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## SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR

### December 2017 – January 2018

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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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### December 2017

**1-2** Praise for the copyright permissions being granted so the **Oral Bible Translation workshop** could begin on time. Praise for the teams who came from **Bungain, Juwal, and Urimo** communities. Pray for strength, wisdom, and patience for all involved to finish the workshop well on December 8.

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**3-4** **Hilkka Arminen** gives praise for the recent completion of consultant checking for 1 & 2 Thessalonians and part of James for the **Kwomtari** people.

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**5-6** Pray for the approximately 1,500 people who speak the **Guriaso** 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 wisdom for the **consultant checkers** as they finish checking passages for the first **Oral Bible Translation workshop** in the Sepik. Pray for keen eyes and the right questions to ask so that the passages can be clear, natural, and accurate.

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**9-10** Praise for two **Urat** men (**Enoch and Nick**) who attended a **Jesus film recording** course in Ukarumpa in October. Pray for strength and wisdom as they work on the audio recording of the film this month.

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**11-12** Pray for God's provision of replacement regional center managers for the SIL Wewak Center beginning in April 2018. This is a crucial role as the managers and center give support to all the other work that goes on in the Sepik.

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**13-14** Pray for the approximately 150 people who speak the **Ningera** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

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**15-16** Pray for a productive time for **Litz Liew** and her **Malinguat** team (**Taitus, Peter, Christopher, and Lawrence**) as they have their annual planning meeting to decide what work should be done in 2018. Pray for unity and understanding of what will help the people the most.

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**17-18** Pray for God's strength for translators who are struggling to meet cultural expectations that community members are placing on them. Pray for encouragement as it can be difficult to continue to do the work when they feel alone.

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**19-20** Pray for **Laif FM radio station** as they seek to proclaim God's message in East Sepik and beyond. Pray for creativity and the resources needed to continue to expand the ministry.

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

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**23-24** Pray for impact for Christmas programs being held throughout the Sepik. Pray that God's story would be heard by people who may have never heard it before and that they would want to follow Christ.

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**25-26** We give thanks for this time to pause and celebrate our Savior's birth. What a gift that was and that gives us reason to share Christ's love with the people of Papua New Guinea.

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**27-28** Pray for refreshment and rest for missionaries all over PNG as they have some time off from many of their responsibilities over the holidays. Pray for peace and encouragement as the holidays can be lonely when separated from family.

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**29-30** Pray for the **Yale, Nai, Baibai, and Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling participants** to be diligent in sharing the stories they have learned. Pray that many would be open to hear the stories and be changed by them.

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**31** Pray for the approximately 150 speakers of the **Kwamtim One** 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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### January 2018

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**1-2** We give thanks for a new year and all the opportunities it will hold. However, the **Sepik Partnership and Engagement Strategy (SPES) team** is also looking at many unknowns in 2018. Please pray for peace and that God will continue to go before the team each step of the way.

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**3-4** Pray for wisdom and creativity for the **Oral Bible Translation staff** as they assess the recent course and make changes to help things run better in the upcoming courses.

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**5-6** Pray for the retreat being held in **Yagiap** for **Malinguat** women. Pray for a good time of learning and renewal for each participant who comes.

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**7-8** Pray that the **Baibai** people will find another participant to join them for the next **Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** in February. Pray that the team can be unified and have the skills needed to translate well.

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**9-10** Pray for the approximately 2,080 speakers of the **Tabriak** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

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**11-12** Pray for wisdom and unity for the **Oral Bible Storytelling trainers** as they prepare to lead the fourth workshop in Wewak for eleven **Nuku** area language groups. One new facet will be mentoring some trainees to teach part of the materials. Pray for safety for the language participants that come to the course.

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**13-14** Pray for direction for **Andy and Christina Edmonson** as they come to PNG on a vision trip. Pray that God would clearly show them where and how to use the gifts they have been given.

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**15-16** Pray for diligence and perseverance for **Nuku Oral Bible Storytelling** participants as they continue to learn the current stories. Pray that God's Word would impact their lives first and then the lives of their communities.

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**17-18** Pray for the approximately 300 speakers of the **Kaningra** 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 health and strength for **Ken and Rosa Nayau** as they continue to prepare the **Manambu** New Testament revision for consultant checking next year and then printing. Pray for diligence to get all the necessary work completed.

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**21-22** Give thanks for the recording and dedication of Bible portions for the **Malinguat** people. Pray that as they are distributed, many people would be blessed as they hear God's Word in their language.

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**23-24** Pray for preparations for the second **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** that will begin February 4. Pray for all the necessary contacts to be made and that all the logistics (food, housing, and transportation) will come together.

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**25-26** Pray for safety for **Samaritan Aviation** as they continue to provide medical evacuation service to hard to reach areas of the Sepik. Pray for wisdom as they share Christ's love while they provide for the medical needs as well.

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**27-28** Pray for the approximately 180 speakers of the **Chenapian** 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 that as **Aitape West translators** prepare to come to the consultant checking workshop in February, family and community problems would not prevent them from coming to do the work.

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**31** Pray for physical and spiritual protection for translators' families and property while they are away at workshops. Often problems arise and this makes it difficult for those working to fully participate well.

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