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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 2021

1-2 Pray for the approximately 170 people who speak the **Daonda** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

3-4 Pray for students across the country who are finishing the school year. Pray for good recall of materials and for peace for those who are waiting on the results of tests to see if they will study further next year.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 150 people who speak the **Ningera** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Pray for wisdom for **Sam Smucker** as he facilitates **Oral Bible Translation (OBT)** training for **Youth With a Mission (YWAM)** students in Madang this week. Pray for a good learning experience and that the students can grow in their teaching abilities.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 1,500 people who speak the **Muno** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Praise for the good progress being made to translate the **Story based Healing the Wounds of Trauma** materials into Tok Pisin. Pray for clarity to know how to translate key concepts and that the materials can be used to help many find hope and healing.

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

15-16 Pray for **Andy Edmondson** as he has surgery to help correct some of the ongoing health issues he has had. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and good recovery after the surgery.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 1,000 people who speak the **Yis** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

19-20 Pray for discernment for the **SPES team** as they work on scheduling workshops and personnel for 2022. There are many opportunities to mentor more PNG trainers; pray that the team will know how to make cohesive teams that can learn well from each other.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 360 people who speak the **Tuwari** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 Pray for communities and churches around the Sepik who will be running Christmas outreach programs. Pray that God's Word would be preached clearly and that many would come to know Him in a personal way. Give thanks that Jesus came as a baby so long ago so that people are able to have a personal relationship with Him.

25-26 Pray for the approximately 2,200 speakers of the **Beli** language who live in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

27-28 Pray for rest and a time of refreshment for missionaries and coworkers as they have some time off over the Christmas holidays. It has been a long year and many are feeling weary. Pray for good health and a renewed sense of purpose for each person.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 290 speakers of the **Umeda** language who live in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

31 Give praise for the progress made on the audio recording of **Urim scriptures** in November. Pray for keen ears for the technician who will finalize those recordings to be distributed at a later time.

January 2022

1-2 Pray for the approximately 350 speakers of the **Suganga** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

3-4 Give praise for the addition of a staff member for **Christian Books Melanesia**. Pray for flexibility as she adjusts to a new environment, culture, and language. Pray that she would be able to make strong relationships both in and out of the workplace.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 4,260 speakers of the **Wom** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Pray for spiritual breakthrough for communities that are still in bondage to evil. Pray for protection for church leaders and mission workers as they deal with much spiritual warfare on a regular basis. Pray for renewed strength as this can be very draining. Pray for wisdom in counseling those who are dealing with difficult situations.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 400 speakers of the **Andai** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Pray for safety for participants as they travel to Wewak for the fourth **Oral Bible Translation (OBT) workshop**. Pray for clarity for the trainers as they prepare to teach and mentor. Pray for strength for the staff as there will be less people to help at this workshop.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 1,400 speakers of the **Mekmek** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

15-16 Pray for the consultant checking workshop happening for the **Aitape West Translation teams**. Pray for good health, understanding of all the key concepts, and that all the equipment will work well.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 200 speakers of the **Kis** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

19-20 Pray for more workers to come and take part in the harvest. Many communities are hungry for and asking for teaching so they can grow spiritually, but there are few workers able to go.

21-22 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.

23-24 Pray for **Ron and Jennifer Belcher** as their home assignment will be finishing soon. Pray that they can finish well there and that everything will come together for their return to Wewak.

25-26 Pray for the approximately 930 speakers of the **Niksek** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

27-28 Pray for clarity and keen eyes for **OBT consultants** as they check multiple passages of Scripture during the current workshop. Pray for strength for the translators to be able to continue strong in each aspect of the translation process. Pray for good health for all involved as there was a significant amount of sickness at the last workshop.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 700 speakers of the **Wogamusin** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.

31 Pray for wisdom for several teams as they lay out schedules for workshops and other training for 2022. Much work was interrupted in 2021 due to the pandemic; it would be good if those plans could move ahead in the new year.
