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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 2016

1-2 Pray for **Gary and Denise Abbas** as they return to PNG to continue their work. Pray for good connections and that all their luggage would make it. Pray for a smooth readjustment to life here and that God would guide the work of their hands.

3-4 Pray for the next **Oral Bible Storytelling** workshop for the **Lumi** cluster of languages. It begins in Wewak on October 4. Pray for good health and safety for those coming and that there would be no problems that keep people from coming.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 800 people who speak the **Urimo** language in the East Sepik Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

7-8 Give thanks for the time and effort that **Richard and Julia Ballard** have contributed to the Wewak Regional Center and SIL Sepik teams over the last six months. Pray for a good transition as they return to New Zealand and that God would reveal his next steps for their family.

9-10 Praise for fruitful **Healing the Wounds of Trauma** workshops for the **Aitape West Translation** project. Many people received teaching and began working through pain they had carried for a long time. Pray for more opportunities to share what they have learned with their families and others in their communities.

11-12 Pray for the logistics of the 10th anniversary celebrations of the **Abau** New Testament dedication. Pray that more people would see the importance of using the New Testament and applying it to their daily lives. Give praise for the many who have been supporting this work for so many years.

13-14 Pray for wisdom and direction for the **SPES team** as they seek to discover how to move forward with several language clusters. Options exist, but finding the right one for each group can be difficult.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 420 people who speak the **Krisa** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

17-18 Pray for good recall for **OBS participants** as they continue to learn six stories at this workshop. Pray for keen eyes as many stories will be checked in the next couple days as they head home on October 20.

19-20 Pray for **Aitape West** translators attending the **Discover Your Language** workshop at Ukarumpa. Pray for good understanding of the technical material being taught, as well as the ability to apply what they learn to their own languages.

21-22 Pray for the group checking phase of the **Yamuk** translation work in October and then further village checking in November. Pray for good comprehension of what has been translated and that there will be agreement on how things can be made more understandable.

23-24 Pray for the approximately 250 people who speak the **Imonda** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

25-26 Praise for a productive time of checking books for **Newton Hamlin** and the **Nai** co-translators. They were also able to do some recording of already translated materials. Pray that people would be eager to read and listen to the materials when they are ready for distribution.

27-28 Pray for the **Abau Training Center** team. They would like to run an Administration course in October. Pray for the right people to come. Pray for renewed communication with all the necessary people to finalize the **Abau** project proposal.

29-30 Pray for **Culture meets Scripture workshops** being held in Yamuk October 28-31 and in Yagiap November 5-7. Pray for clear teaching and that many **Malinguat** people would understand what God's Word says and be able to evaluate their culture in light of what they have learned.

31 Pray for wisdom and strength for **Carl Campbell** as he works remotely from the US with **Yade co-translator Boaz**. Pray for a clear skype connection so that they can make good progress on the translation work.

November 2016

1-2 Pray for the approximately 1,300 speakers of the **Inebu One** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

3-4 Pray for the **Training National Trainers** course in Wewak November 2-4. Pray that the pastors would be eager to learn and would be keen to mentor others through the process as well. Pray that they could carve time out of their schedules for this course.

5-6 Pray for upcoming **SPES** exploratory trips to the **Nuku** area to meet with communities regarding the next OBS cluster that should begin in 2017. Pray for good contacts, clear expectations, and that those chosen to come would be the right people.

7-8 Pray for the **YWAM Mercy Ship** currently based out of Wewak and taking medical care into some of the remote parts of the Sepik. Pray for strength as they see many people, as well as wisdom to deal with the difficult medical situations they face.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 930 speakers of the **Niksek** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Pray for young people finishing the school year this month. Pray for wisdom for them to know what God would have them do in the future.

13-14 Pray for the **Aitape West Translation** workshop running this month. They will be checking I, II, and III John, Jude, and part of James. Pray for unity amongst the groups and that as they check the books, they would also be changed by them.

15-16 Pray for many opportunities for the **OBS participants** to share the stories they learned last month. Most of the the stories focused on the life of Christ, culminating in his death and resurrection. Pray that people would give their hearts to Christ as they hear the stories.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 180 speakers of the **Ngala** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

19-20 Pray for the audio recording of Acts, Philippians, Colossians, Titus and James in the **Kalpm** dialect of the **Urim** language. Pray for the equipment to run well and for good health for the readers. Pray for the distribution of the audio Scriptures soon afterwards.

21-22 Pray for **Laif FM Radio** as they continue to broadcast Christian music and teaching throughout the Sepik. Pray that many would come to Christ and that others would be strengthened in their faith.

23-24 Recently in Wewak, **SIL** had the opportunity to share about their work in PNG over the last sixty years. Pray that through the contacts that were made, God would begin giving people a burden to do translation in their language communities.

25-26 Pray for **New Tribes Mission** as a few new families prepare to settle in language communities and begin learning the language so that translation work can begin. Pray for good friends for each of these families and that God would begin working in advance to prepare the hearts of the people to receive God's talk.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 600 speakers of the **Pasi** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

29-30 Pray for God to send additional people to work in the Sepik. Linguists and those trained in exegetical work are some of the biggest needs at the moment.
