us, "All things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

**JUNE** We pray for a safe and clean environment. Lord, bless rural communities with wisdom to nurture and protect our world.

**JULY** Lord, help children with disabilities know they matter to you and the world. Help workers train parents and community leaders to eliminate destructive stigma toward people with disabilities.

**AUGUST** God, grant wisdom and prosperity to young girls and boys with disabilities. Bless

them with quality education, school supplies, and families that support their scholastic goals.

**SEPTEMBER** Grant us, Lord, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor; where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love. Give us inspiration and courage to build it.

**OCTOBER** God, fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love, and the desire to ensure justice for all.

**NOVEMBER** Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity. We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your love for your creation.

**DECEMBER** Thank you, Lord, for valued CBM donors, member association representatives, and partners for their compassion to help reach people in Nepal.

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



**Jane Edge** / Australia

*"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." - James 2:26*

**JANUARY** We pray for children who are recovering after treatment. We pray they will be able to enjoy their childhood, play with their friends, and live to their fullest potential.

**FEBRUARY** Whether people are physically or mentally hurting from COVID-19, Lord, help us be your hands and feet in assisting their healing process.

**MARCH** As we celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we pray for all nations to value and respect differences in cultural backgrounds, and that all will be treated fairly regardless of race.

**APRIL** We pray for communities in Cameroon to welcome CBM initiatives that will empower and equip those who are most

vulnerable to generate an income.

**MAY** We pray for leaders in the world's poorest communities. Guide their town planning as they ensure facilities, services, and infrastructure are made inclusive.

**JUNE** We pray for those living with disabilities who find it hard to earn an income. We pray that you supply their needs, and that our CBM workers will be able to assist them in building their skills.

**JULY** We pray for soon-to-be mothers who will labour this month in the poorest communities. Help them access our CBM partner hospitals and credible healthcare so they can safely deliver their babies.

**AUGUST** We pray for those travelling long distances to receive cataract surgery this month. Keep them safe along their journeys, and may they go back with sight restored!

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for people in the midst of a food crisis. May life-saving food supplies come to them quickly, and may CBM supporters play a role in meeting this need.

**OCTOBER** We pray for those who have not yet been reached with medical attention. Sustain them while they wait. Help CBM field workers to find them, and increase their hope as they turn to you for direction.

**NOVEMBER** Thank you, God, for the blessing of 3D printing technology that can build

prosthetics. We pray more doctors will be resourced and trained to use this.

**DECEMBER** As eyes are assisted to see with sight-saving surgeries, and the gift of glasses, may our eyes too be opened to see the need around us.



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



**Philip Ode** / Nigeria

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

**JANUARY** Thanking God for the year gone by, and praying for God's continuous love and protection upon all of CBM's family and friends, donors and beneficiaries through the year.

**FEBRUARY** Praying that God heals our land of COVID-19, and all forms of pandemic and diseases.

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

**APRIL** Praying for governments worldwide to give due attention to the needs of persons with disabilities, especially those neglected and marginalised within their settings.

**MAY** Praying for unity and harmony among members of organizations of persons with disabilities all over the world, especially in Nigeria. May they truly represent the cause that has brought them together.

**JUNE** Praying for members of communities all over the world to embrace and support one another through their unique challenges, so that everyone can enjoy life, and strive to reach their full potential.

**JULY** Praying for God's protection on children and adults at risk all over the world from all forms of abuse, and grant all who consciously or unconsciously violate them a contrite and repentant heart.

**AUGUST** Praying for the return of peace and normalcy to parts of

the world ravaged by disasters, especially areas besieged by violence.

**SEPTEMBER** Praying for growth and development within CBM and its partners, in terms of the resources to be able to carry on and sustain the work that we do.

**OCTOBER** Praying that all men, women and children experience the touch of Christ through the work that we do, and come to embrace Him completely.

**NOVEMBER** Praying for the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**DECEMBER** Thanking God for His love and protection through the year, and praying for final perseverance.

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**Dr Seraphine / Rwanda**

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:16*

**JANUARY** We thank you Lord for the new year you have gifted us, thank you for your blessings, and having mercy on us each and every day.

**FEBRUARY** We pray that you continue blessing and strengthening us in all circumstances along with CBM's activities. We pray that this month be fruitful, and for it to increase the shining of faith in your children.

**MARCH** We pray that God may continue helping us to show us ways we can do better things that could help to minimise the conditions which lead to disabilities.

**APRIL** We pray for people with disabilities, and those who are in need, for them not to lose faith and to continue giving glory to

the Almighty, and achieve their full potential.

**MAY** Please pray that we may always prioritise human rights as they are in need of help, our God provider.

**JUNE** We pray that you, the Almighty, continue guiding our project in order to achieve our goals, and to also achieve CBM's mandate.

**JULY** May our beneficiaries receive healing through our interventions, and be committed to improving the quality of life in persons with disabilities in the poorest communities around the world.

**AUGUST** We pray that the Almighty continue giving source of income to those who financially support CBM's work.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for the success of outreach cataract surgical trips to prevent avoidable blindness.

**OCTOBER** Pray for God to keep all CBM staff in Rwanda, and globally, healthy.

**NOVEMBER** Pray for God to continue strengthening us to succeed in our project of helping others.

**DECEMBER** We pray that in every situation God continues being with us, and keep helping CBM's family to build an inclusive society.

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

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



**Benson Hahambu** / Papua New Guinea

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

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

**FEBRUARY** We pray for schools where inclusive education is not properly funded. Help those teachers to remain committed to educating every student in their care fairly.

**MARCH** On International Women's Day, we pray for women with disabilities who are implementing projects in community development. May God provide strength to carry on their work, especially in rural areas.

**APRIL** Father, we pray that all those living with disability may encounter kindness and

assistance so they can live life to their fullest potential.

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

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

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

**AUGUST** Thank you, God, for the role of Disabled Person's Organisations in fostering social

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

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

**OCTOBER** Lord God, thank you for the difference that Disabled Person's Organisations make in bringing change in rural communities.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, guide CBM partners in Papua New Guinea. Be their rock and comforter when they are low in spirit, and give them the strength to continue their journey.

**DECEMBER** On International Day of People with Disability, we pray for all people with disabilities. May they be fully included in society, enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.





The miracle of sight. Fatuma can now see!

Through the faithful support of **cbm** Child Sponsors, 3-year-old Fatuma is able to see her Grandmother's loving smile for the first time in her life.

She can now run and play with the other children in her village in Uganda, and one day she will also be able to attend school. Her tears of rejection and loneliness are gone. Her future is clear and bright after receiving sight-saving cataract surgery.



In the Amhara Region of Ethiopia, Heyiriya's grandchildren, 9-year-old Sheite and 4-year-old Munjaa, are particularly at risk of contracting trachoma due to its remote location, limited water resources, and widespread poverty.

Heyiriya was fortunate to receive sight-saving trichiasis trachoma surgery at a **cbm**-funded outreach clinic, and her grandchildren now have access to vital medicine to protect their sight.



Tigist is a Programme Officer at CBM Ethiopia. She loves that her job provides an opportunity to positively impact the lives of persons with disabilities. She is married with two daughters.



**Tigist Birkneh** / Ethiopia

*"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** Heavenly Father, give us the strength to live our lives under your guidance and wisdom, making us instruments of your will.

**FEBRUARY** Almighty God, help us to improve equitable access to health services, ensuring a basic human right to all, in the effort to safeguard life and to promote well-being.

**MARCH** Pray for Ethiopia, where persons with disabilities are often marginalised and targeted by stigma and discrimination, and not given access to basic health, education and social services.

**APRIL** Almighty Father, this month we would like to pray for all CBM staff to give us the wisdom and endurance to develop and implement

strategies and programmes that can effectively and positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

**MAY** Almighty God, we pray for governments and institutions to operate with wisdom, looking at the well-being and progress of the country, focusing on the gaps that still keep a large portion of the population in poverty, and committing to achieve their best with honesty and fairness.

**JUNE** Almighty Father, help us all to forgive and understand each other, living in harmony and peace, accepting difference as a value, not considering it as an obstacle.

**JULY** Almighty God, we pray our government, institutions and education systems will improve

their focus on children with various impairments, valuing their potentials and creating the conditions for their harmonious and integral growth, ensuring the respect of their human rights.

**AUGUST** Almighty Father, help us to be instruments of peace and reconciliation, testifying love and respect towards all.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for the population living below the poverty line and persons with disability to not be marginalised and excluded, due to their impairments and the barriers which hinder their possibilities.

**OCTOBER** Heavenly Father, guide us in developing cost-effective and efficient programmes, valuing the contribution of our donors,

and inspiring our beneficiaries towards the values of mutual solidarity and charity.

**NOVEMBER** Almighty God, help us in increasing our support to the efforts of the Ethiopian government in eliminating Trachoma by 2030, through the generosity of our donors, through the commitment of central and local institutions, communities, non-Government organisations and other stakeholders.

**DECEMBER** Almighty Father, help us to provide support and long-term solutions for refugees and internally-displaced people, whose lives have been suddenly changed, and their ties to the country of their birth have been cut, possibly forever.

Iroj is a Project Coordinator at Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Nepal, a partner organization of CBM. He loves to work supporting and uplifting people, and bringing a positive change to their lives.



Iroj Shrestha / Nepal

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

**JANUARY** My Lord, please give us strength to tackle all the hurdles, and raise us up with a good soul.

**FEBRUARY** God of life, grant those who are with you, a clear heart, like the clear water of a stream which flows a long way.

**MARCH** Holy Spirit, you never abandon the men, women and children who are persecuted for their loyalty to the gospel. Give them strength and courage, and support those who help them.

**APRIL** Holy Spirit, open our hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation, and bring us back from our wanderings.

**MAY** Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, guide our spirit so that we may welcome the unexpectedness of your grace.

**JUNE** God of life, grant us the courage to always stand against injustice and hatred based on race, class, gender, religion, and fear of those not like ourselves.

**JULY** Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably linked. Prayer and action belong together. When we abide in Christ, we receive the Spirit of courage, and wisdom to act against all injustice and oppression.

**AUGUST** May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in faith, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**SEPTEMBER** O Jesus, you came into the world and shared in our humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion

move us to share our time, life and goods with all those in need.

**OCTOBER** Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation, and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new behaviours. May we learn to live in harmony as part of your creation.

**NOVEMBER** Lord Jesus, your entire life was prayer, perfect harmony with the Father. Through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love. May the faithful of the whole world unite in praise, and may your kingdom of love come.

**DECEMBER** Blessed are you, God our Father, for the gift of your word in Holy Scripture. Blessed are you for its

transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us.

Karen is the Pacific Regional Coordinator for **cbm** NZ. Her role is to communicate directly with our partners across the Pacific to support programme implementation and develop programmes for new opportunities.



**Karen Jack** / New Zealand

*"Everything on earth has its own time and its own season."  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**JANUARY** We pray for all **cbm** partners across the Pacific to have a restful and rejuvenating break, providing energy for the new year ahead.

**FEBRUARY** As children with disabilities head back to school in Papua New Guinea, we ask you to bless each and every child with friends at school, and teachers to support their individual education plans.

**MARCH** People with disabilities have the experience to tell decision-makers how they can be supported during natural disasters like tropical cyclones. We pray for national disaster management offices in countries like Tonga, Samoa and Cook Islands to include these ideas in disaster preparedness plans.

**APRIL** Thank you for giving each one of us unique strengths and skills. We pray for teachers at model inclusion schools in Papua New Guinea to understand God's love for each and every child.

**MAY** Bless the hands of the ophthalmologists and eye nurses as they journey across the Highlands of Papua New Guinea to run surgical cataract outreach clinics.

**JUNE** We ask you to give rest to our **cbm** partners across the Pacific while they take a mid-year break, and plan activities for the second half of the year.

**JULY** Please pray for community rehabilitation workers in Papua New Guinea to find people with disabilities in remote rural communities, and connect

them with support services and assistive devices according to their individual goals.

**AUGUST** Bless the trainers from the Pacific Disability Forum as they support people with disabilities in the Pacific to advocate for their needs.

**SEPTEMBER** We ask for renewed strength and endurance for staff at any **cbm** partner in the Pacific that might be finding themselves tired at this busy time of year.

**OCTOBER** October is when the cyclone season begins in the Pacific, posing grave risks for those living in make-shift houses. Please pray for the Lord to keep each person with disability safe and nurtured during this season.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, give Pacific Organisations of Persons with Disabilities strength as their members share personal stories with organisations that prepare and respond to disasters so that their needs can be met in any future disaster events.

**DECEMBER** We give thanks for God's loving provision this year. Thank you for keeping us safe, and revealing your blessings through our loved ones.

Awa is the Programme Manager at CBM in Cameroon. His work is inspired by his passion for social justice, and he admires CBM's global leadership in community based inclusive development which go beyond just persons with disabilities.



**Awa Jacques Chirac / Cameroon**

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

**JANUARY** Pray that peace be restored to the parts of Cameroon that have been experiencing conflict for years.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for the leadership of Cameroon – those who make decisions that direct the functioning of the nation, that God will grant them the clear vision to lead in the right and just manner.

**MARCH** Pray for the leadership of the Cameroon Health Services that they may act in wisdom to steer the organisation in the right direction especially in this time of global health crisis.

**APRIL** Pray for the communities we serve, that they may feel relief after visiting our facilities.

**MAY** Pray for the protection of people at risk, and those

with disabilities who have high protection needs in times of crisis, and yet struggle the most for lack of policies and systems that are sensitive to their needs.

**JUNE** Pray for dedication, strength and an attitude of servanthood for staff, that patients and beneficiaries of development programmes may really experience Christ through their actions.

**JULY** Pray for the safety of our staff especially those who have to work in conflict areas where their lives are at risk, that God will protect and spare their lives, while they serve the communities they work in.

**AUGUST** Pray for CBM Global and other external funding partners whose contributions

help foster our work, that their resource base may continue to grow and their supporters may increase.

**SEPTEMBER** Pray for the different projects and programmes within the Cameroon Health Services, targeting vulnerable people, that they will continue to meet the needs of these people.

**OCTOBER** Pray that we may actually live out our mission so that beneficiaries not only receive physical healing, but spiritual healing as well.

**NOVEMBER** Pray for the various training programmes we run, that the students that graduate may show proof of exceptional professionalism in whatever domain they exercise in.

**DECEMBER** Pray for the families of the staff of the Cameroon Health Services who have to work in crisis areas that God will continue to watch over them and protect them.



Victoria is a Programme Officer with Survive Fistula Healthcare Foundation. She is passionate about the work because it touches and impacts life positively.



**Victoria David** / Nigeria

*"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." - Isaiah 53:5*

**JANUARY** "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

**FEBRUARY** God, you are incredible. We pray for divine appointments this month. May those who live in hard-to-reach locations be found, and find access to healthcare.

**MARCH** "Hear the supplications of your servant, and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive." – 2 Chronicles 6:21

**APRIL** "Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." – Mark 11:24

**MAY** Lord you are good and your mercies endure forever. We ask for healing from all illness as you have promised to always be our healer.

**JUNE** "I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them." – Hosea 11:3

**JULY** "Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us." – Psalm 123:2

**AUGUST** Almighty Creator, you who never sleeps, your arm is never too weak to save. In your mercies, show us mercy. In your graciousness, give us grace.

**SEPTEMBER** King of the Earth, we know you are the great redeemer, and your ways are beyond us. Help us in this our helpless state. Relief unto the weak.

**OCTOBER** Father in Heaven, the ruler that wins every war, the supreme God over all the earth, all our hope is in you. We ask for your comfort in these dark hours.

**NOVEMBER** Almighty, we come before you knowing that we are weak. It's not that we have not tried by our own strength to live. Now we ask that you be our strength.

**DECEMBER** "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him." – 1 John 5:14-15

Manoj is an Advocacy Programme Officer with CBM in Nepal. The key drivers for him are inclusion and Christianity, and being able to contribute to the promotion of disability rights and protection globally.



Manoj Gohiwar / Nepal

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” - Proverbs 31:8-9*

**JANUARY** Pray that I will keep my focus when reaching the needs of hundreds of children with disabilities waiting for corrective surgeries, to regain hope and happiness in their lives in this new year.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for every person receiving CBM resources or treatment. God, may they see your love shine through what we do to help their physical needs.

**MARCH** Pray that God will touch the lives of girls, even before they are born. Let them be born healthy and whole, and let their parents love and cherish them as much as you do.

**APRIL** Lord, may you fulfil many girls' longing for wisdom and a better life. Bless them with a quality education, school

supplies and assistive devices that support their scholastic goals.

**MAY** Pray for those working with people from all walks of life, that God is with us, and that we are called to serve without expectation of reciprocation.

**JUNE** “But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.’” – Mark 10:14-15. I wish this year would bring lots of happiness to the children receiving treatment.

**JULY** I love all the children in the world, I do advocacy for the children. “Speak up for

those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” – Proverbs 31:8-9.

**AUGUST** Pray for all children and CBM colleagues to have a wonderful year, filled with joys and happiness to meet their desires.

**SEPTEMBER** “May the nations be glad, and sing for joy, for you rule the people with equity, and guide the nations of the earth.” – Psalm 67:4

**OCTOBER** “Pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious

inheritance in His holy people.” – Ephesians 1:18

**NOVEMBER** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” – Matthew 5:3-4

**DECEMBER** “Jesus said to us, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” – John 14:6

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

*"Trust and rely confidently in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and feed securely on His faithfulness." - Psalm 37:3*

**JANUARY** Pray for the health and well-being of my wonderful colleagues, and give thanks for their God-given talents, commitment and friendships.

**FEBRUARY** Pray for our supporters who may be struggling or experiencing hardship. May His comfort surround them.

**MARCH** Dear Lord, we are so grateful for your promises in Isaiah 41:10 that we should not fear anything, for you are our God and you will continue to strengthen us.

**APRIL** Pray that God remains the focus of our hearts and work with the poorest people.

**MAY** Pray for **cbm's** role in promoting access to important

and life-changing opportunities in education, livelihoods and social inclusion.

**JUNE** Let us remember those who face persecution around the world due to their race, gender, disability, belief or age. Pray that God is with them.

**JULY** Pray for and lift up our volunteers today, their perseverance and dedication is crucial to our work. God bless them and their families.

**AUGUST** Pray for the wisdom of the governments across the world to make wise policies and decisions for greater inclusion of persons with disabilities.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord I offer you my work, my plans, my happiness, my pains and sufferings.

I entrust to you, my Lord, my life, my destiny, for I know you have good plans for me.

**OCTOBER** We give thanks for all the faithful supporters who uphold us with prayer and financial support.

**NOVEMBER** This period sees much planning for the next year. Let us ask God's guidance in this.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we thank you for this year and for how you demonstrated your undying love. We welcome the new year in your name and pray we will draw closer to you.

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

## 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.

*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." - Galatians 5:13*

**JANUARY** God, thank you for our wonderful country, for our government officials who make decisions for our lives, and for the freedom we have to worship and pray to you.

**FEBRUARY** Thank you, God, for the science that has led to medication which instantly kills the microfilariae that cause River Blindness. Thank you, that when taken as prescribed it prevents reinfection.

**MARCH** God, we pray for New Zealanders who give so generously. Continue to bless their finances, businesses and ability to support those less fortunate.

**APRIL** We pray for every beneficiary of **cbm**. If any have turned away from you, may they

be reminded of your goodness and turn their heart toward you.

**MAY** We pray that this year people can look forward to enough to eat. May the poor be spared the grinding anxiety of not knowing how they will cope until next harvest.

**JUNE** We pray for countries where religious differences have caused conflict. May your Holy Spirit move into hearts and equip people to live harmoniously.

**JULY** We pray for the next generation. May they grow up caring and providing for those who are less fortunate. May they have generous and compassionate role models in their lives.

**AUGUST** We pray for every child born with Clubfoot. God,

connect them to a **cbm**-funded partner hospital to receive corrective surgery quickly.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for people with disability to be trained in the skills they need to earn an income and be contributing members of their societies.

**OCTOBER** Father, thank you for your Word. May it be a lamp to the feet of the lost, a comfort in personal storms and a constant reminder of your love for us.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for people isolated by their disability. May they form new friendships, and may others see and love them through your eyes.

**DECEMBER** We give thanks for each person who **cbm** was able to reach this year. God, thank you for bringing them loving care.



## 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.

*"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."*  
- Hebrews 7:25

**JANUARY** Father, we ask that you go before us in all our activities, thoughts and decisions. Guide us with your wisdom, and let your love and kindness flow through us.

**MARCH** Thank you, Father, for the work of **cbm** volunteers in the most remote communities across the world. Thank you for their hard work spreading Christ's love through their selflessness.

**APRIL** God, thank you for **cbm** doctors and surgeons who use their professional skills to reach those most in need.

**MAY** Lord, have your hand on countries like Nigeria where River Blindness is rife in remote communities. Guide those affected so that **cbm** partners find them.

**JUNE** We lift up every person who cannot access medical services to help them live with a disability. We ask for **cbm** staff to find them and give them support.

**JULY** We ask, God, for your wisdom and guidance for the staff and partners of **cbm**. Lead them in their decisions great or small.

**AUGUST** Lord, sustain **cbm** partners in removing the barriers preventing people with disabilities from receiving services to restore their health. Let your strength and wisdom be consistently present with them.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, keep us on your path. Shelter us from storms and struggles, and keep us faithful in you. Help us to

continue to be inspired by the gospel, and let our love for you be reflected in our work.

**OCTOBER** We pray for those in the **cbm** network. Give **cbm** partner staff the strength and guidance to overcome obstacles in their way and serve with a selfless heart.

**NOVEMBER** God, we ask for your wisdom to be upon every **cbm** surgeon and field worker. Guide them in surgery rooms and out in the field.

**DECEMBER** God, thank you for all the challenges and memories made this year that have built our character. Look after us into the next season.

## 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.

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” - Ephesians 6:18*

**JANUARY** God, we continue to pray for families and communities affected by COVID-19. Cover them in your love and grace, and strengthen them.

**MARCH** Lord, place your hand on all hard-working nurses and doctors who tirelessly aid those in need. Give them strength to persevere with their patients.

**APRIL** Heavenly Father, thank you that we live in a country with clean water and good health care.

**MAY** We pray for the elderly who are lonely or isolated. Lord, restore their joy, surround them with community, and reveal new purpose to them.

**JUNE** We pray for those in rehabilitation and recovering

from surgery. Restore their health quickly.

**JULY** We pray for those living with disabilities who feel alone. Send them loving friends to journey through life with them.

**AUGUST** We pray for all who receive a Miracle gift of sight this year. Assist their healing, Lord, and through this operation may they see how you provide for them.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for children across the world who live in remote areas. May cbm identify them and help them access education.

**OCTOBER** God, be with those in Papua New Guinea in need of sight-saving surgery. Bless them with the healthcare they need to have their sight restored.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for the water supply in poor regions of Ethiopia. May they receive water treatment chemicals to ensure they have access to safe, clean water.

**DECEMBER** We pray for all those who have received cbm assistance this year. May it be the start of new beginnings, increased health, and restored dreams.

## PRAY AT A TIME OF GREAT NEED

**cbm** Emergency Response Units prepare for and respond to disaster situations, from immediate food and medical needs to longer-term interventions such as livelihood and reconstruction.

**JANUARY** In areas of the world facing crisis, we pray that the most vulnerable, including those living with a disability, will be included in relief programs.

**MARCH** Father, look after the homeless and those who have no place to rest at night. May your comfort, love and strength meet them where they are, and guide them to a shelter of safety.

**MAY** God, help children living in poor conditions. For those without clean water, we pray that water filters will be made available in their communities.

**JULY** God, we commit to you those who have a mental illness and cannot access assistance. May **cbm** and its partners be able to work with these remote communities and offer the support necessary.

**AUGUST** We pray for peace in our world. May conflicts and social unrest be met with Christ's love and redemptive solutions.

**OCTOBER** We pray for gender equality across the world. May all women be valued and respected, and given fair opportunities to succeed and grow in all areas of life.

**DECEMBER** We pray for farmers in areas of drought around the world. Please provide rain for their land and bless their harvests.



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

The COVID-19 global pandemic is of frightening proportions and it's devastating the world's poorest countries. The only hope for people affected by the triple burden of disability, extreme poverty, and the rapid spread of COVID-19, is you and the many other wonderful people who make up the **cbm** family.





Wajir's great aunt Mairige is blind from Onchocerciasis (River Blindness). Living in a remote part of Nigeria, Mairige feels so fortunate to have Wajir to help her with daily tasks - leading her safely around the village, fetching water, tending the fire, washing clothes.

Although Marige's sight will never return, Wajir and the rest of her village will not experience the same fate, as they now receive Mectizan® medication annually, from pharmaceutical company Merck, to kill the parasite that causes loss of sight and disfiguring skin problems.



Seven-year-old twins, Edward & Kevine both suffer from metaphyseal dysplasia (bowed legs). Their legs are so badly bent and twisted that every step is agony. With corrective surgery from **cbm**-partnered CoRSU Hospital in Uganda, their lives will be changed forever.

## OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

May you be encouraged:

*"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:*

*'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'"* - **2 Corinthians 9:8-9**

From all of us at **cbm** New Zealand, we pray a blessing over you and your loved ones for your faithful commitment in lifting up the ministry of **cbm** in prayer. Please pray for God's favor as we seek His guidance and wisdom with stewarding the great responsibility of helping those most in need. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to prayer. May you be filled with expectancy and joy in 2021!





Charlotte, Obed, Jacqueline, Jonas and Kellie await the removal of their bandages after sight-saving cataract surgery at the Kabgayi Eye Hospital in Rwanda. Their families all have hope for a brighter future for their children.

## 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 team on **0800 77 22 64.**

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