



Thank you for your prayers and support to help build an inclusive world in which all people with disabilities are given the opportunity to enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

Above: Murray and his wife, Joy, with their young sons

- Finn (aged 6) and Jamie (aged 3).

Cover: Joylin (aged 7) in Papua New Guinea received life-changing treatment from the **cbm**-funded community rehabilitation officer. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, she is now reaching miraculous milestones.

Kia ora Prayer Partner,

As we begin 2025, I'm reminded that each year is in God's hands, not ours. We believe in walking close to God in prayer through the easy times and the hard times. Join us to pray for God's healing love and provision through **cbm** by using these prayers, insights and hopes for the world, that come from our partners, board members and staff.

We know passionate people are praying around the world and it is so encouraging to know you are one of them. And your prayers are heartfelt and authentic because you act on them too! As Jesus said "God cares more about your heart than your eloquence. Fancy words or public displays aren't necessary. Pray authentically, humbly, and from the heart." (Matthew 6:5-8)

Our staff pray along with you at our Wednesday Devotions. Please let us know if you would like prayer.

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. Children can walk again. Sight has been restored. Refugees with disabilities have been supported. Schools have been made accessible, so children with disabilities can receive the education they deserve. You can imagine all the opportunities this will bring to their lives.

Your prayer is a gift to the most vulnerable people in this world. In 2025, 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 tātou.

**Murray Sheard** 

Chief Executive Officer, cbm New Zealand

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



Murray Sheard / New Zealand

"The justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun."

- Psalm 37:6

JANUARY God makes all things new. As the year begins, pray for new life, new hope and new energy for all cbm supporters, country teams, and organisations of people with disabilities with whom we partner.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for the new Pacific Disability Forum CEO Saimimili and her team. May they feel God's hand as they serve people with disabilities across the vast Pacific Ocean.

MARCH We give thanks to God for the screening, medical, and rehabilitation teams that help children who need orthopaedic intervention in Nepal - so they can walk again and participate fully in their communities.

APRIL We pray for cbm teams in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea. Philippines and Zimbabwe, as they serve their compatriots with disabilities.

MAY We pray and give thanks for all our inspiring and generous financial supporters today. Our God, please bless them with Your grace, love and all good things.

JUNE As cbm works with our Government's Aotearoa New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme to develop a new long-term partnership, please pray for wisdom for all planners and decision-makers.

JULY We thank God for the children of Papua New Guinea who can now go to school of because accessibility modifications to buildings, inclusive teaching materials, and training for teachers.

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

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for the people around the globe who will have their sight restored today, due to the generosity, skill and care shown by so many people, who are Jesus' hands and feet.

**OCTOBER** We give thanks for the staff of **cbm** New Zealand. who are diligently processing gifts, as well as designing programmes, budgets, fundraising plans for the coming year.

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

**DECEMBER** We pray for **cbm** New Zealand's Board as they meet to finalise cbm's strategy for the next few years, to support people with disabilities in lower income countries.

Sandeep is a social worker at the Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Kathmandu, and is passionate about transforming through inclusive lives development and communitybased solutions.



"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise." - Jeremiah 17:14

JANUARY Lord, thank you for new beginnings. Bless every child in our care with hope and strength. Guide our team and partners as we bring healing and joy to those we serve.

FEBRUARY Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with love and compassion. May we serve each child and family with kindness and grace, reflecting Your love in all that we do.

MARCH Lord, grant strength to the children we serve. May they face challenges with courage, and may we provide the support they need. Strengthen CBM to continue this important mission.

APRIL Dear Lord, we pray for healing and restoration for every child. Bless our medical teams with skill and compassion, and bring comfort to families as they journey towards recovery.

MAY Father, we thank you for the joy our children bring. Bless our supporters and partners at CBM, whose generosity makes CBM's ministry possible.

JUNE Lord, quide our decisions and grant us wisdom in our work. Help us to make choices that honour You and serve the best interests of the children in our care.

JULY Thank you, Lord, for our partnerships with CBM. May our collaboration bring hope and positive change in the lives of children with disabilities.

AUGUST Lord, give us the strength to persevere with faith and patience. Help us to remain hopeful, even in difficult times, and inspire others through our trust in You.

SEPTEMBER Lord, inspire us to serve with generosity. Bless our donors and supporters, and may their kindness be a blessing multiplied in the lives of the children and families we serve.

**OCTOBER** God, give us courage to advocate for children with disabilities. Help us to speak up for their rights and ensure they receive the care and respect they deserve.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we give thanks for every moment of grace and every challenge

overcome this year. Bless our partners and supporters, and may Your love continue to guide us.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we pray for peace and joy as we end the year. May Your presence bring comfort to HRDC hospital, and may CBM's ministry continue to reflect Your love.

#### **PRAY FOR AVOIDABLE**

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



Yasodha / Nepal

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

JANUARY Lord, we thank you for the provision of Braille assistive aids. Help those who are learning to use these tools so that these aids help them have access to learning and independence.

FEBRUARY We pray for CBM programme workers and partners as they help prevent eye conditions by digging wells, building toilets and providing hygiene education. We pray You give them wisdom and strength to carry out these big projects.

MARCH On this World Hearing Day, we lift up people who live in poverty, struggling with the challenges of hearing loss without access to care. Grant them strength, hope, and dignity in the face of hardship.

APRIL God, we pray You will bless CBM eye programmes so that people at risk of losing their sight have quick access to medication and corrective surgeries.

MAY We pray for people with glaucoma, that CBM workers and partners swiftly provide treatments like eye drops and surgery. May these interventions relieve pressure on the optic nerve and halt the progression of this condition.

JUNE Heavenly Father, on this World Clubfoot Day, we lift up every child and family affected by clubfoot. We pray for strength, healing, and hope as they journey through treatment and recovery. Bless the hands of doctors, nurses, and caregivers who bring healing and comfort.

JULY We pray for people experiencing anxiety as they realise they are slowly losing their sight. Lord, comfort them while health workers are on their way with help.

AUGUST We pray for people with cataracts, especially in developing nations. Help them gain access to timely care such as surgery and corrective glasses they need to restore their vision.

SEPTEMBER Lord, thank you for guiding CBM-funded workers in local communities. Protect them as they go into remote, potentially risky areas, looking for people with illness or injuries that affect their sight.

**OCTOBER** God, we thank you for CBM's project partner

medical teams tirelessly performing cataract surgeries. Bless them for their dedication and determination in restoring sight.

NOVEMBER Thank you, Lord, for all the dedicated CBM partner eye surgeons and health workers in the poorest parts of the world. Guide their hands as they perform these surgeries to bring healing and joy to those in need.

DECEMBER Father, today, on International Day of People with Disabilities, we thank you for the awareness being raised around avoidable blindness. Thank you for strengthening the voices of people with disabilities as well as CBM workers and partners advocating for their needs.

Souphavanh is the National Project Coordinator of a CBM-partnered Community Based Inclusive Development project, Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement (ARMI).



**Souphavanh Boutthavong** / Laos

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6

**JANUARY** Father Lord, we ask for You to bring happiness and success to the staff and leadership of **cbm** New Zealand.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for God's wisdom and discernment to instil hope and resilience in all those we serve.

MARCH Heavenly Father, grant unwavering resilience and strength to adults and children with disabilities. May they find courage in every challenge and hope in every moment. Surround them with love and support, and let their spirits shine brightly.

APRIL Dear God, we ask for the gift of empathy as we interact with people from various walks of life. May we put ourselves in others' shoes, understanding their struggles and joys. Let

our hearts be filled with compassion, allowing us to connect on a deeper level with our fellow human beings.

MAY We come before You with gratitude for the impactful work of **cbm** New Zealand. We pray for the sustainability of their projects, that they may continue to bring hope and transformation to children and adults in need.

JUNE Lord, empower those who advocate for disability rights with wisdom, strength, and unwavering resolve. May their efforts break down barriers and build a world where every person is valued and included. Guide their steps and amplify their voices, so that justice and equality may prevail.

JULY Lord, we ask for Your divine protection and safety over all CBM staff and volunteers. Shield them from harm and guide them with Your wisdom as they serve others. May Your presence be their constant companion, providing strength and peace in every situation.

AUGUST Lord, we pray for swift healing and complete recovery for all undergoing surgeries. May Your healing hands guide the medical teams and bring comfort to the patients.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for families and individuals affected by economic struggles. Surround them with a supportive community and fill their hearts with courage and perseverance. Let them feel Your presence guiding them through every difficulty.

october Bless all CBM partners, providing them with support and encouragement. Let Your peace surround them, giving them the strength to continue their mission with passion and dedication.

NOVEMBER Lord, we thank you for the generous hearts of our donors. May their kindness be rewarded abundantly, and may their support continue to bring hope and transformation to children and adults in need. Inspire more to join in this mission of love and service.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we pray for hope and renewal in the communities touched by CBM. May Your light shine brightly in their lives, bringing healing, strength, and new beginnings. Guide them towards a future filled with promise and peace.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN NEEDING **ORTHOPAEDIC CARE:** Join us in prayer for the provision of surgery, rehabilitation and assistive devices for children and adults living in poverty.



Ramsaran / Nepal

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

- Psalm 147:3

JANUARY Dear God, this year we pray that staff and partners in the communities CBM works reach more children and adults who need orthopaedic care than ever before.

FEBRUARY God, we pray for children who face ongoing pain and movement issues due to a physical disability. May they find relief and stability through treatment and rehabilitation. May their lives be filled with mobility - and joy!

**MARCH** Heavenly Father, today we ask that You help staff and partners in the communities CBM works to support children and adults who have been excluded from school and work. Help provide the care they need to enjoy a life of inclusion.

APRIL Lord, we lift up CBM's physical rehabilitation projects Papua New Guinea. Bangladesh and Nepal. Bless their efforts to improve health and well-being through quality in-home rehabilitation services.

MAY Lord, we ask for Your blessings in guiding staff and partners in the communities CBM works to reach children with bowlegs and provide early treatment, such as surgery and physical therapy.

JUNE God, we ask for Your help in preventing long-term skeletal impacts in children orthopaedic with issues. Guide staff and partners in the communities where CBM works to detect and treat these conditions early.

JULY Lord, we thank you for the therapeutic interventions made possible through CBMfunded health workers in the communities they serve. We are grateful for the training these professionals offer to families, empowering them to provide needed care for their children.

**AUGUST** Lord, we pray You will guide the hands of orthopaedic surgeons who are working long hours to give life-changing corrective surgeries.

SEPTEMBER Today International Day of Charity, we pray children with disabilities will be able to live more active and independent lives through receiving assistive devices.

**OCTOBER** Heavenly Father, we pray for the success of CBM's projects in enhancing

the quality of life for older people with disabilities. May therapeutic care bring them healing and joy.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for children with clubfoot. Thank you, Lord, for success of the Ponseti method, which involves gently manipulating and stretching a baby's foot and ankle and putting the foot and ankle in specialised boots to support healthy growth of tendons and muscles.

**DECEMBER** Heavenly Father, we ask for Your guidance in projects where rehabilitation facilities are being upgraded with vital equipment. We pray that these upgrades make a real difference in the lives of children needing orthopaedic care.

Remi is the Programme Officer for the CBM-partnered Sustainable Family Healthcare Foundation (SFHF). He is passionate about CBM's programmes that provide social justice and equality for people with disabilities.



Remi Akejelu / Nigeria

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." - Psalm 82:3

JANUARY Let us thank God for His faithfulness and provision for the year to come. We pray for His guidance and protection as we gather together and work toward a common goal in this new year.

**FEBRUARY** God of reconciliation, may all New Zealanders be happy, healthy and harmonious at the Waitangi Day celebrations.

MARCH Dear God, protect CBM staff and project participants and guide them in their effort to serve and protect everyone from harm in the cause of their work.

APRIL We pray for unity and collaboration with like-minded organisations to achieve common goals.

MAY As we celebrate Sign Language Week, may we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the deaf and hard of hearing community. Help us to be advocates for inclusion, and to foster connections through the power of sign language.

JUNE Heavenly Father. empower CBM donors to provide the necessary resources to sustain our humanitarian and development work.

JULY We pray that God will equip and prepare all project partners and programme implementers respond effectively to the needs of CBM's project participants including all people with disabilities.

AUGUST Lord, grant us the grace to uphold transparency, ethics and accountability in all transactions.

**SEPTEMBER** Let us pray for a high rate of project execution and implementation success, and for us to achieve our desired outcome.

**OCTOBER** We pray that God will guide policymakers to make informed decisions and policies that will benefit the vulnerable population that we serve.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for justice and equality for all genders and marginalised people all over the world.

**DECEMBER** Lord, fill our heart with gratitude for our blessings, and help us to acknowledge staff. volunteers and donors.

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.

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

WASH / Nigeria

JANUARY Father, may Your love and compassion shine through health workers in the communities CBM works, bringing treatments to protect against river blindness and elephantiasis.

FEBRUARY God, thank you for guiding CBM to remote communities vulnerable to Neglected Tropical Diseases. We pray for continued supplies of sight-saving medications for these communities.

MARCH Today, on World Prayer Day, we pray for economic relief for people burdened by Neglected Tropical Diseases. Help CBM and partners to find sustainable solutions that lift people out of poverty and provide opportunities for their families and communities.

APRIL Today on World Health Day, we pray for awareness of Neglected Tropical Diseases affecting over a billion people. Help communities, governments and individuals focus on this and work together to bring relief and healing.

MAY Lord, we ask that Your hand be on projects providing access to clean water to vulnerable communities who have never had it. May this clean water help prevent Neglected Tropical Diseases.

JUNE Lord, may You provide ample supplies of vital medication that treat Neglected Tropical Diseases. May You have Your hand of protection over these supplies as they are in transit to adults and children in need.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and Word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

JULY We thank you for continuing to equip CBM's partners with training to identify and treat diseases like river blindness and elephantiasis.

AUGUST Lord, we ask for Your continued help in the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases around the world. Please help CBM replicate this success in the countries where they work.

SEPTEMBER Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of fathers. Bless them with wisdom, strength, and love as they guide their families. Grant them patience, courage, and joy in their role, and may they reflect Your heart in all they do. Surround them with Your grace and fill their hearts with peace.

october Lord, inspire researchers and health care professionals to continue developing and improving treatments for the more than 20 types of Neglected Tropical Diseases.

NOVEMBER God, we ask that You bless sanitation projects in communities at risk of Neglected Tropical Diseases. May accessible toilets and bathroom facilities prevent sickness, disease and death.

DECEMBER As John 13:34 says, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." May Your love shine through health workers providing medication to those at risk of river blindness and elephantiasis.

Florence is Inclusive an Eve Health Officer at CBM Zimbabwe, coordinating eye health activities and project implementation processes. She is passionate about making a difference in people's lives.



Florence Saburi / Zimbabwe

JANUARY Let us start our year positive with affirmations. praying for all CBM staff, partners, and countries, to

declare success ahead of them.

**FEBRUARY** Let us pray for a good vision and guidance for all CBM staff to plan accordingly and execute the plans appropriately, getting the intended results.

MARCH We lift up women who face the struggles of disability and poverty on International Women's Day. May they find strength in their resilience and hope in their dreams.

APRIL Let us pray for all countries struggling with civil and military wars globally. Intercede for government to make noble decisions putting the interests of people first.

MAY Let us pray for peace and reconciliation in our CBM countries to enable them to pursue their objectives in a peaceful environment.

**JUNE** Let us pray for consistent funding of CBM initiatives across all countries to enable partners to reach out to all targeted beneficiaries.

**JULY** Let us pray for CBM to make management evidence-based decisions in light of our focus areas to ensure authentic partnerships across all countries.

**AUGUST** Let us pray for the Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) CBM works with, for strengthening of Financial and Programmes management systems, including governance concerns

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." - Isaiah 40:31

to enable them to be subpartners and manage grants received.

**SEPTEMBER** Let us pray for CBM partners to ensure their participation effective in international commemorations, and continue to play advocacy and advisory roles.

OCTOBER Lord, we seek guidance and strength for fostering disability inclusion all CBM-funded across programmes, ensuring that design, funding, and active participation are carried out in collaboration with our partners. May our efforts create meaningful change and inclusivity for all.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for the CBM-funded partners, medical teams and support teams to gain strength to offer good quality services to the patients in their care.

**DECEMBER** We thank God for taking us through the year and giving us the strength to manage all challenges and to celebrate all successes.

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

PRAY FOR INCLUSIVE

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



JANUARY Heavenly Father, we pray this will be a year where more children with disabilities have the chance to go to school. Be with decision-makers as they plan projects and advocate for inclusive education.

FEBRUARY Many schools are not accessible for children and young people with disabilities because they have no ramps or enough space for young people with wheelchairs. We pray that we will be successful at making this happen in schools.

MARCH Lord, today we pray together for the training of more teachers in sign language so they can communicate effectively with Deaf children.

APRIL God, Psalm 68:5 says You are "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows." Father, we thank you for being a father to the fatherless. We pray that You will send men of good character to be good influences, to care for and encourage children who have no father in their lives.

MAY Lord Jesus, guide workers to reach and identify children with disabilities so their learning needs may be met. Let their unique stories and bravery through difficult circumstances raise awareness in schools.

JUNE Many schools have no accessible toilets or washrooms for children and young people with disabilities. We pray for critical funding for accessible toilets and washrooms, creating an inclusive environment for all.

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

JULY Lord, today we pray together for resources and training needed to support home-based education for children with disabilities, ensuring they receive all they need to thrive and succeed.

AUGUST Father, we pray You will sustain workers as they persist in combating stigma to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities. May You also open hearts and minds to embrace every child.

SEPTEMBER Lord, may every child reach their full potential. May You inspire leaders and teachers to change curriculums to include the needs of children with disabilities.

OCTOBER Today on World Sight Day we thank you for the provision of eyeglasses for children with disabilities. May this support give them confidence to learn at school.

NOVEMBER Lord, we ask that You bless faithful supporters and prayer partners who have helped provide education materials for children with disabilities. We praise You and thank you for the gift of inclusion and dignity this gives.

**DECEMBER** God, we pray that every child feels valued and included, through You equipping teachers and having Your hand on training that motivates them to support inclusive education for all students.

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lan Robin / Papua New Guinea

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." - John 14:1

JANUARY Let us open our year with prayer for the CBM partners and all organisations for people with disabilities. Isivi means Love, Mahuri means Life, and Lami means Hope.

**FEBRUARY** We pray for the commencement of work, that this year may bring success upon success, extending hope and opportunities to even more individuals with disabilities.

MARCH We give thanks to God always for you, our dear friends, whom the Lord loves deeply. We are truly grateful for the gifts of life bestowed upon the people of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.

APRIL Let us give thanks to God, our Father, who has given us new life by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

MAY We give thanks to God for the supporters and staff of **cbm** New Zealand, praying for His protection and guidance over them in these challenging times.

JUNE God our Father, who created all people in Your image: give adults and children with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities opportunities to do all that they are able to, and strengthen them to overcome challenges.

JULY We give thanks to God for His protection and guidance in Papua New Guinea, especially in the remote areas, where children face challenges attending school and families find it difficult to gather for worship due to limited accessibility.

AUGUST We pray that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, chooses you and sets you apart as holy, filling you with faith and truth. May this blessing extend to all people with disabilities in Papua New Guinea, the Pacific, and across the world.

SEPTEMBER We pray for CBM's programmes in mental health, trusting in the good news that Jesus died for us so that we may have salvation. We lift up projects like ear and eye screening, inclusive education, and all the efforts made to support people in need. May God bless the work we provide and use it to bring healing and hope to many.

**OCTOBER** On World Mental Health Day, we lift up all

people struggling with mental health challenges. Grant them strength, peace, and healing. Help us to show compassion, understanding, and support to one another. Guide us toward a world where mental health is valued, and no one feels alone in their journey.

NOVEMBER We lift up in prayer the staff at CBM who are diligently working to design programmes, process budgets, and plan fundraising efforts for the year ahead. May God grant them wisdom, clarity, and strength in their tasks.

**DECEMBER** On this day dedicated to the recognition of human rights, we gather in hope and unity. We pray for the dignity, freedom, and justice of all people around the world.



7-year-old Joylin, from Papua New Guinea, was born with many challenges to overcome. She could not walk or talk or eat. But now she can, thanks to generous **cbm** supporters.

Timothy, a **cbm**-funded community rehabilitation officer, was sent to meet Joylin. Under Timothy's watchful eye and specialist skills, Joylin endured a long and difficult road of rehabilitation.

Her family are so grateful for all you have helped Joylin achieve.

In the Philippines, 8-year-old John was a 'star pupil' at school – top of his class! He loved Maths most of all, and dreamed of becoming an engineer. His teachers said he had an incredibly bright future ahead of him, but he was going needlessly blind from congenital cataracts.

Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, John received sight-saving surgery at a **cbm**-funded hospital. What an astounding way to let God work through you to give the miracle gift of sight to our brothers and sisters in the world's poorest places.

Neil is a **cbm** New Zealand Board Member, living in Papamoa. He is a retired eye surgeon, and has worked for **cbm** in the world's poorest places, experiencing the amazing impact of **cbm's** mission. Neil Murray / New Zealand

**JANUARY** Dear Lord, as we enjoy the privilege of life in Aotearoa, we pray for people around the world less fortunate, whose lives are enriched by **cbm** and its global outreach.

FEBRUARY Dear God, we pray that You continue to guide CBM's global leadership. May they be empowered to reach out and improve the lives of people with disabilities around the world.

MARCH Mental illness is often a hidden burden, too difficult to consider. **cbm** does not shrink from this. We embrace the challenge in Your Name, acknowledging that only through Your Will can this be so.

APRIL As we celebrate Easter, we pray that **cbm** can help make real the promise of a new life in Christ for more people whose daily lives are impacted by physical disability.

MAY Thank you for the gift of mothers, who nurture us with love and wisdom. On this special day, we honour all mothers - those who have given birth, those who have adopted, and those who have mothered us in spirit. May their hearts be filled with joy, and may they feel cherished and appreciated.

JUNE Matthew 13:9 says "...Whoever has ears let them hear..." Deafness is an invisible disability especially in the world's poorest places. Lord, support cbm's mission with the Deaf, opening ears to hear You.

"...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." - Luke 12:48

**JULY** Dear Lord, Your servants at **cbm's** NZ office work tirelessly in Your Name. We pray for their health and the health of their families at this time.

**AUGUST** The **cbm** family is global, with a global reach. We pray that You support the **cbm** family to do Your Will for adults and children with disabilities.

SEPTEMBER We think of children born with club feet. So many disabilities can be managed through **cbm** programmes if only we can reach those in need. Lord, empower us to do more in Your Name.

OCTOBER We pray for Papua New Guinea - the needs are great, as are the risks. We pray for the CBM PNG team that they can safely provide all that they have to offer for people with disabilities.

NOVEMBER Bartimaeus was blind but his faith restored his sight in Mark 10:46-52. Fear often limits the impact of the blindness prevention work of **cbm**. We ask You to move sovereignly at these times so the blind can see.

**DECEMBER** As we prepare for Christmas, Lord, we ask You to help us help children and adults with disabilities. Guide the Trustees of **cbm** NZ to follow Your heart for all people with disabilities.

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APRIL Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are suffering from any illness. Grant them healing and strengthen their

spirits. May they find comfort in

Your presence.

MAY Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the health of women, children and families around the world. Especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, and obstetric fistula.

hear the cries for daily bread of people who are poor, hungry and neglected all over the world. Inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

JANUARY Father, grant CBM the resources to expand its reach and impact. May its efforts continue to transform lives and build inclusive communities for everyone to enjoy their human rights and achieve their full

FEBRUARY Dear Lord, thank you for all Your goodness in the lives of CBM staff, partners and volunteers. Grant us the wisdom to discern solutions in the face of challenges. May we find innovative ways to overcome obstacles and grow in wisdom.

potential.

MARCH Dear Lord, help us see each other with dignity and worth. Guide our actions so that we may work together to build a world where everyone can live with respect and opportunity. "God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day." - Psalm 46:5

**JULY** Father, bless all CBM staff, partners and volunteers with compassion and dedication in transforming lives and building inclusive communities.

AUGUST Lord, take away all of the negative thoughts and emotions that may disrupt us from working together. Lord, plant seeds of hard work, compassion and growth in our workplaces.

we pray for those who are emotionally drained right now. Heal the brokenhearted and restore those who are hurting. Give them a fresh revelation and let them see a future filled with joy and laughter. Renew their spirits and fill them up with hope, love and peace.

OCTOBER Father, we ask for Your companionship on every journey for CBM staff, partners and volunteers. Protect us and help us arrive at our destination safely.

NOVEMBER Father, in the name of Jesus, give CBM staff, partners and volunteers the wisdom to excel in life. Bless the work of our hands. Let Your favour speak for us everywhere we go, and we will continually shine brighter and brighter.

**DECEMBER** Lord God Almighty, we offer You thanks for the benefits of a working life and for the opportunity to create and add value that improves quality of life by meeting the needs of others, especially people with disabilities.

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

Naresh / Nepal

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:1-2

JANUARY God, we pray for policies that promote equality and accessibility. We ask that You guide CBM and its partners as they advocate for people with disabilities to officials who have power to make decisions that are inclusive of all.

FEBRUARY Lord, we pray that You influence governments and community leaders to prioritise the accessibility of quality education, justice and health services for people with disabilities.

MARCH God, we know You believe in the power of strong friendships and allies just like we do. May more opportunities for meaningful connections and networks continue to grow, providing friendships and wellbeing for people with mental health conditions.

APRIL Father, we ask that Your hand be upon CBM workers as they work with partner organisations and groups to ensure people with disabilities can access health services.

MAY Lord, we pray Your love will fill the hearts of community leaders through CBM workers and partners in the communities where we work. Thank you that Your love will eradicate discrimination so each person will be valued and thrive.

JUNE Thank you, Lord, for the ample provision of mobility aids and assistive devices for people in need. Let these tools enhance independence and quality of life so no one with a disability will miss out on working in their community and having a sense of belonging.

JULY God, thank you for the work being done to ensure communication support, such as sign language interpretation for the Deaf and Braille materials for people with vision impairment. Thank you that this will enable them to connect with others in their families and communities.

ask that You strengthen the voices of people with disabilities so that their needs are listened to and support systems for them are improved. Let their experiences be a strong influence for positive change.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we thank you for the growth in learning that is interactive, activity-based and hands-on for children and adults who need this type of learning.

OCTOBER Today on International Day for Disaster Reduction, Lord, we ask that teachers and community leaders put plans in place that make sure every child is considered during a disaster. May these disaster plans also help build disaster-resilient communities.

NOVEMBER God, may Your hand continue to be on the teachers and community members who set tasks and provide coaching and mentoring for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we thank you for helping CBM workers and partners break down barriers of discrimination in communities.

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Diana Ureta / Papua New Guinea

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

JANUARY We give thanks for the resources and opportunity to reach more girls and women with disabilities in Papua New Guinea through the Women's Empowerment project. Pray for us to be a good steward of the project resources.

FEBRUARY We pray for the safety and protection for the staff and volunteers of CBM partners as they travel different locations to to this implement vear's programmes and activities.

MARCH Thanks for the dedication of Goroka Eye Clinic team in Papua New Guinea who provide quality eye care services and sight-restoring surgeries. May they be refreshed, renewed and inspired in their work.

**APRIL** We pray for the parents and carers of children with disabilities. May they be blessed as they provide care and look after their loved ones.

MAY We give thanks for the help and support received from the community during ear and eye screening in schools and communities, in outreach surgical clinics, and in early intervention programmes.

JUNE We pray for good health and strength for the hard working staff of Inclusive Education Resource Centres as they continue to provide education and rehabilitation services, assistive devices and care to people with disabilities in their communities.

JULY Remember the team of CBM PNG and cbm NZ during this time of project monitoring and report writing. May God give them the strength and wisdom that they need.

**AUGUST** We pray for the leadership of CBM partners, the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority and Catholic Church Health Services, that they may be given the wisdom, compassion and knowledge as they lead their teams.

**SEPTEMBER** We give thanks for the everyday gift of life and the opportunity to sit in silence, share moments of laughter, the love of families and friends, and God's continual presence.

**OCTOBER** We pray for eye health services in Papua New Guinea. May the observance of the recent World Sight Day have raised awareness of blindness and low vision, and the importance of seeking early eye care.

NOVEMBER Remembering the sick, the elderly and those who experience despair. May they feel God's loving mercy and grace through the people around them.

**DECEMBER** We thank God for the work of cbm NZ in Papua New Guinea, the commitment of staff, and for the many generous donors, for bringing hope, charity and love to people who use the services. To God be the glory!

**PRAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION:** Join us in prayer for the preparation, provision and distribution of abundant aid to alleviate suffering, and foster the recovery of communities affected by disasters.



JANUARY Lord, we pray this year will be a year where vulnerable communities are equipped to prepare for and respond to disasters such as floods, hurricanes and cyclones.

FEBRUARY Lord, we thank you for school teachers who love and care for each of their students. We pray they will succeed in creating a culture of inclusion in the classroom so that when a disaster hits, each student with a disability will be cared for.

MARCH We thank you for all the beautiful rivers and lakes You have created. We pray that landowners and governments will care for these crucial waterways that provide essential water to communities, crops and animals.

APRIL Thank you, God, for more awareness in vulnerable communities about how best to respond in the event of a disaster through evacuation drills and campaigns.

MAY On this International Day of Families, we give thanks for the gift of family. Bless each family around the world with unity, peace, and understanding. May our homes be filled with kindness, patience, and joy, and may we work together to build a world where all families thrive in harmony.

JUNE We thank you for the generous hearts of all volunteers who give their time, energy, and love to serve others. Bless them with patience, and joy as they help their communities.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." - Isaiah 43:2

JULY Heavenly Father, we come to You with the problem of no clean water after disasters such as floods. We pray for funding and for communities and governments to work together to ensure clean water is provided to all who need it after a disaster.

AUGUST Psalm 4:8 says, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety." Lord, we pray for the safety of CBM workers and partners during disasters and crises, as well as for the beneficiaries they are caring for.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray against barriers that people with disabilities have in the event of a disaster. We ask that You strengthen their voices so their needs are heard in disaster planning meetings.

OCTOBER We pray that You guide community members as they work at reuniting people with disabilities and their families through all stages of disasters - before, during and after.

**NOVEMBER** God, we pray disaster planning information will reach every person. We pray that leaflets, posters and other communications are accessible.

**DECEMBER** Lord, we pray that people with disabilities will be informed about evacuation routes prepared for disasters. And we ask that community leaders and workers will make the time to visit them to explain these disaster plans.

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"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." - Colossians 3:12

JANUARY Heavenly Father, bless CBM's mental health initiatives this month. Grant them wisdom and guidance as they strive to support people facing mental health challenges.

FEBRUARY Dear Lord, may CBM's inclusive education programmes flourish. Help them create a nurturing environment where every child can learn and thrive.

MARCH Gracious God, bless CBM's efforts in promoting inclusive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices. May clean water and sanitation reach all communities, improving health and well-being.

APRIL Loving Father, guide the CBM-funded HANDS management team. Grant them wisdom and strength as they lead their organisation towards greater impact and sustainability.

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

JUNE Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessings upon CBM partners and kind-hearted donors. May their generosity and support empower CBM to reach more people and transform lives in meaningful ways.

JULY Dear Lord, guide CBMfunded Neglected Tropical Disease (NTDs) programmes. Grant them the resources and knowledge to prevent and treat NTDs effectively.

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

**SEPTEMBER** Loving Father, bless CBM's efforts in disability-inclusive development. Help them create a world where everyone is valued and can fully participate.

OCTOBER Merciful God, guide CBM-funded reproductive health programmes. Grant them the wisdom to provide comprehensive care and empower individuals to make informed choices.

NOVEMBER Heavenly Father, bless CBM-funded clubfoot treatment and management initiatives. May every child affected by this condition receive the care they need for a better future.

DECEMBER Dear Lord, bless CBM-funded Disability Prevention programmes. Grant them the knowledge and resources to prevent morbidities and disabilities, promoting better health for all.

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



"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." - 1 John 4:18

JANUARY Lord, we pray for a future where no mother endures obstetric fistula injury. Guide health care providers and workers in their communities to create awareness that helps prevent and treat this condition so no mother feels alone.

FEBRUARY Father, we seek Your guidance in preventing and treating obstetric fistula. Help educate communities about this condition so mothers can receive timely intervention and avoid the pain and isolation it causes.

MARCH Lord, we lift up the two million mothers with obstetric fistula worldwide. Please provide timely and appropriate interventions so they can prevent and treat this condition, leading to full recovery and reintegration into society.

APRIL God, we pray for mothers facing the barriers of stigma and shame due to obstetric fistula, which prevents them from seeking health care. Give them courage and access to proper diagnosis and treatment.

MAY Lord, we pray for the mothers who have lost their babies due to prolonged birth complications. Comfort them in their grief and provide them with the emotional and physical healing they need.

JUNE Lord, we pray for mothers with obstetric fistula and who experience the associated stigma and isolation. Provide them with the medical care they need and the emotional support to regain their dignity and place in society.

JULY Father, we lift up health care workers and organisations dedicated to preventing and treating obstetric fistula. Bless their efforts and provide the resources they need to make a difference in the lives of all mothers.

AUGUST God, we ask for compassion and understanding in communities where mothers with obstetric fistula are stigmatised. Help them find the love and support they need to heal and thrive.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we pray for the families of mothers with obstetric fistula. May they stand by their loved ones, offering support and care during their recovery and reintegration into society.

OCTOBER Heavenly Father, on this day of reflection and action, we pray for all mothers who struggle under the weight of poverty. May Your love and grace reach them, bringing hope, dignity, and opportunity.

NOVEMBER Lord, we pray for the families of mothers who have died while trying to give birth. Surround these families with a supportive community that understands their pain and helps them find hope and strength.

**DECEMBER** Father, we seek Your blessing on the efforts of workers and partners to educate communities about how to prevent obstetric fistula and to break the cycle of stigma and shame for mothers who live with it.

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Anthony Kimathi / Kenya

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

- Philippians 4:7

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

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

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

APRIL Heavenly Father, we remember the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We gather in reflection and gratitude for His love, mercy, and the redemption He brought to our

lives through His suffering. Help us to embrace the significance of this day, deepening our faith and commitment to living in Your liaht.

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

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

Dear Lord, thank you JULY for the power of forgiveness, and for choosing to forgive everyone who has caused hurt. We pray that You always guide us to do the right thing and not to wrong others.

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

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

**OCTOBER** Father, we pray for people who are suffering and have been put into situations of risk. Give them comfort and see them through whatever they are facing, and may You always watch over them.

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

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

PRAY FOR HUMANITARIAN **ACTION:** Join us in prayer for the provision of safe shelters, and the distribution of food, water and medical aid to alleviate suffering in times of crises.



Mara / Madagascar

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

**JANUARY** Father, may Your hand be on the provision of safe shelters for people who have lost their homes due to natural disasters or crises.

FEBRUARY Lord, bless the distribution of food and clean water to vulnerable families affected by crises and disasters who cannot access it or afford it on their own.

MARCH Thank you for protection over medical aid and essential supplies while they are in transit to people injured or affected by crises.

APRIL Lord, on this solemn day, we remember the silence of the tomb and the anticipation of resurrection. As we wait in hope, may we reflect on Your love and sacrifice. Grant us

patience and strength as we journey through this moment of stillness, trusting in the promise of new life. Fill our hearts with peace and prepare us to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection.

MAY God, we lift up all mothers with disabilities living in poverty. We pray they will have access to the support and help they need in times of crises.

JUNE Lord, we thank you for humanitarian aid providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of disease. Bless the efforts of workers on the ground as they work hard to do this in harsh conditions.

JULY Heavenly Father, we uplift the programmes that are helping families regain control

and independence. We ask that You empower individuals with financial support to rebuild their lives after crises.

**AUGUST** Loving Creator, on this World Humanitarian Day, we lift up in prayer all those who serve and sacrifice to bring hope and healing to the most vulnerable. Grant them strenath. compassion, and protection as they work to relieve suffering and promote peace.

**SEPTEMBER** May Your love shine through psychosocial support for people at risk of crisis and disaster.

**OCTOBER** Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on the efforts of teachers as they work to educate children impacted by crises and disasters.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, we ask for Your comfort and peace to surround families in vulnerable communities around the world who carry the deep wounds of war.

**DECEMBER** God, we come to You today and ask that You protect vulnerable groups from abuse and exploitation during crises. May You safeguard children, women and refugees in these unsafe areas.

Are you on Facebook? Why not follow @ CBMNZ1908 to see the faces of people your prayers are reaching each day.

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Milan Poudel / Nepal

JANUARY Lord, guide CBM to advocate for people who are marginalised. Help them to speak up boldly for the rights of people with disabilities and create inclusive communities

where everyone is valued.

**FEBRUARY** Heavenly Father, strengthen CBM as they work towards breaking barriers in society. May their efforts bring hope, dignity, and opportunities to people who have been left behind.

MARCH God, grant CBM the wisdom and compassion to serve people in need. Help them reach the unreached and bring light to communities through collective actions and prayers.

APRIL On this Easter Sunday, we come before You with hearts full of hope and gratitude. We ask for Your blessings upon people who are struggling in poverty. May they find comfort in Your love and strength in their faith.

MAY Father, we pray for resilience and strength as CBM continue their mission. Help them to build bridges of understanding and support for all people, especially those with disabilities.

JUNE E te Atua aroha (Loving God), as the stars of Matariki rise, we give thanks for the past, for those who have gone before us and for the gifts of Your creation. May this season bring us unity, hope and new beginnings. I runga i te ingoa ō Ihu Karaiti (in the name of Jesus). Āmene.

"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

JULY Heavenly Father, bless CBM's efforts in creating a world where every voice is heard. May their mission bring empowerment, inclusion, and joy to the communities they serve.

**AUGUST** Lord, give us the courage to stand up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Let our commitment to inclusion inspire change and bring hope to people in need.

**SEPTEMBER** Mav CBM's commitment to advocacy be filled with Your love. Empower them to work tirelessly to ensure that all people, especially those with disabilities, are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. Guide CBM's hearts as they strive to

make a positive impact in their lives.

**OCTOBER** God, guide CBM's hearts and hands in serving people who are most in need. May their efforts reflect Your compassion, and drive them to create a more inclusive and loving world.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, help CBM to remain steadfast in their commitment to social justice. Let their actions demonstrate Your love, bringing healing and hope to people who have been marginalised.

**DECEMBER** Heavenly Father, as we reflect on the year, may we be grateful for the progress made, and may we continue to work toward a world where everyone is valued and included.





8-year-old Yasodha in Nepal was a happy, outgoing girl who dreamed of joining the police when she grew up. But, something was wrong. She could not see the words her teachers wrote on the board – no matter how close she sat or how hard she squinted.

Thanks to kind-hearted **cbm** supporters, Yasodha's cloudy cataracts were removed at a **cbm**-funded hospital, changing her life forever.

Thanks to wonderful **cbm** supporters, Jamila received skillful surgical support and loving aftercare that gave her freedom from the heartbreak of obstetric fistula.

Jamila is now supporting other mothers with obstetric fistula. She meets with women who dare not dream that surgery really could deliver them from their endless distress. "I encourage them and assure them that since my surgery was successful, theirs will be too."

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"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

- Philippians 4:13

JANUARY We thank God for His promises and the assurance of His presence in our lives. May His grace and wisdom guide us as we navigate the year ahead.

**FEBRUARY** Lord, we come before You today, asking for Your love to fill our hearts more deeply each day. May that love overflow into our relationships with those alongside whom we work. Grant us the grace to positively impact their lives through our words and actions.

MARCH We pray for grace and wisdom for our government and all stakeholders involved in the implementation of policies that support people with disabilities. May their decisions be guided by compassion and understanding.

APRIL Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, we thank you for the gift of new life and hope. Help us to carry the spirit of Easter in our hearts, sharing love and kindness with those around us.

MAY For all those who are generously donating to projects aimed at making the world a better place, we pray that God bless you abundantly and replenish your blessings.

JUNE Lord, grant our team with wisdom and guidance as they create programmes that enrich lives, especially for individuals with disabilities. May their efforts lead to meaningful change and inclusivity.

JULY CBM As we at strive to impact lives through our programmes, we ask for Your light to continually shine upon us. May Your guidance lead us in our efforts to bring hope and transformation to the people we serve.

AUGUST Lord, we ask for Your blessings upon people who are deaf, that they may feel Your presence in their lives. May they find strength in their unique perspectives and experiences, and may their voices, whether spoken or signed, be heard and respected.

**SEPTEMBER** We pray for a lasting and cordial relationship with our partners, encouraging cooperation ongoing that enriches our collective mission.

**OCTOBER** God, we ask You to send help and speak peace into the hearts of those facing health mental challenges. Surround them with comfort. strength, and healing.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for the safety of our partners who serve in troubled areas. May God order their steps and quide them with wisdom and protection.

**DECEMBER** We thank God for all the Country Teams, leaders, staff, donors, partners, and for all that we have achieved this year. We pray for even greater achievements and blessings in the coming year.

PRAY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT:

Join us in heartfelt prayer as we come together to uplift, support, and empower individuals with disabilities in our community.

Kiane / Laos

JANUARY Your Word says in Nehemiah 8:10, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Lord, help us as well as every CBM worker, to walk in joy – and to remember that Your joy is our strength.

FEBRUARY Thank you, God, for programmes that incorporate reducing stigma for people with disabilities by improving access to health care, rehabilitation and assistive devices. Father, we pray You will strengthen these programmes.

MARCH We pray that projects will continue to have a strong influence on government policies so that local governments respond better and budget for the needs of people with disabilities.

APRIL Lord, we pray You will raise up local community organisers who are trained in the rights of people with disabilities. May they be strong advocates and build up self-help groups that have a ripple effect across villages.

MAY When project teams are able to connect government departments and other community leaders in different areas, it inspires people to better include those with disabilities. We pray You will continue to bless these valuable connections.

JUNE Lord, we pray You will continue to guide CBM workers and partners as they help people with disabilities access government pensions and schemes. Thank you for the life-

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

changing difference this makes in reducing poverty long after CBM's work in a community.

JULY Lord, today we pray for peace and teamwork between government officials and community leaders so vulnerable people will gain access to quality health care and education.

AUGUST Lord, we pray for our community programmes in high-risk areas. Bless their efforts in community preparedness and resilience for when disasters or conflicts strike. Protect and strengthen all involved, ensuring safety and unity in times of crisis.

**SEPTEMBER** God, we pray today that projects will be successful in breaking down attitudes,

fears and superstitions about people with a disabilities.

**OCTOBER** Gracious God, we pray for empowerment and equity in our community-based development efforts. Grant us the strength to stand for justice, so that no one is left behind.

NOVEMBER We come before You with open hearts, seeking unity and inclusion for all in our community. Help us to see the beauty in our diversity, to uplift one another with kindness and understanding.

**DECEMBER** Lord, as CBM workers continue to address the needs of men, women and children with disabilities, help them to remember the ultimate gift of Jesus this Christmas season.

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Elizabeth Viljoen / New Zealand

"We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

**JANUARY** By the power of Your Holy Spirit, restore Your image within us this new year, through Christ who came to restore us by His death and resurrection. Bless our **cbm** community.

**FEBRUARY** Loving Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit to bring life and renewal to the world. We praise You for Your protection and care over the cbm family.

MARCH We pray for all the cbm field workers, nurses, and doctors who care for children and adults with disabilities with such love and compassion and ask You, Jesus, to bless them in their work.

**APRIL** May **cbm** staff always see You, our risen Lord Jesus, as the companion of their earthly journey, keeping them firm in faith and serene in hope.

MAY On this day, we lift up in prayer all those affected by obstetric fistula. We ask for healing and comfort for mothers suffering from this condition, and strength for those working to bring an end to it. Bless the doctors, nurses, and advocates who dedicate their lives to restoring dignity and health to those in need.

**JUNE** Loving Father, we pray for those places in the world where the environment has been damaged or compromised by war, natural disasters, or neglect. Give us strength in times of crisis.

JULY Our God and Giver of Life, please provide access

to medicine and treatment to children and adults with disabilities, chronic illness, or mental illness in war zones around the world.

**AUGUST** Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, lifting up our Church ambassadors, Churches and faithful supporters. Thank you for the strength, love, and unity You have blessed us with. We are deeply thankful for the dedication of our Christian networks and the generosity of our supporters who make Your ministry flourish.

**SEPTEMBER** For those caring for elderly or relatives with disabilities we pray, Holy Spirit, that they may be given patience, stamina, and support. **OCTOBER** For the churches supporting **cbm** we pray, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Help them nourish the world with faith and hope. Bless them with joy.

**NOVEMBER** May these days of summer bring renewal and refreshment, dear Father God. May the cbm family find time to reset our priorities, bring balance to our lives, and know the fullness that prayer can bring.

**DECEMBER** Loving God, thank you for the countless blessings we have received this year. As we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, may we always hold close Your hope, peace, joy, and love.

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

Omar / Bangladesh

**JANUARY** Father, quide CBM's projects in Bangladeshi communities that work to include people who have been excluded. May these initiatives strengthen communities. promote inclusion and improve mental health.

**FEBRUARY** God, we thank you for CBM's access in Bangladesh skilled personnel and resources to address the needs of people with disabilities.

MARCH Lord, we pray for people in vulnerable communities who are Deaf. Thank you that CBM workers will give medical care and support to them.

APRIL Father, thank you for CBM's projects that are imparting skills to vulnerable people in Bangladesh. May You continue to bless these initiatives that empower people to have secure livelihoods and provide for their families.

MAY Lord, may Rohingya refugees have better health and dignity through CBM and partners providing clean water and sanitation. Have Your hand on these projects, Lord.

JUNE Lord, we ask that You lead CBM's advocacy efforts in Bangladesh so that communities will commit to protecting children and all people with disabilities from violence and discrimination.

**JULY** Father, we thank you for Your provision of basic survival items for Rohingya refugees, through generous supporters. May these items bring relief and hope to people struggling to survive.

"Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long." - Psalm 25:4-5

AUGUST Lord, guide CBM in strengthening self-help groups in Bangladesh for people with disabilities. Guide each member so they are strong advocates for each other, as well as for other vulnerable people in their communities.

**SEPTEMBER** Father, we pray for CBM's collaboration with aid organisations that are working to provide clean water, hygiene and health to refugees in Bangladesh.

OCTOBER Dear Lord. thank you for the livelihood and skills development projects supported by CBM Bangladesh. May these programmes empower individuals and open doors to a brighter future.

**NOVEMBER** God, may the provision of digital services open new opportunities and improve access to essential information for people with disabilities. Bless this and other innovative efforts, Lord.

**DECEMBER** God of mercy compassion, lift and we up the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh before You. Grant them strength in their trials, hope in their despair, and peace in the midst of uncertainty. Protect them from harm, provide for their needs, and surround them with compassion from those who can help. May they find healing, justice, and a safe place to call home.

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Bamsen Rimdans / Nigeria

JANUARY We thank God for all CBM partners and projects worldwide, and pray that all beneficiaries will experience renewed hope and support through the work that we do.

**FEBRUARY** Let us pray for the leadership of CBM that the Holy Spirit will inspire them in all decision making this year, that they will have the wisdom to manage all partners and projects effectively and with ease.

MARCH We commit all travel that staff and partners will undertake this year, that the Lord will go ahead of them and shield them from all harm and make every trip successful in Jesus' name.

APRIL As gather to we sacrifices remember the of those who served in the ANZACs, we honour their bravery and dedication. We thank you for their courage in the face of adversity and the love they held for their country and comrades.

MAY Lord our God, we pray that You will protect us in times of insecurity and provide for us in times of hardship and keep in perfect peace all those who trust in You.

JUNE We pray for peace to reign in countries all over the world. Help us to remember that peace begins with all of us. In our individual way help us to shine Your light and bring peace into the communities that we work in.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." - 1 Peter 3:15

We JULY for all pray management, programme and support staff as they work together for the smooth running of all our projects. Give them the grace to work diligently as unto You and foster a spirit of unity and love among them.

AUGUST Lord, we seek Your peace in these challenging times. We ask for Your guidance as nations confront various economic difficulties. Grant us the wisdom to navigate through these trials and create opportunities for all to fulfill their needs.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord we lift up all people with disabilities. We ask that You make Your love known to all. Help us in our mission that we may help bring inclusion to all Your beloved children.

**OCTOBER** Father, we grateful for the many blessings in our land and the resilience of our people. We commit all of our leaders to You. Help them to make the best decisions for their people and give them wisdom when faced with difficult tasks.

**NOVEMBER** Lord, thank you for the abundant generosity of our donors. We ask that You will bless them and help us to be excellent and wise stewards of the funds we have received.

**DECEMBER** Dear Lord, we are grateful for all we were able to achieve this year. We acknowledge Your sovereign hand in everything and pray for peace and goodwill to all men as we celebrate the birth of Your Son Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR ADVISORY WORK:
Join us in prayer as we strive
for inclusive policies and
improvements in communities
worldwide for people with
disabilities.

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JANUARY Father, we pray for systemic change to policies so more children with disabilities can attend school. May You give CBM teams and advisors Your wisdom as they push for policies that will ensure schools are inclusive for each student.

FEBRUARY Thank you, Lord, for being behind each CBM team as they work together with advisors and researchers to seek policy changes around the world that include people with disabilities. May they ignite real change together.

MARCH We thank you, Lord, for the teamwork that has broken down attitudes standing in the way of vulnerable people being treated with dignity and respect. APRIL Thank you, God, for the advisors and researchers who are digging deep to bring positive change for people with disabilities worldwide trapped in the cycle of disability and poverty.

MAY Lord, guide our teams in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Africa and beyond as they plan community projects and humanitarian responses. May their efforts bring meaningful impacts to vulnerable communities worldwide.

JUNE Lord, we ask that You bless every faithful supporter who is upholding CBM leaders in prayer. Help them to be good leaders in their own homes, with Your love showing through them every day.

"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers." - Proverbs 11:14

JULY Matthew 23:11 says, "The greatest among you will be your servant." Father, today we come to You with every CBM team. We ask that You touch each person's heart in a real way. Remind them that when they serve people with disabilities, they are serving You.

AUGUST One in five of the poorest people in developing countries has a disability. God, today we pray for generous financial support from governments and faithful supporters, who have the power to reduce this challenging statistic.

**SEPTEMBER** God, we pray You will strengthen CBM's global network as each team works alongside the disability movement. Help the voices of people with disabilities to create a strong, widespread movement of inclusion.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we pray that the needs of the most will marginalised be well represented through increased investment bγ Governments Aotearoa our Zealand International New Development Cooperation Programme.

**NOVEMBER** Heavenly Father, with Your help, we can ensure the most vulnerable receive the support and opportunities they deserve.

DECEMBER Father, we come to You with thanks for the leadership Jesus showed. Thank you for being a shepherd for CBM, guiding them to make decisions that will help people with disabilities to lack nothing.

Malayphet is a Project Officer for CBM Laos. She enjoys working in the community for with people with disabilities.

**JANUARY** We pray for the rejuvenation of all staff involved

in CBM supported programmes,

implementing partners, and

every project participant.

**FEBRUARY** As summer fades. we ask for continued strength for our staff, partners, and everyone who has supported our work across the regions. May they carry the warmth of this season into their efforts, ensuring that all people with disabilities continue to receive care with love and dedication.

MARCH Dear God, as the colours of autumn begin show, we pray for transformation in the lives of people with disabilities. Bless CBM with new opportunities to support and empower the people we serve.



Malayphet Keothammavong / Laos

APRIL Lord, as the leaves fall and the air cools, we ask for Your guidance in our work. Help us to adapt and grow as an organisation, ensuring that people with disabilities and other marginalised groups continue to thrive in their communities.

MAY As the harvest season approaches, we give thanks for the fruits of our labour. Bless the partnerships and progress we have made and continue to strengthen our efforts in creating inclusive environments for people with disabilities.

JUNE We pray for warmth and comfort for people with disabilities. Help us to bring light into the lives of people who need it most during this season.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." - Colossians 3:23

JULY We pray for women and girls with disabilities, and people living in poverty, that they may have equal opportunities and fair access to essential services in their communities.

**AUGUST** As we prepare for new endeavours, grant us the courage to advocate for the rights and dignity of all people. Help our partners and staff to be beacons of Your light.

**SEPTEMBER** Lord, we pray for Deaf people in Laos to have their rights upheld, for access to essential services, and for their sign language to be respected and officially recognised.

**OCTOBER** We pray for people with psychosocial disabilities to be treated with dignity, respect, and the same equality as everyone else in society.

**NOVEMBER** As spring comes to an end and summer draws near. we ask for strength and unity to carry us forward. May we be ready to face the challenges and embrace the blessings that the new season brings.

**DECEMBER** Heavenly Father, sincerely thank dedicated supporters who have generously contributed to our field programmes in various countries. Bless them for their faithful and loving hearts.

PRAY FOR LIVELIHOODS: Join us in prayer as we support people with disabilities to learn new skills to begin businesses such as sewing and farming.



JANUARY We lift up the livelihoods of people with disabilities and struggling to work enough. As Isaiah 40:31 says, "they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Renew their strength.

FEBRUARY Lord, guide CBM and their partners as they advocate for better local regulations to drive disability inclusiveness. May they have favour in helping to create more inclusive and supportive communities.

MARCH Heavenly Father, guide CBM as they develop local partnerships to help empower people in need and help them grow their businesses. APRIL Lord, we pray CBM and their partners will be successful in creating tailored training and unique opportunities for people with disabilities. May they have Your wisdom to consider each individual, their interests and the level of market demand in their community.

MAY Lord, we believe in Your blessing upon the education of children and young people, so they may gain the wisdom and skills needed to build a secure and prosperous future.

JUNE Heavenly Father, we lift up people with disabilities who are learning new skills and livelihoods. Grant them strength, patience, and confidence as they embark on this journey.

"And 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." - 2 Corinthians 9:8

JULY Heavenly Father, we ask that You continue to help CBM link people with employers for on-the-job learning. May these opportunities lead to job offers and bring about life-long inclusion and job security.

AUGUST Guide CBM and their partners as they work at developing strong connections with rehabilitation services and mental health support. Lord may these connections promote inclusion and help vulnerable people thrive in their communities and workplaces.

SEPTEMBER Lord, we thank you for the exciting new business opportunities that people with disabilities are having access to. Help them thrive.

**OCTOBER** Lord, we ask You to guide CBM staff who are struggling to overcome the barriers that have prevented people with disabilities from getting involved in family businesses.

NOVEMBER Lord, we thank you for the confidence and independence that women with disabilities are discovering through training and resources such as sewing skills and sewing machines.

DECEMBER We lift up women in poverty who are learning new skills and livelihoods. Bless their hands with the ability to create and their minds with wisdom to learn. May they find success and dignity in their work, and may their efforts lead to lasting change for their families.

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



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

**JANUARY** Lord, we pray that this will be the year for breaking down the barriers responsible for the extreme discrimination people with disabilities face. May everyone experiencing conditions like blindness. obstetric fistula and reduced mobility be valued.

MARCH Lord, we pray for Your wisdom in decision-making as CBM develops integrated programmes that give people with disabilities access to health care. May these projects be carried out with Your love and build healthy communities.

**APRIL** We pray that Your hand will be upon governments and community leaders so that they prioritise the building of ramps so all people with disabilities can access schools, toilets and health care centres.

MAY God, we ask that You bless programme workers. Grant them wisdom and favour as they collaborate with schools, churches and community leaders to ensure the needs of people with disabilities are recognised.

JUNE God, we ask that You have Your hand on farming projects that will improve the land. May You bless this work which aims to ensure provision of crops for food and income generation.

JULY God, we ask that You bless every faithful supporter for their gifts that restore sight and correct debilitating conditions such as obstetric fistula and clubfoot.

AUGUST Thank you, Lord, for the miracles of sight that Your faithful supporters have helped provide. May each beneficiary see the wonderful world You created.

**SEPTEMBER** God, we thank you for the surgeons and health care providers who are preventing blindness and restoring sight. We ask that You sustain them in their work and guide their hands as they bring light into darkness – with Your help.

**OCTOBER** We pray for governments to listen to the voices of people with disabilities who are so often at the margins. And we ask that You inspire them to collaborate with communities to eradicate poverty.

**NOVEMBER** We pray Your peace to fill every CBM workplace. Thank you for a culture of patience and collaboration as each colleague makes decisions. May each CBM worker feel valued and empowered.

**DECEMBER** God. may this Christmas be one where children with disabilities receive educational materials the and aids they need to thrive learn. May their future be filled with independence, belonging and purpose in their communities.

PRAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH: Join us in prayer for people with mental health illnesses to help increase community understanding so each person can fully participate in community life with dignity and inclusivity.



Yasin / Bangladesh

JANUARY Lord, we pray Your hand of strength will be upon with marginalised people depression and other mental health illnesses. May they have support, work opportunities

MARCH Bless partners and organisations striving to reduce mental health stigma. Guide them in promoting acceptance and support in communities for people who are experiencing anxiety and depression.

and joyful connections in their

communities.

APRIL Lord, today we pray You will bless the efforts of CBM and their partners as they create opportunities for people with disabilities to have employment. May this give them purpose, confidence. belonging and income.

MAY Lord, we pray that people struggling with disability and mental health conditions will seek You - and discover Your light that never dims.

JUNE We pray against the abuse and exclusion that people with mental health illness are commonly exposed to in the poorest communities. Guide CBM's programmes as they challenge stigma and foster full community inclusion for every single precious person.

JULY Lord, we pray that You lift up people with disabilities in vulnerable communities who feel alone and who consequently have anxiety and depression.

AUGUST Lord, we ask that You have Your hand on the

training of local mental health leaders. May You help them bring positive change through new policies that ensure better mental health support and

accessible services.

- Psalm 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

**SEPTEMBER** May all individuals in vulnerable communities find acceptance and belonging in their communities. Strengthen the voices of people with disabilities and open the hearts of their families and the greater community.

**OCTOBER** God, we pray that community members with mental health conditions will come to know You and seek You every day.

**NOVEMBER** We pray for people with mental health illness like psychosis and bipolar disorder. Bless the efforts of project workers as they connect with these people, refer them to mental health support and promote their inclusion in their families and communities.

**DECEMBER** Heavenly Father, we pray You will sustain CBM workers and partners who are working hard to provide basic health care, rehabilitation and psychosocial counselling to those with disabilities.

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

**PRAY FOR OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS:** 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 work of **cbm** in prayer.

JANUARY Loving Lord, today we pray in thanks for **cbm** supporters who have given so generously, enabling children in the world's poorest places to receive life-transforming surgery.

MARCH Many of the world's poorest people can't afford treatment, or the transport to access it. We thank God for our generous supporters, who help to transform so many lives.

MAY God bless cbm supporters who demonstrate Christian love through their generous gifts, prayers and volunteering. Without this incredible support, cbm's life-changing work would not be possible.

**JULY** Lord, please be with our supporters as they go about their daily lives. We pray for

those feeling fatigued or weary – please place Your arms around them in comfort so their strength will be renewed.

**AUGUST** Lord, bless faithful **cbm** supporters for raising awareness of **cbm's** mission in their Churches and communities. We are so grateful for their passion and dedication to help transform lives.

OCTOBER Father, we thank you for the compassion and unconditional love You give to all of us. May You surround those who feel unloved and unworthy with Your peace and grace.

**DECEMBER** Lord Jesus, shine Your light in us, through us and over us so that we will make a difference in this world, together and as individuals.



"...she forgets the anguish because of her joy..." - John 16:21

In Nigeria, Comfort suffered grief upon grief. First the loss of her stillborn baby, then the humiliation of an obstetric fistula – a wound that endlessly leaked urine, adding shame to her sorrow. Thanks to kind and caring **cbm** supporters, Comfort received life-changing surgery and aftercare at a **cbm**-funded hospital, restoring her hope and dignity.



7-year-old Kajal from Nepal was born with severe bow legs, but thanks to generous supporters she received life-changing surgery at a **cbm**-funded hospital.

Outreaches and mobile clinics help find children in need, and provide life-changing orthopaedic devices, like specialised shoes, crutches, leg braces and walking frames. They also provide vital surgery and rehabilitation to give children life-long freedom and movement.



Thanks to caring **cbm** supporters children, like 6-year-old Monica from Papua New Guinea, are receiving sight-saving cataract surgery at **cbm**-funded hospitals and outreach clinics. Her mother Joan is so grateful that her daughter's future is now brighter.

#### **OUR PRAYER FOR YOU**

May you be encouraged:

"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." – Psalm 100:5

From all of us at **cbm** New Zealand, we pray a blessing over you and your loved ones for your faithful commitment in lifting up the ministry of **cbm** in prayer. Please pray for God's favour as we seek His guidance and wisdom with stewarding the great responsibility of helping people most in need. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to prayer. May you be filled with expectancy and joy in 2025!



Thanks to kind-hearted **cbm** Child Sponsors, 5-year-old Gum's life will never be the same again. After life-changing surgery for his severe bow legs, Gum can now run and play, attend school, and keep up with the other children.

#### LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE

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

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

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

If this is something you would like to prayerfully consider, you can find out more by calling our friendly team on **0800 77 22 64** or visit **cbmnz.org.nz/bequests.** 

