

SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR August 2021 – September 2021

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A bimonthly guide to praying for Bible translation and language development in the Sepik Region of Papua New Guinea (PNG) To subscribe electronically, email <u>spes-project png@sil.org</u>

August 2021

1-2 Pray for the approximately 500 people who speak the **Manem** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

3-4 Pray for a good trip for **Andy and Christina Edmondson** as they head back to PNG this week. Pray that their COVID tests would be negative and that all the flights would go as planned. Pray for a good transition back to life and work in Wewak after quarantine.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 620 people who speak the **Nabi** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Give praise for a fruitful distribution trip to the **Nuku area**. Over 300 Bibles were sold as well as scores of SD cards that had been loaded with prerecorded Bible materials. Pray that those who bought the items will be able to understand what they read and hear and apply it to their lives.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 730 people who speak the Yangum Mon language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Pray for the **SPES team** as they do an exploratory trip to the **Ambulas** language community to see about the possibilities of them doing further translation work independently. Pray that all the villages will come and be part of the meeting. Pray for good communication and that the team would be able to know the right questions to ask and understand what is been expressed.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 1,840 people who speak the **Dia** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Give praise that Vincent and Raymond, Sos Kundi translators, are continuing the translation work independently. Pray for healing for Vincent who is sick and for Raymond's wife to come to know the Lord. Pray for wisdom and strength as they translate and that the communities would support them in their work.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 200 people who speak the **Southern One** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

19-20 Pray that the Building Capacity project proposal can be finalized this month. There are exciting new activities scheduled to begin at a couple Bible schools in the Sepik yet this year.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 3,460 people who speak the **Kap** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for the **Oral Bible Translation** (**OBT**) **trainers** as they prepare to teach and mentor at the next workshop. Pray for good teamwork as this is a new team that will be teaching together. Pray for safety for the participants as they travel to Wewak for the course. Pray for eager learners and that they would be able to translate the passages well.

25-26 Pray for the approximately 150 speakers of the Kwamtim One language who live in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

27-28^{Pray} for the **Aitape West translation teams** as they hold a translation workshop over the next four weeks. Pray for wisdom in the translation process, good health for all involved, and unity among the team members. **29-30** Pray for the Urim SALT (Scripture Application and Leadership Training) course scheduled for August 30 to September 10. Pray that all those invited will be able to attend and that they would be eager to learn. Pray for spiritual protection for all involved and that there would be no distractions that would pull people away.

31 Pray for the approximately 260 speakers of the **Burui** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

September 2021

1-2 Pray for dynamic teaching and spiritual sensitivity by the **Urim SALT** teachers. Pray that they will be able to adjust well to the government COVID protocols and that everyone could come to the course who desires to come. Pray for good health for all in involved.

3-4 Pray for the approximately 520 speakers of the **Aro** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

5-6 Give praise for Hillka Arminen's safe travels back to Finland amidst all the scenarios that were very different on this trip. Pray for her as she transitions back to life in Finland and sees what God has for her in this new season of life.

7-8 Pray for the approximately 770 speakers of the **Ambakich** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

9-10 Pray for wisdom for the **OBT** participants as they continue to translate passages of Scripture. Pray that they would be able to find clear key terms that will communicate the meaning well. Pray for discernment for the consultants as they work to help each group translate accurately.

11-12 Pray for the approximately 700 speakers of the **Ulwa** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 100 speakers of the **Bikaru** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

15-16 PNG celebrates their Independence Day on September 16. Give praise that there is great religious freedom to worship and to share Christ with others. Many are eager to hear more about Jesus. Pray that they would grow in their understanding of what a personal relationship with Him looks like.

17-18 Pray for the Christian Revival Crusade (CRC) Church as they hold an outreach crusade September 16-19 in Wewak. Pray for opportunities to invite neighbors and friends and that people would come to Christ.

19-20 Pray for the approximately 840 speakers of the Maramba language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

21-22 Give praise that the Sos Kundi literacy workers continue teaching literacy and distributing the newly printed materials. Pray for wisdom as they continue developing new curriculum and teach adults and children to read. Give praise that two churches have recently started using the translated Scriptures in their services. Pray for good health for Pastor Samson.

23-24 Pray for the approximately 1,600 speakers of the **Wogeo** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

25-26 Pray for Liebenzell Mission as they continue to work with youth and children's ministries in the Wewak area. Pray for creativity and energy as they work with these young people, and good training opportunities with the teachers.

27-28 Pray for the approximately 130 speakers of the **Terebu** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

29-30 Pray for **Oral Bible Storytelling** (OBS) trainers as they begin training to teach OBS in the Aitape West project and two Bible schools in October. There will be approximately eighteen trainers, including several who are teaching for the first time. Pray for good team dynamics, understanding of how to teach a class, and a growing knowledge of who God is to each of them.