

SEPIK REGION PRAYER CALENDAR April 2022 – May 2022

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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 2022

- **1-2** Pray for the approximately 740 people who speak the **Aruek** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
- **3-4** Give praise for the refreshment during the SIL-PNG Branch Conference recently held at Ukarumpa. Give thanks for the morning spiritual emphasis times as well as the many encouraging reports and discussions. Pray for wisdom for the leadership team as they find the best ways to move the branch forward in the coming months.
- **5-6** Pray for the approximately 460 people who speak the **Bragat** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
- **7-8** Give praise for the nine language communities who recently came to **Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS)** workshops in **Arop.** Pray for boldness and good interactions for each participant as they go back and share their newly learned Bible stories with their communities.
- **9-10** Pray for the approximately 300 people who speak the **Kabore One** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.
- **11-12** Pray for wisdom for Jennifer Belcher as she helps train new Oral Story-based Trauma Healing trainers this week. Pray for good communication of the materials and that the new trainers will feel prepared to go out and share what they have learned. Many communities are requesting this training.
- **13-14** Pray for the approximately 1,370 people who speak the **Kalau** language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.

- **15-16** Pray for quick recovery for **Deb** Smucker after recent surgery. Pray that she will know what she can and can't do as the team prepares for the workshop after Easter. Give thanks that the surgery could happen in-country and in a timely manner.
- **17-18** Pray for the approximately 520 people who speak the **Siliput** language in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.
- 19-20 Pray for safety for Oral Bible Translation (OBT) participants as they travel to Wewak. Pray that there will be unity among the teams as they make decisions related to how things should be written. They will be proofreading their transcribed OBT stories from previous workshops in preparation for getting them into booklet form.
- **21-22** Pray for the approximately 420 people who speak the Isaka language in Sandaun Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
- **23-24** Pray for good health and unity for the Aitape West Translation teams as they work to draft Ephesians 3-6 and Colossians 1, as well as revise Galatians and Ephesians 1-2. They will also be publishing 1-3 John and Jude in preparation for the May workshop. Pray that the power and computer issues can be fixed during this workshop.
- **25-26** Pray for the approximately 1,300 speakers of the **Inebu One** language who live in Sandaun Province. They have no written Scripture in their language yet.
- **27-28** Pray for wisdom for **Litz Liew** as she hopes to return to PNG soon to continue translation work with the **Mevembet** communities. Pray that all the paperwork and other logistics can be finalized for her return.

29-30 Pray for the **Olo Pai** communities as they dedicate the new village solar tablet computing kits and celebrate the new translation office. Give praise for the community support and ask that God would bring many people to be a part of the translation effort there.

May 2022

- **1-2** Pray for the approximately 350 speakers of the **Berinomo** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- **3-4** Pray for safety for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as they continue to bring supplies to remote villages, do medical evacuation flights, and distribute Bibles. Pray that God's Word would continue to go out in ways that people can fully understand.
- **5-6** Pray for the approximately 500 speakers of the **Eitiep** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
- **7-8** Pray for the Awtuw, Guriaso, Inebu One, and Southern One OBT participants as they return to their communities. Pray for opportunities to share what they have learned and that people would be excited about engaging with God's Word.
- **9-10** Pray for the approximately 300 speakers of the **Pondi** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language yet.
- Pray for clarity for the Sepik Partnership Engagement Strategy (SPES) team as they work to finalize the transcribed story booklets for the language groups just finishing their OBT track. Pray that the extra Bible helps that are added to the booklets would be useful for the communities.
- **13-14** Pray for the approximately 2,500 speakers of the **Kairiru** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- **15-16** Pray for the Aitape West teams as they have three weeks of Scripture Use workshops where they will do inductive Bible study activities on the books of 1-3 John and Jude. They will also practice reading fluency. Pray for boldness as they share these new studies in their communities.

- **17-18** Pray for the approximately 250 speakers of the **Tapei** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- 19-20 Pray for God to be at work in the lives of individuals who are struggling to reconcile their long-standing traditions with Biblical principles. Pray for wisdom for those who counsel with these people who really want to know God better and know how He fits into their daily lives.
- **21-22** Pray for the approximately 800 speakers of the **Chambri** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- **23-24** Pray for discernment for the SPES team as they try to finalize schedules and staffing for the second half of 2022. They desire to train up new PNG staff as well as give further training to those already involved.
- **25-26** Pray for the approximately 800 speakers of the **Koiwat** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- **27-28** Pray for Samaritan Aviation staff as they continue to do medical evacuations on the Sepik River and share Christ's love in tangible ways. Pray for many opportunities to share the gospel and to enocurage hospital staff as well.
- **29-30** Pray for the approximately 690 speakers of the **Changriwa** language who live in East Sepik Province. They have no Scripture in their language at this time.
- **31** Pray for the upcoming PNG elections slated to begin in June. Pray that many godly men and women would be elected who can lead this country to follow after God and what He desires.