



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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April 2018

1-2 Pray for the Easter crusade being held at the **Christian Revival Crusade Church** in Wewak. Pray for many lives to be changed both there and at other churches throughout the Sepik during this Easter season.

3-4 Pray for **Gary and Denise Abbas, SPES** team leaders, as they transition back to the US after years of faithful service in the Sepik. Praise for the opportunities they had to finish well. Pray for rest and that they will be able to know what God wants them to do next.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 250 people who speak the **Pyu** language in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

7-8 Give thanks that the consultant checking of Mark and James went well for the **Aitape West Translation project** in February. Pray that hearts will be ready to receive the translated Scriptures.

9-10 At the end of February, PNG was hit by a significant 7.5 magnitude earthquake. This has caused considerable damage to homes, gardens, clinics, schools, airstrips, and much more, as well as many lives lost. Please pray for physical and emotional healing and that aid will be received quickly by those who need it so desperately.

11-12 Pray for **Brad and Faith Halverson, along with their children Sadie and Wesley**, as they transition to being the new SIL Wewak Center managers. Pray that they will be able to learn the job quickly and find good friends as well.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 2,790 people who speak the **Ulau-Suain** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Praise for the recent **Oral Bible Translation workshop**. Pray for good retention of all the information learned, particularly for those who were new to the course. Pray that they would share the translated materials in their communities.

17-18 Pray for wisdom and safety for the **Aitape West team** as they hike through five language groups in April. On this hike they will be helping people evaluate the strength of their mother tongue, doing Bible studies and practicing reading fluency in their own languages.

19-20 Give thanks that the **Urat-English-Pidigin dictionaries** are now ready to be bought by the **Urat** language speakers. Pray that they can be used to help many with literacy abilities.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 200 people who speak the **Southern One** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for **Clemence Komnapi** as he continues to work with the Salvation Army in the Sepik. Pray that God would use him to help strengthen the churches in his area.

25-26 Pray for understanding and flexibility for the **employees** at the **SIL Wewak Centre** as they learn to work under new managers. Pray that they can work together well as a new team.

27-28 Pray for people who have been displaced because of the volcano in January and are struggling with basic needs being met. Pray for the churches as they continue to work together to help these displaced people.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 1,100 speakers of the **Sowanda** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

May 2018

1-2 Pray for translators from ten languages in the **Aitape West** area as they first draft 1 and 2 Peter in May. Especially pray for wisdom for them as there are some difficult concepts to translate in these two books.

3-4 Pray for strength for **Sam and Deb Smucker, SPES** team members, as they finish their home assignment in the US and prepare to return to PNG in June. Pray for all the last minute details to come together and that they could finish their time well.

5-6 Pray for understanding for **SPES trainers** planning to do awareness among multiple language groups in the **North Palei** area. Pray that they will be able to clearly share about the possibilities of SPES working together with each of these communities and that the communities will understand their responsibilities in this partnership as well.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 100 speakers of the **Piame** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Pray for creative ideas of ways to share the **Oral Bible Translation** passages in the communities for the **Bungain, Juwal, and Urimo** languages. Pray that more people in the communities could get involved with the distribution.

11-12 Praise that the **Urat Jesus film** is ready for distribution. Pray that the needed equipment can be found to show the film in the villages. Pray that the film would change people's lives.

13-14 Pray for safety for **Mission Aviation Fellowship and other relief organizations** helping to get supplies to earthquake victims. Because of continued aftershocks, conditions are continually changing in the affected areas.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 220 speakers of the **Kis** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

17-18 Pray for perseverance for **New Tribes Mission** families as they learn the language and culture in multiple communities, so they can share God's story in a way that speaks best to the people. Sometimes learning the language can be discouraging and difficult.

19-20 Pray for unity among all the pastors in the region as they work to find ways to share Christ with people from a variety of backgrounds.

21-22 Pray for new members to join the **SPES team**. A variety of people including an administrator and translation consultants are some of the big needs, although there are other spaces to be filled as well.

23-24 Pray for the approximately 1,700 speakers of the **Chambri** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

25-26 Pray for Sunday School teachers and youth ministry workers as they continue to find ways to reach children and young people for Jesus. Pray that God would soften hearts so that many would come to know Him in a more personal way.

27-28 Pray for wisdom and creativity for those looking to find new ways to reach language groups in the Sepik, as well as how to work further with existing projects.

29-30 Pray for all the preparations and logistics for the third **Oral Bible Storytelling workshop** for the **Nai, Kwomtari, Yale, and Baibai** scheduled to begin June 4. Pray for the trainers as they prepare for the course.

31 Pray for the approximately 160 speakers of the **Yelogu** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
