



SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR February 2018 – March 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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February 2018

1-2 Pray for the ten **Nuku** area languages who have just completed their fourth **Oral Bible Storytelling workshop**. Pray for courage for the participants to share these new stories with their families and communities and that the stories would change lives.

3-4 Pray for ten languages in the **Aitape West Translation Project** that are consultant checking the books of James and Mark this month. Pray for wisdom and strength for the translators, translation consultants and language consultants as they thoroughly check these books to make sure they are clear, natural and accurate translations.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 6,300 people who speak the **Mehek** language in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

7-8 Pray for the second **Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** scheduled to begin in **Baiberi** February 5 for four languages. Due to a death in the village the end of January, plans may need to be rearranged. Pray for wisdom for all involved and for comfort as the community grieves this loss.

9-10 In January, two volcanoes erupted about sixty miles east of Wewak. Pray that the volcanoes would cease spewing and that the people displaced because of the evacuation would be able to find more permanent living situations.

11-12 Pray for the **RISE (Rapidly Improving Standards in Elementary) literacy workshop** running for two weeks in Wewak. Pray for many literacy materials to be produced and that they will be helpful resources for those learning to read.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 1,370 people who speak the **Kalou** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Pray for the second **Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** running in **Baiberi**. Pray that the trainers would be able to teach well and that the participants from **Nai, Baibai, Kwomtari, and Yale** language groups would fully understand the stories they are learning.

17-18 Pray for students all over PNG who will begin a new school year this month. Pray that their physical needs would be met. Pray that they will make friends who can encourage them to do what is right.

19-20 Pray for **Pastor Peter**, a faithful **Arop** translator, and his wife **Leoni**. Leoni has liver problems. Peter has taken her to Indonesia to get treatment for her there. Pray for healing for Leoni and for wisdom for the doctors as they treat her.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 125 people who speak the **Tuwari** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray that the **Urat** literacy program which began last August, but has been stopped for a couple different reasons, would be continued now. Pray that the students would desire to learn more and that the teachers would be excited to do the teaching.

25-26 Pray for pastors around PNG to be able to share God's Word with boldness. Pray for wisdom to know how to maintain good relationships in their families and churches.

27-28 Pray for safe travel for facilitators and consultants arriving in Wewak for the second **Oral Bible Translation workshop**. Pray for a productive time of training as the facilitators continue to learn more and improve their skills before the workshop begins March 5.

March 2018

1-2 Pray for the approximately 1,125 speakers of the **Wanap** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

3-4 Praise the Lord for the provision of a replacement regional center manager for the SIL Wewak Center. Pray for wisdom for **Thomas Kata** as he learns what the role entails and how he can best meet the needs of the Sepik teams.

5-6 Pray for the **Oral Bible Translation workshop** that begins today in Wewak. Pray for wisdom for the **Bungain, Juwal, and Urimo** participants as they begin translating new passages and good recall as they work with the computer program.

7-8 Pray for strength for **Friends in Action** missionaries as they continue to serve other ministries by meeting practical everyday needs. Pray for wisdom to know how best to use their time and resources.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 750 speakers of the **Buna** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Pray for the provision of funds needed for the **Urat** team to do some audio recording. They would like to do the recording starting in September 2018.

13-14 Praise for a good vision trip for **Andy and Christina Edmonson** as they visited the **SPES** project and other areas of PNG in January. Pray that God would guide their steps and make it clear where they should serve.

15-16 Pray for perseverance and diligence for **Oral Bible Storytelling** participants across the Sepik as they share stories they have learned in recent workshops. Pray that the stories would come alive and make a difference in communities.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 130 speakers of the **Terebu** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

19-20 Praise that the **Manambu** New Testament revision has been completed. Pray that it can be consultant checked this year and be ready for printing. Pray for good health for **Ken & Rosa Nayau** as they continue with the work.

21-22 Pray for safety for **Mission Aviation Fellowship** as they continue to provide air service in PNG. Pray for wisdom as they schedule flights and deal with rapidly changing weather and other conditions, as well as energy to meet all the pressing needs.

23-24 Pray for **Litz Liew** and her **Malinguat** team (**Taitus, Peter, Christopher, and Lawrence**) as they figure out how to accomplish the goals they have set for 2018. Pray for unity and that they would be able to continue to show God's love to the people in the communities.

25-26 Pray for good understanding for **SPES** trainers as they begin to take on more responsibilities related to starting new **Oral Bible Storytelling** clusters. Pray they can assimilate all the new information and begin to write their first proposal with some help from SPES mentors.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 1,640 speakers of the **Kapriman** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

29-30 Pray for strength and wisdom for **Gary and Denise Abbas, SPES** team leaders, as they complete their work in PNG and return to the US in April. Pray that they can finish well and that they will be able to readjust to life in the US.

31 Pray for rest and refreshment for **Sam and Deb Smucker, SPES** team members, currently on home assignment in the US. Pray for good connections with family, friends, and churches. Pray for wisdom as they figure out how to continue the SPES project after Gary and Denise leave.
