Leprosy Mission Australia

Prayer Partner Devotional

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for shalom and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

—Jeremiah 29:11



These are some of the Bible’s most loved words, yet they were first spoken to people who were living through suffering, loss and uncertainty. Far from home and wondering what the future held, God’s people longed for a quick escape from their hardship. Instead, God encouraged them to keep building, planting and investing in life. He reminded them that even in difficult circumstances, His plans were still at work, bringing restoration, wholeness and hope.

Isiaku’s story reflects this truth.

Fifteen years ago, Isiaku, who lives in Nigeria’s Nasarawa State, noticed a boil that would not heal. What seemed like a small problem gradually became something far more serious. He tried traditional medicines, hoping to find relief, but the condition persisted. Eventually, he travelled to a leprosy hospital in neighbouring Niger State, where he spent a year faithfully completing treatment until he was declared cured.

Although the disease was gone, the impact of leprosy remained.

Before leprosy, Isiaku was a cattle owner with a herd of 30 cows and a stable livelihood. As the disease progressed, he found it increasingly difficult to work and support his family. One by one, his cattle were lost until only two remained. Leprosy also caused permanent nerve damage, leaving some of his fingers clawed and robbing him of sight in one eye because he could no longer blink properly. The disease affected not only his body, but also his confidence, independence and ability to provide for those he loved.

Yet throughout those difficult years, Isiaku was not alone. His wife remained faithfully by his side. Together they have raised seven children, facing the challenges of illness, stigma and poverty with remarkable resilience. While much was taken from him, hope endured.

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Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God’s plans are not promises of an easy life. Rather, they are promises that suffering will not have the final word. God’s desire is shalom; a deep sense of wholeness, dignity, restoration and





Your support means that families affected by leprosy — families like Isiaku's — can access life-changing services, like healthcare, education, and vocational training.

flourishing. Even when circumstances are painful, He continues to work patiently to bring healing and hope.

For families affected by leprosy, that hope often takes practical form. Access to healthcare, education, vocational training and livelihood opportunities can help restore what has been lost. These opportunities enable people to provide for their families, regain confidence and participate fully in their communities. They offer a pathway from survival to renewed purpose.

As we reflect on Isiaku's journey, we are reminded that God's work of restoration is often seen in ordinary but powerful ways: a family that remains united through hardship, a community that chooses inclusion over stigma, and opportunities that help people rebuild their lives. Through these acts of compassion and support, we participate in God's promise of a future and a hope, helping people affected by leprosy experience the dignity, purpose and wholeness He desires for them.

Yours in Prayer,





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Here's how you can pray...

- Pray for hope and restoration for Isiaku and others affected by leprosy as they rebuild their lives.
- Pray for families caring for loved ones affected by leprosy, that they would know God's strength and provision.
- Pray for opportunities through healthcare, education and livelihoods for people affected by leprosy to find a future and a hope.

Here's how you can show support...

People like Isiaku need your support. The Enhance Care for Integrated Skin NTDs in Nigeria project seeks to bring hope and healing to communities affected by neglected tropical diseases.

Your support helps train health workers, equip mobile clinics, improve access to treatment, and reduce stigma through community education.

Together, we can help families access healthcare, live with dignity, and build healthier futures across some of Nigeria's most vulnerable communities.

And now is an amazing time to support this project. With the Australian Aid matching grant, your gift has 5 times the impact! For every dollar you give, 5 dollars of funding is made available to the project.

Find out more or make a contribution by visiting the link or scanning the QR code.

https://leprosymission.org.au/projects/enhance-care-ntds-nigeria/ppd5





Stories like Isiaku's are why The Leprosy Mission Australia continues its work today. And why we are inviting you to book a speaker to find out more about this ancient disease, and how groups like yours can bring healing, dignity, and inclusion to people affected by leprosy around the world.

Together, we can be the generation that ends leprosy, transforming lives and communities in Jesus' name.

Book one of our Community Engagement Team today: engage@leprosymission.org.au