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## SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR

### October 2017 – November 2017

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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 2017

**1-2** Pray for **Bob Litteral** as he finishes training with **Angor and Amanab** church leaders and elementary teachers. Pray that those receiving the training will be excited to implement what they learn.

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**3-4** Praise for a good finish to the recent **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling** workshop for four area languages. Pray that God will prepare their villages and the hearts of the people to hear the stories. Pray that they will be able to finish all four courses and that they will see real change in their lives.

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**5-6** Pray for the approximately 510 people who speak the **Awtuw** language in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

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**7-8** Pray for some copyright permissions that are urgently needed within PNG so that the audio recordings can be prepared for the upcoming **Oral Bible Translation** workshop. Pray that the right people can be contacted so this project can move forward.

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**9-10** Pray for good understanding of materials presented for two **Urat** men (**Enoch and Nick**) who are attending a **Jesus film recording** course in Ukarumpa September 25 - October 27. This will be good training for the audio recording of the New Testament which will hopefully happen sometime next year.

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**11-12** Praise for the completion of the third **Oral Bible Storytelling** workshop for nine **Nuku** area languages. It was a challenging course logistically, as well as there were not as many participants to work on the stories. Give thanks for those present and pray that they can take the learned stories back to share in their communities.

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**13-14** Pray for **Hilkka Arminen** checking 1-2 Thessalonians and James for the **Kwomtari** language and the **Honsbergers** starting October 11. Pray for unity, clear understanding of complicated texts and joy to study God's Word together.

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**15-16** Pray for the approximately 790 people who speak the **Tumleo** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

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**17-18** Pray for wisdom and keen eyes for **Urim co-translators** as they work through some checking of Scripture this month. Pray that the meaning can be portrayed clearly so that it can be easily understood by the communities.

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**19-20** Pray for safety for a construction project in the **Yamuk** language area. Pray for all the supplies to be ready when needed and that the project can be used to further help people in the area.

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**21-22** Pray for the **Yade** people that the accusations surrounding the death of their expat translator will come to an end. Three Yade men came to the **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling** course and ask for prayer that five others will join them for the next course.

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**23-24** Pray for the approximately 170 people who speak the **Daonda** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

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**25-26** Pray for the **Bungain, Juwal, and Urimo** language communities as they choose people to come and participate in the **Oral Bible Translation** workshop planned for November. Pray for a good mix of people to fill the different roles on each team.

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**27-28** Give thanks for the three hundred youth who recently attended the **Christian Revival Crusade (CRC) youth convention** held near Wewak. Pray for the eleven who were baptized, that they would grow in their faith. Pray that all the youth would be encouraged in their spiritual growth.

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**29-30** Praise God for the united effort of the **Baiberi** people who hosted the **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling**. They are already talking about the next course in February and the preparations they need to make for it.

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**31** Pray that God would provide the needed people to help with the next steps of the **Sepik Partnership and Engagement Strategy (SPES)** project. There are some key roles including consultants, translators, and managers that will be needed.

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### November 2017

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**1-2** Pray for the approximately 160 speakers of the **Seti** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

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**3-4** Pray for wisdom and stamina for **Hilkka Arminen** as she will either help the **Urat1** dialect to adapt one gospel to their dialect in the East Sepik, or help with the **Oral Bible Translation** trial project in Wewak as a translation consultant in November.

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**5-6** Give thanks for the recent training **Sam Smucker** received in Africa that can now be used to further **Oral Bible Translation** work in PNG. Pray for good preparations for the upcoming courses.

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**7-8** Pray for wisdom and direction for SIL and the many changes it is facing, which include less field personnel, changes in language situations, and changes in work methods.

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**9-10** Pray for the approximately 4,260 speakers of the **Wom** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

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**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.

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**13-14** Pray for the **Aitape West Translation** workshop running this month. They will be preparing Mark and James for consultant checking in 2018. Pray for unity amongst the groups, that they would find anything that needs to be changed, and that their lives would be changed in the process.

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**15-16** Pray for God's protection over marriages. There are many demands on families and sometimes this can cause extra strain on marriages. Pray for wisdom for those helping to counsel in these situations.

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**17-18** Pray for the approximately 230 speakers of the **Toricelli** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

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**19-20** Pray for the **Oral Bible Translation** workshop scheduled to run in Wewak for three language groups for three weeks. Pray for wisdom for all those involved as this is the first time this type of course has been run in PNG.

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**21-22** Pray for **SPES trainers** as they continue to hone their skills and prepare for upcoming workshops. New things are being learned and there will be more opportunities to use that training in the future.

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**23-24** Pray for **OBS participants** all over the Sepik to have many opportunities to share the stories they have learned through the workshops. Pray for boldness in the face of opposition and that lives would be changed as the stories are shared.

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**25-26** Pray for **Christian Books Melanesia** bookstores around the country as they seek to encourage people in their Christian walk through getting quality resources into peoples' hands. Pray that God would enable them to continue to meet people where they are.

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**27-28** Pray for the approximately 230 speakers of the **Kopar** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

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**29-30** Pray for a hedge of protection around all those working in ministry in the Sepik. They face so many pressures on a regular basis. Pray they will be able to stand for truth and what is right.

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