



SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR

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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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June 2016

1-2 Praise for the successful **Culture Meets Scripture** workshops held, one in April and one in May. Pray for courage and insight for the participants, so they will be able to apply what they learned to their everyday lives.

3-4 Pray for traveling safety for the trainers arriving in Wewak for the **Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS)** workshop. Pray for unity amongst the team and good training sessions as they prepare to teach and mentor workshop participants next week.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 1,440 people who speak the **Juwal** language in the East Sepik Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

7-8 Pray for **Lumi OBS** workshop participants traveling to Wewak to begin training June 8. Pray for good weather so the airplane can get participants from three airstrips, as well as safety for all those coming by road.

9-10 Pray for seven **Aitape West** translators attending Paratext 2 training at Ukarumpa for two weeks. Pray that they will grow in their understanding of the translation software and for those who are attending as mentors, that they will be a help and encouragement to others both technically and spiritually.

11-12 Pray for safe and quick arrival of the **Urat** New Testaments that have been shipped from South Korea and are due to arrive in Lae June 11. Pray that they can be quickly processed through customs and put on another ship headed to Wewak, where they will then travel by truck six hours to the dedication in July.

13-14 Pray for good concentration for the **Lumi OBS** participants as they work to learn four lengthy stories this course. Pray that the stories would impact their lives and, in turn, that the stories would change lives in their communities.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 100 people who speak the **Ainbai** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

17-18 Give thanks that **Richard and Julia Ballard** and their four boys are settling in well to the Wewak Center manager role. Pray for continued wisdom in the wide variety of situations that arise and opportunities to minister to those they meet.

19-20 Pray for PNG translators and trainers as they balance their translation and training activities with the responsibilities and commitments in their communities. They are often pulled in many directions.

21-22 Pray for wisdom for **Jimmy and David** as they work from the village with their advisor **Pirkko Luoma** who is in Finland to edit the book of John. Pray for keen eyes to find any problems and freedom from technical difficulties.

23-24 Pray for the logistics of getting the **Lumi OBS** workshop participants back to their villages. Pray for good weather for the plane, no maintenance problems with the truck, and strength for the lengthy hike many will have.

25-26 Pray for churches around the region as they seek ways to reach out to those in their communities. Pray that people will see the relevance of God's Word in their everyday lives.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 100 people who speak the **Minidien** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

29-30 The **Urim-Kalpm** team are publishing a Scripture portion book containing Luke, Acts, Philippians, Colossians, Titus and James. Pray for the team who are preparing the dedication and the traveling of visitors, especially the two visitors coming from Finland. Pray that the book will help the community to know God.

July 2016

1-2 Pray for **Litz Liew** as she has three people (one lady from Taiwan and two men from Hong Kong) here for a mission trip for a couple months. Pray that it will be a good time of learning for the visitors and that they will catch a vision for God's plan for them.

3-4 Pray for all the logistics (food for all those coming, housing for visitors, transportation, organization of speeches and special items) that need to be coordinated for the upcoming **Urat** New Testament dedication. Pray for unity for the organizing committee.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 1,430 speakers of the **Yahang** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Pray for healing for **Newton Hamlin's** eyes and body. He wants to return to PNG and work with **Agai** on translation work in the **Nai** language area, but at this time his health will not allow it.

9-10 Pray for the writing of PNG project proposals for various projects around the country. These proposals will need to be written and approved before future work can take place.

11-12 Praise for the successful **Aitape West** translation and literacy workshop in April. It was great having literacy people and translators working side by side. Most groups completed the first draft of 1 John and the literacy teams went home with new story booklets to test in their communities.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 290 speakers of the **Umeda** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Pray for keen insights for **Gary and Denise Abbas** as they share about the work of SPES while they are in the US. Pray for many opportunities to engage with churches and individuals.

17-18 Pray for the next trip to the **Nuku** area to engage with language groups about the upcoming **Oral Bible Storytelling** workshops later this year. Pray for health, safety in travels, and good discussions with the communities, as well as key community and church leaders.

19-20 Pray for strength and wisdom for **Beth Fuller** as a work team (mostly from her home church) comes to build a new village house for her. Pray for safety for all involved and that the work can move ahead quickly. It will be called the "Fellowship House" in light of the desire to use this house for many scripture use activities.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 450 speakers of the **Koiwat** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

23-24 Pray for the youth of the Sepik that they will desire to know God more and be involved in the work He has for them to do. Peer pressure is very strong. Pray that the youth will be able to stand against things that would pull them down.

25-26 Pray for wisdom for the **Aitape West** translators as they draft 2 & 3 John and Jude at their current translation workshop. Pray for unity among the team and for good understanding of key terms in the passages.

27-28 Pray for many opportunities to share material and stories that have been learned in recent workshops. God's Word is alive and can make a difference when they choose to apply it to their lives.

29-30 Pray for the **Urat** New Testament dedication on July 30. Pray that the people will be hungry for God's Word, that the dedication would give glory to God, and people would read His Word and let it change their lives.

31 Pray for the approximately 1,180 speakers of the **Aiku** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
