



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 2017

1-2 Pray for strength for **Litz Liew** as she finishes her home assignment in Taiwan. Pray for good connections and times of ministry as she speaks in churches and a university. Pray that problematic village equipment will be fixed when she returns.

3-4 Praise for a good time in the village for the **Dede** family. It was very sad, but also good closure for their daughters, as they have no idea when they will be able to go back to the village.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 340 people who speak the **Mongol** language in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Pray for safe travels home for participants and trainers from the **Nuku Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshop** held in Wewak. Pray for courage for the participants as they go back and share their newly learned stories with their communities.

9-10 Pray for energy and wisdom for **Gary and Denise Abbas** as they will be the only **SPES** team members in the Sepik for the foreseeable future. Pray that they will know how to balance their time and get everything done that needs doing.

11-12 Pray for healing for a number of the **Nuku OBS participants** who are dealing with illness or have family members struggling with health issues. Pray that they can get the medical help needed in a timely manner.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 410 people who speak the **Auwe** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Due to an unexpected death in the village, the **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshop** that was to be held in May has been postponed until August. Pray for peace and comfort for coworkers and village friends who mourn the loss of their brother.

17-18 Pray for **Sam and Deb Smucker** who, with their two children, will be heading to the US for a one year home assignment. Pray for good transitions and that they would have many opportunities to connect with family, friends, and churches as they share about the work in PNG.

19-20 PNG elections will be taking place in June and July. Pray that the right men and women would be elected and that they would lead the country in ways that would please God.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 350 people who speak the **Baibai** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for safety for **Litz Liew** and two mission team members as they travel to PNG. Pray for good times of preparation physically, spiritually, and mentally and that they will be open to all God has to teach them when they arrive.

25-26 Praise for a good **Culture Meets Scripture workshop** in April for the **Kukwo** people. Pray that they can apply the things they learned and that God's Word will come alive for them.

27-28 Pray that **Tadji** airstrip would get cut, so that the **Aitape West** team could more easily get in and out of the village a few times in the coming weeks.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 950 speakers of the **Ningil** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language.

July 2017

1-2 Pray for the **Dede** family as they transition back to the US for an extended time. Pray also for **Daniel** and **Jack** (**Pouye** translators), who will be traveling to the US for one month to share about the ministry with the Dedes' partners.

3-4 Praise for a fruitful **Scripture Application and Leadership Training (SALT) course** that ran in the **Urat** language area in May. Pray that the pastors and church leaders would be excited to share what they learned with their churches.

5-6 Pray for the provincial **Christian Revival Crusade (CRC) youth conference** taking place near Wewak. Pray that many youth would come and that they would catch a vision for what God wants to do in their lives as well as reaching out to others.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 1,620 speakers of the **Wogeo** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Some of the **Nuku OBS** groups did not have full teams to do the translation work at the last course. Pray that other people will join the teams making the workload more manageable, as well as giving more input for a better translated story.

11-12 Pray for the **East Sepik Ministers Fraternal** as they find ways to help the churches be more unified and work together to further God's kingdom. Pray for wisdom and direction for those in leadership.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 300 speakers of the **Maramba** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

15-16 Pray for wisdom and good communication for the **Aitape West** team as they are running three weeks of **Culture Meets Scripture workshops** for pastors and church leaders. Pray that the participants would grasp the material and find many ways to apply it to their everyday lives.

17-18 Pray for unity for each of the **Nuku OBS** teams so that they can work together translating and sharing stories and helping others know more of who God is.

19-20 Pray for additional personnel with translation and consulting skills to come and help the **SPES team** as they prepare for the next step of **Oral Bible Translation**. Pray that the project proposal can be finalized so the pilot project can start later this year.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 1,270 speakers of the **Nanubae** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for creativity and energy for **Paul and Helen Simaure** as they continue with Scripture use activities to help the **Abau** people use their translated Scriptures more in their everyday lives.

25-26 Pray for committed teachers at the many levels of schooling throughout the Sepik. Many remote areas have few schooling options. Pray that the children will have a desire to learn and will get the help they need to learn to read and write.

27-28 Pray for **Laif FM radio** as they seek to share God's love across the airwaves. Pray for the needed resources and that they will continue to find ways to expand the work into more areas of PNG.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 640 speakers of the **Rawo** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

31 Pray for wisdom for Sunday School teachers around the country as they seek to disciple the next generation of young people. Pray for creativity as they find ways that will communicate well to the children. Pray that the children would be eager to learn.
