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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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June 2018

1-2 Praise for a good first engagement trip to the **North Palei** language area in Sandaun province. The teams were able to engage with several language groups and begin to assess their desire for translation work, and share how that might be achieved.

3-4 Pray for the third **Kwomtari Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshop** being run June 4-19. Pray for safety for all attending. Pray that God would ignite a fire in their hearts - that they would come eager to learn more from God's Word. Pray that all the logistics come together.

5-6 Pray for wisdom for **Gilbert Noah and Amos Dagun, SPES trainers**, as well as two guides, as they do a second engagement trip among multiple language groups in the **North Palei** area this week. Pray that they can 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 people who speak the **Minidien** language in the Sandaun Province. They have a few oral Bible stories in their language, but no written Scripture yet.

9-10 Pray for **Brad and Faith Halverson, and their children Sadie and Wesley**, as they continue to settle in as SIL Wewak Center managers. Pray that they can make good friends and adjust to a new community, town, and working with new teams.

11-12 Praise for good opportunities at Easter for **Joseph Yeta** and other OBS participants to share Bible stories learned in their **Kwomtari** communities. People were challenged to choose carefully to follow Christ. Eleven young people were saved and baptized.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 2,140 people who speak the **Pagi** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Pray for healing for **Carol Honsberger**. She had a severe case of malaria after Easter, followed by a virus for over three weeks. She and **Murray** are in the **Kwomtari** language area facilitating an **OBS workshop** for four language groups. Pray for complete healing and for spiritual protection.

17-18 Give thanks for the three **Sos Kundi** translators who just completed their second **Translation Training Course (TTC)** in Ukarumpa. Pray that they will come up with a good plan for how they will continue doing translation work.

19-20 Pray for strength for **Sam and Deb Smucker, along with Abigail**, as they finish their home assignment and return to Wewak to begin their next term this week. Pray for wisdom as they will transition into new responsibilities for the **SPES project**.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 290 people who speak the **Ambrak** language in the Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Praise for a good hike in five language groups in the **Aitape West team** as they were able to evaluate language vitality, introduce some Bible studies and new Scripture portions. The groups were very receptive.

25-26 Pray for government officials all over Papua New Guinea that they would be guided by godly principles and would know how to help the various groups of people in their care.

27-28 Pray for safety for **OBS trainers** arriving in Wewak to prepare for the final course with ten **Nuku** area languages. Pray for good times of studying and continued unity among the team members.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 2,500 speakers of the **Fas** language who live in the Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

July 2018

1-2 Pray for refreshment for missionaries who have been working hard and need to find direction and rest, so they can continue to do the work God has given them to do.

3-4 Give thanks with the **Sos Kundi translation team** that Genesis 12-23 and Jonah have been consultant checked. Pray that these Scripture portions will be ready for distribution soon. Pray for boldness for the translators to share the work of Bible translation with their communities. Pray also for receptive hearts to the message.

5-6 Pray for peace and good understanding for **OBS trainees** who will do practice teaching at the current course in Wewak. Pray for wisdom for the current **OBS trainers** as they select participants who have potential to become trainers for future courses.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 150 speakers of the **Burui** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Pray for **Christian Books Melanesia** as they make Bibles, books, and supplies available throughout PNG. Pray that God would give creativity to the leadership and that there would be good working relationships among the staff.

11-12 Pray for physical and spiritual protection for students who are going to school across the country. Pray that God would be raising up the next generation of leaders who will follow after His heart.

13-14 Pray for **Laif FM Radio** as they continue to share God's Word and Christian music in areas of PNG. Pray for wisdom as they make programming decisions and that God's love would be shared with many.

15-16 Pray for the approximately 350 speakers of the **Bitara** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

17-18 Pray for safety for **Wewak OBS trainers and participants** heading home after the workshop. Pray for boldness as they share the new Bible stories they have learned and that God's work will continue to impact lives one person at a time.

19-20 Pray that the **North Palei project proposal** could get the final approval needed so that **OBS workshops** can begin for these language groups in September. Pray that all the logistics will come together in a timely manner.

21-22 Pray for more **SPES team members**. Language groups that have received OBS training in the past would like to go on with further training, but at this point, there are not enough trained personnel to help make these projects a reality.

23-24 Pray for the approximately 3,040 speakers of the **Biwat** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

25-26 Pray for wisdom for pastors across the Sepik who are finding ways to reach out to more people in their communities. Pray that God would continue to grow the seeds that have been planted.

27-28 Pray that **Oral Bible Translation participants** from **Bungain, Juwal, and Urimo** language groups would find ways to share the Scriptures they have translated. Pray that nothing would hinder them from coming to the August workshop.

29-30 Praise that there has been more involvement of the **Sos Kundi** community and church leaders in the translation project. Pray that this trend will continue.

31 Pray for the approximately 350 speakers of the **Berinimo** language who live in the East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
