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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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1-2 Pray for an additional consultant for the next **Oral Bible Storytelling** workshop in Wewak later this month. Many of those who have helped in the past are not available for this workshop.

3-4 Pray for the new governments that will form for each province and the nation following recent PNG wide elections. Pray for unity and that God would grant wisdom to those who will be leading the country.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 350 people who speak the **Bitara** language in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Two of the **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) groups (Nai and Baibai)** still each need to choose another participant to complete their teams. Pray that others will join the teams making the workload more manageable, as well as giving more input for a better translated story.

9-10 Pray for clarity and wisdom for the **Aitape West Translation workshop** July 30 to September 2. They plan to finish the first draft of Mark chapters 13-16. Pray for a productive time for the participants of the literacy workshop that will run August 6 to August 19.

11-12 Praise for four new operation wards that have recently opened at the provincial hospital in Wewak. Pray for doctors to staff the wards and care for the other patients as well.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 700 people who speak the **Suganga** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Pray for a productive time for **Bob Litteral** as he does training with **Angor and Amanab** church leaders and elementary teachers for the next two months. Pray that those receiving the training will be excited to implement what they learn.

17-18 Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of the **Yale**. The unexpected death of **Carl R. Campbell**, the translator working among the Yale, has them searching for answers. Pray that they choose to follow Christ and find freedom from the fear and bondage of sorcery. Eight Yale participants have been chosen to attend the OBS workshop beginning August 28.

19-20 Praise for all who attended the **Aitape West "God's Big Story"** Scripture Use workshops. Pray that as the participants return to their communities they will share all they learned in the course with others and that a hunger for God's Word would grow among the people of the area.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 330 people who speak the **Sinagen** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for the trainers preparing for the first **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** to be held in Baiberi August 28 to September 12. Pray for unity and a good time of learning as it will be the first time this team of five trainers has taught together.

25-26 Pray for the trainers preparing for the third **Nuku Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** in Wewak. Pray for wisdom and good times of learning together as they continue to work as a team to teach the eleven language groups who will participate in the course.

27-28 Pray for safety and good road conditions for all those traveling to the **Oral Bible Storytelling workshops** in Wewak and Baiberi. Pray for health for those hiking to meet cars and airplanes. Pray for teachable hearts as the participants begin to learn a new set of stories.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 300 speakers of the **Kabore One** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language.

31 Praise the Lord for the village and church leader checks that have been completed for the Urim New Testament by **Urim** translators and **Pirkko Luoma** who is currently in Finland.

September 2017

1-2 Pray for **Sam Smucker** as he plans to attend an **Oral Bible Translation workshop** in Africa for three weeks to get training to run this type of workshop in the Sepik. Pray for good learning opportunities and understanding the nuances of how the program works.

3-4 Pray for the **Karkar-Yuri** communities and teachers as they build storage for the newly printed school materials. Pray that all the logistics can be figured out to get the new materials to the communities.

5-6 Pray for the **Olo Pai** communities as they form a translation committee and select those who will attend their initial language development activities.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 700 speakers of the **Changriwa** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Pray for the **Nuku Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** participants as they finish learning this set of stories and return to their communities to begin sharing them. Pray that these stories will bring God's Word to life and change lives.

11-12 Pray for **SIL Wewak center managers** to replace Gary and Denise Abbas when they leave in 2018. Finding replacements can sometimes take awhile. They have been doing a variety of jobs that will need to be filled.

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

15-16 Pray for the **Yale, Nai, Kwomtari, and Baibai** language participants at the **Kwomtari OBS**. Pray for good understanding of the materials presented and that the stories learned will begin to impact their lives and their communities.

17-18 Pray for strength for the **Urim** team to complete the back translation of Jude, John, and the letters to Timothy. Romans, Hebrews and Peter's and John's letters still need to be back translated. Pray for the needed consultants to do the remote checking of the books once the back translations are completed.

19-20 Continue to pray that God would provide the needed 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 3,500 speakers of the **Kairiru** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Praise that **Paul and Helen Simaure** have been able to do their practical assignments for the Bible school with the **Abau** people. This has included pastors' study courses, outreach, ministry with the women and children, and Scripture engagement. Pray that these ministries will continue to bear fruit.

25-26 Praise for the safe arrival of new teammates **Willem and Esther van de Bruinhorst** from the Netherlands who have joined the **Aitape West Translation** team.

27-28 Pray for pastors and church leaders as they continue to share God's truth with individuals and communities. Pray that they will have boldness and be able to share Christ's love in each situation they face.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 830 speakers of the **Amal** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
