

SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR March 2022

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1-2 Pray for the approximately 250 people who speak the **Imonda** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

3-4 Pray for participants from eight Aitape area languages who have arrived for an Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshop until March 16. Pray for good learning and that the stories will bring change in each person's life.

5-6 Pray for the approximately 330 people who speak the **Elepi** language in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

7-8 Give praise for the recent opportunities to work with **Youth With** a Mission (YWAM) students to learn about Oral Bible Translation (OBT) both in the classroom and in a workshop with multiple languages. Pray that they will know how to apply the things they have learned in their own context.

9-10 Pray for the approximately 6,300 people who speak the **Mehek** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

11-12 Pray for discernment for **Sam Smucker and Kidu Magi** as they finish consultant checking for the current OBS in Arop. Pray that they will know how best to help the teams have accurate and natural stories to take back to their communities.

13-14 Pray for the approximately 1,640 people who speak the **Elkei** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

15-16 Give praise for a successful surgery for Andy Edmondson to fix ongoing sinus problems. He is feeling much better than he has for many months.

17-18 Pray for the approximately 840 people who speak the **Pahi** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

19-20 Pray for **Elvira Corbalan** as she prepares to return to PNG. Pray that she will have the funds needed to come back. Pray too that she can find someone who can help support her work with the **Sos Kundi** people when she is in her home country. She would like to send three people to get some training at Ukarumpa before she returns.

21-22 Pray for the approximately 750 people who speak the **Buna** language in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

23-24 SIL-PNG Branch Conference will be held in Ukarumpa March 23-30. Pray that this can be a time of refreshment and connection for all staff. Pray also for the decisions that need to be made regarding how the various aspects of work move forward in the years to come.

25-26 Pray for the approximately 800 speakers of the **Aruop** language who live in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

27-28 Pray for a feasible way for Arjen and Maija Lock to return to PNG for several months later in 2022. They would like to focus on helping the vernacular literacy program to gain momentum and use some of the recent tools that have been introduced to promote that work.

29-30 Pray for the approximately 900 speakers of the **Yalaku** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.

Pray for the **SPES team** as they work to plan workshops for the remainder of the year. The team is partnering with other language groups to do training, which includes coordinating more calendars. Pray for wisdom and creativity in how best to utilize the available resources.