



**Pray for this month's focus on ORALITY by The Lausanne Movement...**

The 70%: Orality and the Mission of the Church  
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<http://www.lausanne.org/en/blog/1779-the-70-orality-and-the-mission-of-the-church.html>



**ION Weekly Prayer Focus**

**EACH THURSDAY** we ask you to link in united prayer for those working in Orality & for our Great Commission Partners. If you are available, join us live...

**Each Thurs at 2 pm (EST) GMT-4**

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**Prayer Requests:**

*Praying for orality, stories from the field.*  
"Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful. Pray for us too, that God may open a door... that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ."  
(Colossians 4:2-4)



**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA (DER-bun).** A missionary is helping to forge a partnership between two groups that cater to orphans/vulnerable children. Recently 50 community workers were trained to share God's Word w/AIDS-affected parents & children using the "Proclaimer," a solar-powered audio player. Pray for them to catch the vision of the many ways they can use this device. Pray as God's Word goes forth, it will empower the listeners in the midst of many challenges.

**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.** "Thank you for praying for the first Sub-Saharan African Peoples Summit held in Montgomery, AL. God brought 34 churches from as far away as TX & VA. Well over 100 people from outside the church came together & made up the group. Training in 'engaging' a people group for different people group, as well as follow-up training was provided. Give thanks to God for answering prayer & calling out intercessors & people willing to partner w/our missionaries for the 594 people groups who, as far as we know, have never had an opportunity to hear the Good News."

**Source:** IMB Prayer Director, Ed Cox  
<http://www.imb.org/compassionnet>

**Getting to know others who are working in ORALITY**

**Wycliffe & Wycliffe Associates**

Pray for the collaborative work of recording stories & translating the bible into heart languages that includes the work of many partners.



**Telling Bible Stories in South Asia**  
By Wycliffe USA

Spend a day in the life of storying consultant Elizabeth Wilson as she helps South Asian Christians translate Bible stories into their own languages.

**Source:** <http://vimeo.com/36970309>

**Forgive My Enemies**

By Wycliffe Bible Translators USA



One week before the dedication of the Gospel of Luke, three hundred homes in the village of Bambilang, Cameroon, were burned by a neighboring village. But hearing Scripture in their

own language has brought comfort & forgiveness. [www.wycliffe.org/frontlines.aspx](http://www.wycliffe.org/frontlines.aspx)

**Source:** <http://vimeo.com/38633555>

**Ministry Translates Bible Stories in Sign Language**  
by Wycliffe USA



Wycliffe is recording key Bible stories in the sign language of every African country.

**Source:** <http://vimeo.com/12371683>

**ION Facebook**

**Orality Changing the Face of Missions Around the World**

By Assist News

New article... take a few minutes to check it out.

**Source:**

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2012/s12040091.htm>

**Issachar Initiative**

**Orality: A Key to Heart-Level Communication**

Thankful for the connection of Issachar Initiative to orality. Have you connected to them? Good, solid group committed to the completion of the Great Commission!

**Source:**

<http://issacharinitiative.org/orality-a-key-to-heart-level-communication/>



Pray for this month's focus on Orality

[Join the Conversation on Orality](#)

If you live and work among oral learners, what strategies do you use to communicate the Gospel?

**Source:**

<http://www.lausanne.org/en/blog/1779-the-70-orality-and-the-mission-of-the-church.html>

ION website offers great resources such as Power point presentations, documents to help share the "Why & How" on our official website:

**Source:**

<http://oralbible.com/resources/docs>



Picture: Bible Story Bingo  
[www.uncommoncourtesy.com/BibleStoriesComplete.htm](http://www.uncommoncourtesy.com/BibleStoriesComplete.htm)

## Pray for training resources

*Chronological Bible Storying (CBS)* is the process of encountering God by telling the stories of the Bible. In CBS we tell Bible stories without interruption or comment and we tell them in the order that they happened in time. Afterward we discuss each story and its significance for our lives. Each story builds on those that came before; as a result, the overarching message of the Bible becomes clear and we discover our own place in God's story.

### Source:

<http://www.oraltystrategies.org/strategies.cfm?id=1&start=1>

The **OneStory Partnership** has developed a series of stories from Acts to teach church planting with special emphasis on facilitating a church planting movement (CPM) rather than starting just a single church. [Download a chart](http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379) at [http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media\\_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379](http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379) listing the stories from Acts and the CPM principles that can be taught from each story.

**Scriptures In Use** provides training and materials to enable grass roots Christians to plant churches in their communities using Bible storying. They sponsor training events in hundreds of locations around the world, using Bible stories both chronologically and non-chronologically.

**The Oral Bible School** includes a collection of 15 stories from Acts called "[Forming Groups that Pray](http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379)" at [http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media\\_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379](http://www.oraltystrategies.org/media_detail.cfm?ResourceID=379) -Each story focuses on an activity that Jesus' followers obey, such as praying for the Spirit's power or repenting, believing, being baptized, and meeting in groups. Later stories call on new Christians to deal with sorcery and unholy things, and teach them to expect persecution and rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer for Jesus. The story set also includes color drawings that accompany each of the stories.

### Mp3 audio files Available:

Introduction to Chronological Bible Storying audio file

<http://www.oraltystrategies.org/resources.cfm?id=426>

Oral Bible School – Forming Groups that Pray – Book of Acts – audio file

<http://www.oraltystrategies.org/resources.cfm?id=379>

Source: Orality Strategies.org

<http://www.oraltystrategies.org/strategies.cfm?id=1>

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## Pray for those working in the fields

**CETRAM Bible schools - Praise God for the continuing work to bring Bible Stories to the Wai Wai.** This young man drew this picture and wrote a song about the story. He is using his talents for the Lord!



Bible story trainers are excited to work with students in May, as they translate 20 Bible stories into the Ingarico language.

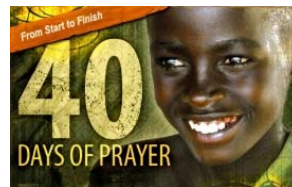


Pray as next year, for two months a trainer will work w/students at CETRAM Bible school translating Bible stories into their heart languages. Their passion & love for

Christ is contagious :)

Source: Names/Locations of the other pictures withheld for security

**Preparing the JESUS Film in South Sudan**  
April 18, 2012  
WyliffePrayer  
"He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me'" (Luke 22:19).



A project to translate the gospel of Luke into three languages of South Sudan—Bongo, Jur Beli, and Mandari—will result in the dubbing of the "JESUS" film into these languages sometime this year. Media specialists coordinate efforts to translate the movie script (which is based on the gospel of Luke) into minority languages where Bible translation is taking place. Also in South Sudan, three other languages which already have New Testament translations have been included in the film recording project—the Avokaya, Jur Modo, and Mundu languages.

- **Praise God** for the production of the "JESUS" film in these languages! Ask **God to lead and direct** the media team as they organize each recording session and seek volunteers to read the script.
- **Pray** that through the film's presentations in these six minority language groups, many people will clearly understand the Gospel.

Source: <http://wycliffeprayer.wordpress.com/>

## Praying for Training

Listed here are some of the training events provided by the organizations that network with ION:

**Storyrunners - Bible Storying Training**  
Unleash the Power of Bible Storying in Your Own Ministry! **May 1-4<sup>th</sup>** Orlando, FL <http://StoryRunners.com>

**Simply the Story** is one training group who has been here since the beginning; they offer Practitioner and STS Trainer tracks <http://www.simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/>  
Contact Jean Smith for more details and to register [Click to email](#)

**Living Water International**  
Jerry Wiles – LWI/Houston, TX [Orality Training Workshop: An Introduction to Contextual Bible Storying](#) – Next training is scheduled for JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>.

**E3Partners**  
[e3 Partners - Story Training for Trainers](#) Plano, Texas, USA

Source: <http://www.oralbible.com>

## Praying for awareness

### EMBRACE Events UUPG

**Embrace East Asian Peoples Woodland Park, CO, April 28** with follow-up training: May 8, 15, 22, & 29th  
<http://americanpeoples.imb.org/embrace>

**Embrace Southeast Asian Peoples USA Training Sept. 17-19<sup>th</sup> Winston Salem, NC** Register at [Old Town Baptist Church](#)

**Embrace Southeast Affinity of South Asian Peoples 101 Embrace Training Orlando, FL Sept. 18-19<sup>th</sup>** [More ...](#)

**Embrace Equipping Conference dates:** Florida Panhandle ([Register here](#)) – **October 25** at [Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, FL](#)

**Embrace Louisville, Ky. Feb. 8, 2013** [More Info ...](#)

### Source:

<http://www.imb.org/main/lead/embracedefault.asp?StoryID=9651&LanguageID=1709>



**ION Annual Conference 2012**  
**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> outside of Denver, CO**  
Estes Park, Colorado Registration is open...  
To sign up or get more info go to:  
<http://www.ionevents.org>

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