



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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February 2017

1-2 Pray for safe travel, good health, and stamina for **John Nystrom** who will be doing consultant checking for the **Aitape West Translation Project** and also facilitate the transfer of the translation project data into the latest version of the Paratext Translation software program.

3-4 Pray for wisdom for **Arjen Lock** as he leads the teacher-in-service training for about eighty **Abau** and **Karkar-Yuri** teachers this week. Pray for good participation and interaction amongst the teachers. Pray for safety in travel as Arjen returns to Europe 8-9 February.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 740 people who speak the **Andai** language in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Pray for safety for the **Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS)** trainers as they travel to Wewak for pre-workshop training. Pray for good understanding of the materials being taught, a productive time of lesson preparation, and unity amongst the team. For half the trainers, this will be their first chance to teach an OBS course.

9-10 As the beginning of a new school year approaches, pray that students and parents will be able to find the needed resources to cover school fees. This is often very challenging. Pray for a good transition particularly for students who will board in another city for high school.

11-12 Praise that **SPES team** members were able to visit or make contact with all the **Nuku** area communities involved in the next **OBS** cluster starting in 2017. Praise for safety during the challenging road travels.

13-14 Pray for dry weather and safety for Nuku area **OBS** workshop as participants travel to Wewak for their first course. Pray for good understanding of the materials taught and that the participants will really internalize the stories.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 540 people who speak the **Aruop** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

17-18 Pray for the **YWAM Mercy Ship** personnel as they finish their medical work and outreach time in the Sepik. Pray for direction for those on board the ship as they seek what God would have them do next with their lives.

19-20 Pray for the **Aitape West Translation Project** translation consultant checking workshop in February and March to check 1, 2, 3 John and Jude. Pray for wisdom as they do the final checking of these scripture portions and that they will identify any areas that need improvement. Pray too that the technology required to do this will work smoothly.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 900 people who speak the **Manem** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for the revival that has begun among the young people in the **Urim** communities. Pray that God's Spirit would continue to move in a mighty way and that many people would turn to Him.

25-26 Pray for participants from the **Mehek** and **Heyo** language groups who are just finishing their first OBS course. Pray for excitement and boldness as they go back to share the stories learned.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 160 speakers of the **Seta** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language.

March 2017

1-2 Pray for safety for **OBS** participants and trainers as they travel home. Pray for confidence and clarity for the participants as they share their newly learned Bible stories in their communities. Pray that these stories would impact lives.

3-4 Pray for creativity and wisdom for **Abau** speakers **Paul and Helen Simaure** as they do their Bible school practical experience in 2017. Pray for manageable size projects that would be beneficial for the Abau speakers.

5-6 Pray for the **Interact Conference** being held in Ukarumpa this week. Interact is a time for all language personnel to meet and hear reports of what is taking place in other parts of PNG, learn about new technology options, and methods that are working for others. Pray for beneficial discussions.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 1,040 speakers of the **Mekmek** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Pray for the **Kwomtari translators** working in Wewak this month, a long way from home. Pray for the health and safety of their families while they are away. Pray also that there will be Godly teachers who will challenge and encourage their sons who attend high school in neighbouring language areas.

11-12 Continue to pray that God would send more people to help with the work in the Sepik, particularly someone with translation or consultant training. As the **SPES team** looks at possible work after OBS, many of the options will require more people.

13-14 Pray for **Urim co-translators** as they continue to do checking within the communities of the remaining books of the New Testament not already checked. Pray that they will be able to find anything that isn't clear or accurate and make it more understandable.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 290 speakers of the **Tapei** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

17-18 Pray for the **SIL PNG branch** as they hold their biennial conference this week in Ukarumpa. Pray for fruitful meetings, unity in decision making, and a time to be encouraged by coworkers.

19-20 Pray for **Yahang** and **Siliput** communities who are just hearing oral Bible stories in their language for the first time. Pray that this will create a deep hunger for knowing God's Word more and applying it to their everyday lives.

21-22 Pray that God will continue to bring all the necessary details together for the **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling** workshops to begin in May 2017, which includes the **Yale, Nai, Kwomtari, and Baibai** languages. OBS would be a means to generate greater interest in God's Word and vernacular scripture use.

23-24 Pray for creativity and strength for churches who are reaching out to the lost in their communities. So many people are hurting and in need of a Savior. The good news is available to set people free from the bondage they feel.

25-26 Pray for rest and refreshment for **Litz Liew** as she spends several months in Taiwan on home assignment. Pray for good opportunities to connect with family and churches.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 850 speakers of the **Pahi** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

29-30 Pray for **Rocky and Wendy Dede**, who along with their daughters Cynthia and Leah, will spend a week in their village. Pray for good closure for Cynthia as this will be her last trip to the place where she grew up.

31 Pray for wisdom for the **SPES team** as they look at possible future steps for some of the language groups that have completed OBS. Oral Bible Translation may be a viable option for a number of these groups.
