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*A bimonthly guide to praying for Bible translation and language development
in the Sepik Region of Papua New Guinea (PNG)*

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October 2015

1-2 Praise for a good first **Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) Workshop** for the Lumi cluster of languages. Participants came from eleven language groups. Pray for many opportunities to share their translated stories and that God would use these stories to draw people back to Himself.

3-4 Pray for the approximately 180 people who speak the **Chenapian** language in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

5-6 Pray for the **Culture Meets Scripture Workshop** being held in Wewak 5-9 October. Pray for clear teaching of all the materials and for understanding for the participants as they grapple with how their cultural practices line up with Scripture.

7-8 Pray for wisdom for the **East Sepik Ministers Fraternal** as they work to unite denominations across the region. Praise for recent opportunities they have had to work as a team to point the people of the East Sepik to Christ through community events.

9-10 Pray that participants from the Wewak **Culture Meets Scripture Workshop** would find practical ways to use the materials learned. The concepts discussed can have far reaching impact in the region.

11-12 Pray for wisdom and good understanding for the **Aitape West Translation team** as they have team meetings and make plans for the next year. Praise for team members who have returned from home assignment recently.

13-14 Pray for **Elvira Corbalan** as she begins a study program in Spain. Pray that she could understand the materials well and adjust to a new culture.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 200 people who speak the **Setaman** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

17-18 Pray for participants from **Fork and Yambes** communities who have missed parts of the language assessment training in Wewak. Pray for improved community interest and that the SPES team can communicate well with those who come.

19-20 **Hilkka Arminen** gives thanks for refreshing times while she was in Finland. Pray for her elderly mother who has been hospitalized three times recently. Pray that these times of sickness would draw her closer to the Lord.

21-22 Pray for the **Training National Trainers Workshop** in Wewak 22-24 October. Pray that the right pastors will be chosen to attend. Pray that materials can be communicated well and that they can wrestle with what God's Word says.

23-24 Pray for clarity for participants from **Juwal, Urimo, and Bungain** communities as they share their findings from recent assessment work with the SPES team. Pray for wisdom in helping these language groups move forward in their plans for strengthening their languages.

25-26 Pray for good decisions by the **Sos Kundi** translators as they make plans for further work even though their advisors are not in the village. Praise for their willingness to continue the work. Pray for good community support.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 6,300 people who speak the **Mehék** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

29-30 Pray for the **Aitape West Translation** project as their next translation workshop runs until 21 November. Pray for clarity in how to translate the materials and unity amongst all the translators. Praise for good progress on translating Mark 1-8 at the last workshop.

31 Pray for **Hilkka Arminen and the Urat team** as they continue with typesetting the New Testament through November. Pray for concentration, stamina, and unity amongst the team. Pray for good health and for their families too.

November 2015

1-2 Pray for the final **OBS Workshop** for the Yabru cluster of languages happening 1-9 November. Pray that they can learn the stories well and be prepared to share them in their communities. Pray that God's Word would continue to have an impact in individual lives and communities.

3-4 Pray for the approximately 150 speakers of the **Burui** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

5-6 Pray for **Jimmy and Josech** as they continue to translate and check **Urim** materials with their advisor **Pirkko Luoma** via skype in Finland. Pray that technology would work well and that good progress could be made. Pray for good health and freedom from distraction.

7-8 Pray for strength and wisdom for pastors serving in many remote areas of the region. They often have few resources to work with and have received little formal training to do their work. Outside influences are luring people away from the church too.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 2,140 speakers of the **Pagi** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 It is time for the SPES team to engage with the Yabru cluster of languages at the next step. Pray for the assessment training being held 10-12 November with participants from five languages. Pray that they will understand the material and be able to facilitate the training in their areas.

13-14 Pray for wisdom and strength for **Pastors Ivan and Daniel** as they organize for a **Culture Meets Scripture Workshop** in their **Sos Kundi** villages. Pray that there would be someone who could come and help them run the training in early 2016.

15-16 There are many needs and hurting people in and around Wewak. Pray for opportunities to speak love and truth into peoples' lives and be an encouragement when things are difficult.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 2,360 speakers of the **Dia** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

19-20 Pray for strength and wisdom for SPES members **Stephen & Lara Nash** as they adjust to having a new baby. Pray for healing for Stephen as he has had some recent health issues and they hope to return to PNG in January.

21-22 Pray for missions across the country who are experiencing shortages of personnel. Pray that God would call more people to come and be a part of the harvest in PNG. Pray for willing hearts and needed resources to allow this to happen.

23-24 Pray for the upcoming **Nazarene** crusade being held in the **Angoram** district in December. Pray for God's Word to go forth with power and that lives will be changed.

25-26 Praise for the **Sunday School Workshops** run in the **Aitape West Translation** project. Pray that the participants will find many ways to use the new techniques they learned at the workshop.

27-28 Pray for a growing hunger for God's Word by people in the region. Churches are struggling and leaders are discouraged. They need a fresh touch from God.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 130 speakers of the **Terebu** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
