



A United Call for Prayer on behalf of those working in Orality/UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups. "Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful. ... that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ." (Colossians 4:2-4)

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 (EDT) GMT-4 Dial: (712) 451-6000 Access Code: 373000# Visit www.oralbible.com



"Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs" (Psalm 66:4).

Prayer Requests:

Praying for orality, stories from the field.

'No Excuses'

Himalaya Hikers Push through Tough Conditions for Unreached Peoples.

By Ava Thomas



High Mountain Access - The highest mountains in the world present unique challenges for Christians hoping to reach these villages with the Gospel. Photo © 2012 IMB / Kelvin Joseph

Extreme Ministry

...Today, Juergens* is the CO kid who hikes the "roof of the world,"...finding people who have never heard the Gospel. "Not all people live in the cities where you can take a taxi to their front door, people live in places we would never dream of living in but the fact is they live there. That's where there are put and they're not coming to us. We have to go to them." So he and his teammates do just that.... PRAY for those like this team who are willing to take these "extreme ministry" locations. *Name Changed Read the entire story at:

http://asiastories.com/features/extreme-ministry/?story=10179

Source: Asia Stories http://asiastories.com

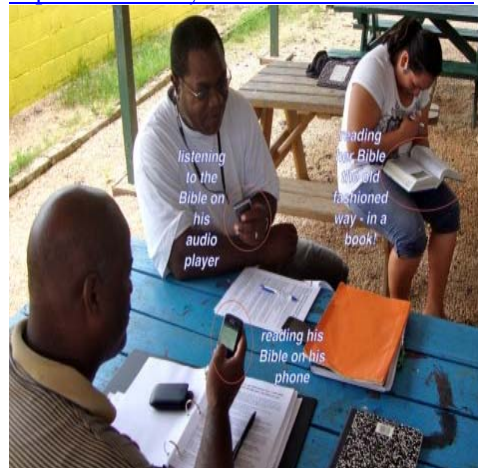
PIONEERS

"Come overwhelmed with life. Come with a wandering mind. Come messy." —Paul E. Miller "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." —Jesus, Matt 11:28-30

Just come! Admit your position as a creature before our Creator God. Spend time just being with Him before you appeal to His heart for the unreached.

A Pioneer writes, "Deep in the mountains of South Asia, in an area racked by warfare & terrorism, virtually inaccessible to foreigners, lie a handful of villages. The Lotari people (a pseudonym) have lived here for centuries. They grow corn, wheat, apples, pears and tomatoes, selling them in local bazaars & nearby cities. Although they number only around 100,000, they have their own distinct language & culture. There are no known believers among them & no Scriptures in their language. Most Lotari people are oral-preference communicators anyway." Pray for this Pioneer as he works w/some neighboring local believers to craft an initial set of Bible stories for the Lotari. Ask that Muslims worldwide would receive dreams & visions of Jesus during Ramadan (July 20-August 18), prompting them to be drawn to His truth and love.

Source: Pioneering Prayer | July/August2012 http://www.30-days.net/islam/basics/ramadan



Source: Ray Neu (Belize)

CompassionNet

CompassionNet/IMB

—Prayer Director, Ed Cox

GURAGE of ETHIOPIA (goo-ra-gay) – Shortwave radio broadcasts of chronological Bible stories can be heard each evening. In mud houses, families and neighbors gather after supper to listen to God's Word. PRAY for the team that produces these programs. They are dedicated but inexperienced and they need to understand the Bible better themselves. PRAY that they will study the Word and the Holy Spirit will make it clear to them so they can express important truths effectively in the programs.

Source: http://www.imb.org/compassionnet Explore more info and find out about (UUPGs) Unengaged Unreached People Groups. A people group is classified as unreached when the number of Evangelical



Christians is less than 2% of its population. It is further called unengaged when there is no church planting methodology consistent with Evangelical faith and practice under way.

A people group in not engaged when it has been merely adopted, is the object of focused prayer, or is part of an advocacy strategy.

Download the most recent list (1.9 MB) at: http://www.grdweb.info/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=9Jl7hlWXR%2fY%3d&tabid=259

Source: International Mission Board (IMB)



"Where have you 'seen' the glory of God in your journey of orality?"

The prayer team is collecting stories to bear witness of the activity of God in the network. To share at the celebration time in Colorado. Please submit your story!

Send your story to:

IONPrayer@gmail.com

Getting to know those working in ORALITY:



Sign Language Translation Projects

"My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me.' And my heart responds, 'Lord, I am coming'" (Psalm 27:8, NLT).

Many Deaf people find written language difficult to understand, so printed translations of the Bible in written languages are not adequate for them. But a translation into the sign language they speak would allow them to hear God in the language of their hearts. *Below are three sign language translation projects in need of prayer.* (1) In Denmark, a team working on translating the Bible into **Danish Sign Language** has prepared one set of 32 Bible stories. (2) They have recorded a second set of 77 passages on the topic of discipleship, though it still needs editing. (3) And a third set of Scripture portions is in progress & should be completed in 2013. Currently, this translation team is sharing an office w/four other groups, making it difficult to get the time & space that is needed to complete their projects.

- **Pray** that the team would be able to find adequate, affordable office space.
- **Ask God** to provide all that's needed to see these projects finished and made available for the Deaf in the language of their hearts.

For a translation team working on a **Dutch Sign Language project...**

- **Ask God** to lead two more Deaf people who would be willing to sign initial translated portions during community checks.
- **Pray** for the funding needed to move the project along at a quicker pace.
- **Pray** that all the details will come together so this consultation can take place.
- **Pray** that the local Deaf community would be enthusiastic & willing volunteer when needed in order to see this project completed.

The book of Jonah was drafted into Austrian Sign Language & recorded on video. A translation consultant plans to visit the translation team in Sept. to check their work for accuracy & clarity.

July 26, 2012 by wycliffeprayer

Source: <http://wycliffeprayer.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.wycliffe.org/pray>

Connect in prayer to Wycliffe at:

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject/MostRecentPrayerRequests.aspx>

**Commit to Pray ...
for a specific Unengaged Unreached
People Group (UUPG)**

Source:

<http://www.finishingthetask.com/prayer.html>

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**4.35 billion people in the world do not read.
How will they engage with God's Word?**



**Davar Field Team, busy recording
the Northern Sotho Full Bible**

Please pray for these two current projects:

- Northern Sotho Full Bible recording: Praise God for progress made. Pray for health of team and enthusiasm to continue. Pray for continuity.
- Xhosa Full Bible recording: Pray for discussions and meetings in this regard.

Source: Davar Partners

<http://www.davarpartners.com>

MENTORLINK

40 Days with Jesus /Leadership Discipleship Mentor link had taken segments of the Jesus Film and made them into mini leadership training clips complete with questions and follow-up info. Check it out and SHARE with others! For link go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/v/YJABzH8xH9U&feature=popular&rel=0> - Sample: **Day 17 Parable of the Lamp** Scripture Reference Luke 8:16-18

Source: MentorLink 40 Days with Jesus

<http://www.youtube.com/v/rThqzcuZLFs&feature=popular&rel=0>

Echo: "Youth Specialties is re-running an article from Echo on storying now." <http://www.youthspecialties.com/articles/exploring-the-art-of-bible-storying/> Youth Ministry resources for Youth Pastors and Youth Workers [Exploring the Art of Bible Storying | Youth Specialties](http://www.youthspecialties.com/articles/exploring-the-art-of-bible-storying/)

Source: www.youthspecialties.com

PRAYING FOR UUPGs UUPG Prayer Calendars

Are you looking for ways to share how to pray for UUPG's?? These are ready to go all you have to do is add the month!



**Download FREE UUPG
Prayer Calendars**

UUPG - Unengaged (no one is reaching them)
Unreached People Groups of the world.

Download at:

<http://bit.ly/zWWuUE>

Source: Frontier Missions YWAM

<http://www.joshuaproject.net/prayer-resources.php>

Praying for UUPGs

10 Priority Unreached...

[All 10 are Less than 2% Evangelical.]

Aimaq, Taimani of Turkey

Prayer Info: [Level 1](#) - This group has been adopted, but not yet engaged
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=TU&peo3=11560>

Arab, Tihami of Yemen

Prayer Info: [Level 1](#) - Some evangelical resources available, but no active church planting within past 2 years
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=YM&peo3=15484>

Azeri Turk of Iran

Prayer Info: [Level 3](#) - Widespread church planting within past 2 years
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=IR&peo3=18859>

Berber, Taznatit of Algeria

Prayer Info: [Level 0](#) - No evangelical Christians or churches. No access to major evangelical print, audio, visual, or human resources. Unengaged (UUPG) FTT
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=AG&peo3=15609>

Garre of Somalia

Prayer Info: [Level 0](#) - No evangelical Christians or churches. No access to major evangelical print, audio, visual, or human resources. Unengaged (UUPG) FTT
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=SO&peo3=19613>

Mazanderani of Iran

Prayer Info: [Level 3](#) - Widespread church planting within past 2 years
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=IR&peo3=13610>

Najdi Bedouin of Iraq

Prayer Info: [Level 1](#) - Some evangelical resources, but no active church planting in past 2 years - Unengaged (UUPG)
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=IZ&peo3=10759>

Pashtun, Southern of Iran

Prayer Info: [Level 1](#) - Some evangelical resources available, but no active church planting past 2 yrs. No one is reaching this people group. Unengaged (UUPG)
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=IR&peo3=14327>

Yemeni, Northern Yemen

Prayer Info: [Level 2](#) - Initial (localized) church planting within past 2 years
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=YM&peo3=14715>

Zaza-Dimli of Turkey

Prayer Info: [Level 1](#) - This group has been adopted, but not yet engaged. Some evangelical resources available, no active church planting within past 2 years
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rog3=TU&peo3=11560>

Source: Joshua Project

<http://www.joshuaproject.net>

ION Weekly Prayer Focus

Orality Strategies.org

Need a New Story?!

[Orality Strategies & Chronological Bible Storying](http://www.oralstrategies.org)



Our passion is to provide you with resources that help you communicate God's truth to those who learn best by oral means.

Here is a sampling of the resources and media available on their website:

Orality in the News - 'Karaoke Videos Teach Safe Water Techniques - NPR' <http://ow.ly/1hTA1w>

'BIBLE STORYING, Article 7: Beginning a Bible Storying encounter' <http://ow.ly/1hSrGY>

'OneStory - Media' <http://ow.ly/1hS3Me>

'Visualizing Holiness: Using Narrative to Teach Ethical Living' <http://ow.ly/1hQVOO>

'BIBLE STORYING, Article 2: Barriers to the Gospel' <http://ow.ly/1hQxDg>

Orality in the News - 'Lovejoy: It's time to reclaim the story quality of the Bible' <http://ow.ly/1hNY0m>

Orality Case Study - 'Storying Diary of Experiences in a West African Village' <http://ow.ly/1hNlWx>

Story Set - 'Food Stories' <http://ow.ly/1hMzGV>

Orality in the News - 'Walk into the Bible' <http://ow.ly/1hLzIG>

'State and County Estimates of Low Literacy (USA)' <http://ow.ly/1hLcAM>

Orality in the News Item - 'Telling Bible stories in the local pub' <http://ow.ly/1hK6J5>

'Light-An Nur' - Two stories you can use as one of several hook stories w/Muslim women who are touched by the names of God & who are familiar w/their Muslim tradition of the 99 names of God. <http://ow.ly/1hxIcG>

Source: <http://www.OralityStrategies.org>
<http://www.CBStorying.org>

Source: Facebook Group [Orality Strategies & Chronological Bible Storying](https://www.facebook.com/OralityStrategies)

Pray for us to take the time to worship



[Empower Us Lord.mp4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4rE9zSqBVI) [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4rE9zSqBVI)

Source: David Stoll (ION Facebook Member) <http://youtu.be/r4rE9zSqBVI>

ReachGlobal

Global Training Team/Narrative Evangelism and Discipleship (Evangelical Free Church of America)

Learning BibleTelling for Teaching & Sharing the Gospel!

- Learn a Bible story,
- Tell it,
- Teach it,
- Show others how to do the same thing,
- Spread it around ...
- House to House



BibleTelling impacts Muslims in Europe

Bill (72 years old) is a missionary from New Zealand who has served in Italy for over 40 years. He attended our BibleTelling training in Florence & traveled with us to Greece in May to put what he learned into practice. After bringing food & clothing to desperate Afghan refugees hiding in a forest in

Greece, Bill shared the story of the Good Samaritan. "You are the Good Samaritan!" was the response. "Nobody cares about us and you came just when we needed it."

A few days later one of the young Afgans was baptized by Farzad in the Ionian Sea.

BibleTelling Training Schedule

- Aug 19-26 Florence, Italy
- Aug 31-Sept 2 Managua, Nicaragua
- Sept 3-12 Punta de Palma, Guatemala (Pending)
- Nov Ghana, Africa
- Nov 28-Dec 5 Haiti
- Dec 6-12 Punta de Palma, Guatemala

PRAYER/PRAISE Persian Project Update
Recently, money was raised to train 40 Farsi-speaking leaders in Italy. We thank the Lord for the financial contributions and prayer. We will be traveling to Christ is the Answer Ministries on August 19th to conduct the BibleTelling training event.



Oral Bible Project by OralBible

Watch the Oral Bible Project: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQhj6FKhoBA&feature=player_embedded

Source: ReachGlobal -John & Cheryl Fornelli
Visit our website <http://www.jcfornelli.com/>



THE SEED COMPANY

Who is **The Seed Company?**

Accelerating Scripture Translation is their mandate - The Seed Company's mission is to complete Bible translations in the heart language of people w/o God's Word. Partnerships are an integral part, linking individuals, groups and organizations to national Bible translation projects. There are over 2,000 languages that need a Bible translation, representing almost 340 million people. By the 1980s, they realized that it would take 150 years at the current pace of translation to reach every people group. Wycliffe asked former CEO Bernie May to lead the initiative to build a model that would accelerate the pace of Bible translation and involve more national leadership. They were launched by Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1993. It started with pilot projects in 10 different languages linked to prayer partners and investors. Today, The Seed Company is working with several hundred local translators who are leading the translation process in more than 400 Bible translation projects. These translators are responding to the local churches' and ministries' need to make Scripture available more quickly for church planting & discipleship.

Pray for current projects:

<http://www.theseedcompany.org/projects>

Pray for the organizational partners:

<http://www.theseedcompany.org/organizational-partners>

Link in prayer with The Seed Company:

<http://www.theseedcompany.org/prayer>

Bill McCoy, Prayer Director

Source: <http://www.theseedcompany.org/>



OneVerse presents "Kid's Discover: The Art of Bible Storytelling" - This FREE interactive & online parent resource from OneVerse* will help children engage in the story of the Bible from creation to the early church. Learn how to prepare & tell Bible stories that come alive! [Start with the 10-week Old Testament program](http://www.oneverse.org/kidsdiscover?source=tscmain) to begin with the story of Creation. The 10-week New Testament program begins with the story of the birth of Christ.

Source: OneVerse - The Seed Company
<http://www.oneverse.org/kidsdiscover?source=tscmain>



30-Days.net Praying thru Ramadan – 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Day 29 - Pray for the Muslim Rohingya Peoples of Myanmar.

For Friday, 17 August, 2012 Edition. Praying in Faith, Hope and Love for the Muslim World ...

It is difficult to find accurate population estimates concerning the Rohingya, as they are not recognised as citizens in any country. Most Rohingya are located in Rakhine State, Myanmar (Burma). They are refugees located in Bangladesh, Malaysia, China, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Thailand. There are a few hundred believers in the Messiah among the Rohingya, all coming from a small Sufi sect of Islam.

Bible translation: an Arabic based font (Arabic plus some extra accents and characters) is being used in Myanmar for publishing some written materials in the Rohingya language and a Roman character based system is already in use on the web. A significant number of Rohingya people have lived in Bangladesh as refugees have a preference for using the Bengali script. As a consequence it seems inevitable that the Scriptures will have to be in at least three different alphabets....

Prayer ideas:

At this time there are 21 Bible stories being translated into Rohingya and it is hoped they will be available for distribution in the coming months. Deciding what texts to translate and how to make them available is a challenge. Good communication and careful coordination of the translation projects is important.

Please pray for this people and the efforts to make the Messiah known among the Rohingya. Some believers have sought to help them. May God raise up others.

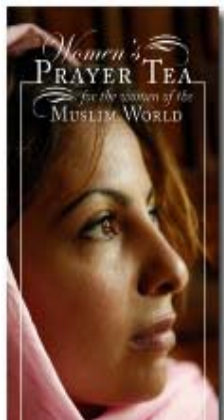
Source: 30-Days.org For complete Article, Audio, Video and Comments: <http://www.30-days.net/muslims/muslims-in/asia-east/rohingya-people-myanmar/>

PRAYER TEA:

Muslim women have very limited access to the gospel. Here's a tool to help you to understand about them & to begin to pray for them.

Order a Leader's Guide from IMB & share with others how to pray for muslim women.

Source: <http://imbresources.org/index.cfm/product/detail/prID/1226>



18 African Languages

"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called..." (Eph.1:18, NLT).

Wycliffe & Faith Comes By Hearing continue to partner & produce audio Scriptures so that more & more people will



have access to the translated Word of God, whether or not they can read.

Thru the use of a Proclaimer, an audio listening device, the recording is distributed to individuals & groups of people waiting to hear the Good News in their own language. This month Wycliffe, in partnership w/Faith Comes By Hearing, is promoting the need for Scripture recordings for 18 African languages.

- **Ask God** to move mightily on behalf of those working to see this project started, that He would see all of their needs met.
- Speakers of these 18 African languages have waited long enough to hear His Word:pray that they will wait no longer.
- **Praise God** for the speed with which key partnerships & technology can accelerate the distribution of God's Word, especially through Faith Comes By Hearing & devices like the Proclaimer

Source: Wycliffe Pray Today 22 FEB 2012 <http://wycliffeprayer.wordpress.com/>



ION Annual Conference

Sept. 17-20th REGISTER NOW!

Register at www.oralbible.com or go to www.IONevents.org



CONTINUE TO PRAY for the work of Orality in the nations.

“East Africa Orality Network” & “West Africa Orality Network”

Please continue to pray for those on the team that is working behind the scenes with the East Africa Orality Network. As they are actively sharing & promoting orality in their countries.

Praying for Training

PRAY FOR ORALITY & UUPG AWARENESS & TRAINING:

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

StoryRunners

Bible Storying Training -Unleash the Power of Bible Storying in Your Own Ministry! Orlando, Florida. Living and working together with a small group of Christians, you'll learn the storycrafting skills and strategies needed to use Bible storying in ministry. After your time in Orlando you'll be able to train others using the same methods you've been taught; hearing, retelling, and discussing Bible stories. [More info go to www.storyrunners.org](http://www.storyrunners.org)

Simply the Story

One of the many diverse groups that make up the International Orality Network training locations all over the USA & Int'l For details call 951-658-1619 or email: <http://www.simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/>

Living Water International

Jerry Wiles – LWI/Houston, TX Orality Training Workshop: An Introduction to Contextual Bible Storying – Ongoing schedule email for more info and next training dates. <http://water.cc>

E3Partners

e3 Partners - Story Training for Trainers Plano, Texas, USA

Echo The Story - Michael Novelli – Training young adults in storytelling skills. Go to: www.echothestory.com <https://www.facebook.com/echothestory> Echo the Story - Echo Workshops

YWAM Frontier Missions South Asia

11-15 MARCH 2013 - Many different choices of workshops will be offered. Workshops such as: Storying and Oral Culture Learning & Developing Contextual Media Resources for your UPG ...See More at <http://kingdomadvance2013.com>

To find all current training offered go to the ION Website

Source: www.oralbible.org

Please Note:

The ION Prayer Focus Guide will now be published monthly. Thank you for connecting in prayer. If you would like to the ION Prayer Focus via email... send a note to asking to be added to: IONPrayer@gmail.com

