



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.” (Col. 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, please join us live...
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Prayer Requests:

Praying for orality, stories from the field.



Orality Focused Prayer Requests

CompassionNet

JOLA-FONYI OF SENEGAL & THE GAMBIA (JOH-luh-FOH-nyee) - **“L calls himself a secret believer.** He has studied the Bible with our Jola-Fonyi Team for almost 20 years. **He knows many Bible stories,** and if you were to ask him a question about the Bible, we would be surprised if he didn't know the answer. **He reads his Bible and prays daily.** When we are together in a large group and Jola-Fonyi people ask biblical questions, he oftentimes is the one to answer the question. He prayed to accept Jesus as his Savior many years ago, but he is afraid of persecution from his family and friends so he has not been baptized. He already is persecuted verbally by the village because he studies the Bible with us every week. He is afraid that if he openly follows Jesus, his father-in-law (who is a strong Muslim) could take his wife and four children away from him. **Pray that L will have the courage & faith to be baptized & be able to openly follow Jesus. Please pray that one day he and his family will be the first Christian family in this village.”** <http://www.jola-fonyi.org/>

ARAB PEOPLES OF CENTRAL UNITED KINGDOM - Please pray for a group of Arab Muslim women who gather in each other's homes every Saturday night. Right before the Sacrificing Eid (a holiday), J, a believer, had a colleague draw a beautiful henna pattern on her hand. Within that pattern were symbols that served as a reminder of God's Story from

“Creation to Christ.” S, an Arab Muslim, asked about J's henna and asked to hear the story. All five women present heard the story to some degree (amid children interrupting), and in the end, S told J that she felt like she should read the Bible for herself. She was offered one in her language and English, but she said she could find it online. Pray for J and others as they return and follow up with S. Pray for H, another adult sister from this family who was gifted with a New Testament about six months ago. Lift up this group of women who all share wide family ties, asking that their households will come to faith in Jesus all together.

WASSULU OF MALI, GUINEA AND COTE DIVOIRE (WAH-soo-loo) - Less than 10 years ago, the Wassulu Team could not have asked you to pray for believers among the Wassulu people. Team members had heard that there were possibly a few Wassulu followers of Christ scattered in the region, but had met none. Instead, they knew that there were countless villages that had never heard the Gospel! Take time today to reflect and give God thanks for what He has done among the Wassulu over the roughly 14 years of praying for them! **Give thanks** for the small but growing number of Wassulu believers and for the access to “new” villages that has been given to the Wassulu Team. **Pray that in light of the current problems in Mali, God will continue to give team members access to the believers for discipleship and to the region for evangelism. Ask the Lord to give team members wisdom as they consider strategies for working with the Wassulu in Guinea as well as wherever they are scattered around the world.**

SRI LANKA - One day a week, a group of Muslim women travel from all around the capital city to come to the apartment of two international workers for an American cooking class. As the Muslim women march up the stairs to the apartment, they greet one another with the standard Muslim peace greeting, “Asalaam Alaykum,” and a chorus of “Alaykum Asalaam” is returned to them. When everyone has arrived, some women remove their head coverings while others just

lift up their face covering. One of the “older aunties” usually repeats the directions to the group in the local language for clarification and an “ahh” in unison echos around the room. As the item goes into the oven to bake, **all 11 women come into the living room for a story time.** Every week a new story is shared about a man named Jesus who came to take away the sins of the world. During this time, some of the women are feeding their babies, some are writing down the recipe, and some leave the room to talk on the phone. Yet there are some who are intently listening, nodding along with the story, waiting to hear more about a man named Jesus. **Pray for God to open these women's hearts and for them to desire salvation through Jesus.**

TOPOSA OF SOUTH SUDAN (toh-POH-sah) - Remember the Toposa Team this month as they look forward and face a busy next few months and a time of closures and transitions. **Pray** for God's peace amid stress. **Pray** for God's wisdom in every decision that must be made. **Pray** for continued language acquisition during language lessons and language retention while practicing with nationals. **Pray for confidence and boldness as they share stories from God's Word** and stories about HIV/AIDS in villages. **Pray** for God's unlimited patience during these next few months. *And pray that above all else, God will be glorified in Toposaland!*

HOKKIEN OF EAST ASIA AND BEYOND (HAWK-in) - The next few months will be filled with networking opportunities to understand needs and partnering opportunities. This is a very critical time, and God has already opened so many doors. Ask the Father to provide wisdom as contact is made with local co-laborers across this people group.

Source: International Mission Board (IMB) Prayer Director, Ed Cox/CompassionNet
<http://www.imb.org/main/pray>

Stories from the field:



Thank you for praying for Urbana 2012

– God blessed the gathering, 4,224 people who committed to long-term service in God's global mission! *How does this happen- PRAYER!!*

Check out the Prayer Room & Resources <https://urbana.org/urbana-12/whats-urbana/prayer>

Telling the Gospel Through Story:

Evangelism That Keeps Hearers Wanting More

By Christine Dillon

Take a peek at the book:

http://books.google.com/books?id=HIRG4T33GfsC&pg=PA7&lpg=PA2&ots=3dT2KyAiDR&dq=christine+Dillon+telling+the+gospel+story&output=html_text



Check out the website that highlights the stories behind the book.

Storying The Scriptures:

1. <http://storyingthescriptures.com/using-storying-to-teach-a-topic/>

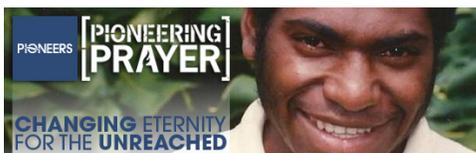


Praying for UUPGs...

You can commit to pray for an Unengaged, Unreached, People Group (UUPG). Sign up & receive periodic reminders.

Source: To sign up to pray for a UUPG: <http://prayer.finishingthetask.com/form.php>

The prayer section is at: <http://www.finishingthetask.com/prayer.html>



Pray for Pioneers OneStory Teams.

Teams in the more remote parts of the Arab world may be at greater risk of danger. Pray that workers would be sensible as they go about their daily business. At the same time, pray that fear would not hinder the spread of the Gospel. Pray for victims of the sex trade in East Asia who have found asylum with a team running a safe house. Recently, their security was compromised, forcing them to close the safe house temporarily. Pray for wisdom and safety of the team they were staying with.

Pioneers Media - Henna

Throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East,

henna (a temporary plant-based dye) is used to dye hair and beards—the most common use of henna is decorative body art on the hands & feet. People often believe that the use of henna brings blessing or luck. The designs can be quite elaborate. Here is an excerpt from the letter of a Pioneer who is using henna to reach out with the gospel.



After hearing from a friend about the creative use of henna art to share the gospel, I was intrigued. I watched videos and read information & wondered if there was a way to tell the whole story from Creation to Christ on the palm of a hand. After some practice, I found a way. With henna, I can share the gospel without having constant eye contact that leaves me wondering, "What are they thinking? Am I saying it right? Do they understand me?" I focus on the art and the story and let the Holy Spirit do His work. Finally, I draw a clock. I tell them that time is passing, and their death is certain. But I remind them that they have heard what I believe and that they have a choice to make about Jesus. Then I ask the person to retell the story back to me by using the henna cues to remember the details. It reinforces the story & helps to clarify any misunderstandings. They get to take the picture home with them to repeat it to others. Pray for new believers to be courageous and that the Lord will be their protector.

Ask God for many people to hear and understand from henna story-telling.

Source: Pioneers [Stories](http://pioneers.org/media/connect/MediaArchive.aspx?catg=Stories) <http://pioneers.org/media/connect/MediaArchive.aspx?catg=Stories>



Psalm 119:129: *"The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."*

Together to pray for the 'Bible-less' Oral people of our world

NEWEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD USES THE AUDIBIBLE™

Hygiene promoters use Audible™ players when visiting settlement homes to present a basic hygiene message. The Republic of South Sudan, the newest country in the world, became an independent state on 9 July 2011. SOUTH SUDAN adopted a National Anthem with the beginning phrase: *"O God, we praise and glorify you for your grace on South Sudan."* South Sudanese people practice mainly indigenous traditional beliefs, with others adhering to Christianity as a result of Christian missionary efforts. There are some 8 million people live in South Sudan on a rural subsistence economy, while 80% of Sudanese oil is located in South Sudan. Sharing of these proceeds is disputed and the resulting benefits are still not felt. Over 2.5 million people have died as a result of war. 60 different languages prevail, and the new country struggles with some of the worst "health indicators" in the world. BUT OUR GOD REIGNS ! Here South Sudanese people are responding to an invitation as a result of seeing the Jesus film in their own language. Many will receive Audio Bibles with the text of the Jesus Story in their own language to listen to over and over again. Instead of Ministry workers showing the Jesus Film just packing up the video equipment and leaving, they also distribute Audio Bibles to local pastors and leaders with the same "Stories of Jesus" from the Gospel of Luke that was seen on the film in their own languages. This then leads to people listening & interacting w/the Word of God together on a regular basis, and the start of a new fellowship of Believers. The combination of technologies & Scripture engagement methods is proving to be very effective.

Connect with prayer @ Davar:

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For testimonies, or confirmation of praying w/us or to receive a regular Davar Prayer Letter, please contact [Davar Prayer Team](http://www.davarprayer.com).

Source: [Davar Prayer Team](http://www.davarpartners.com) www.davarpartners.com

ION connects people who are reaching oral communicators AND storytelling resources & training. Those in the network focus as well on unreached (UPG's) & unengaged (UUPG's) thru media, oral methods, Storytelling. www.OralBible.org

Official Website:
www.InternationalOralityNetwork.com
 or www.oralbible.com

Executive Director: Samuel Chiang

Connect w/others in ION on Facebook



ION has two options for you:

Facebook ION Page allows for group members to interact with one another.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/143049235766186?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Facebook ION Group serves basically as a bulletin board to share information and educate.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/18669349617/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Each month a Prayer Focus is released to help everyone pray together. Sign-up to receive this via email by sending a request to: IONPrayer@gmail.com



Global Prayer Digest Orality Articles

<http://www.globalprayerdigest.org/index.php/archive/results/eb448fad656c01cdcca69b019a53dd60/>

Sharing the gospel in stories

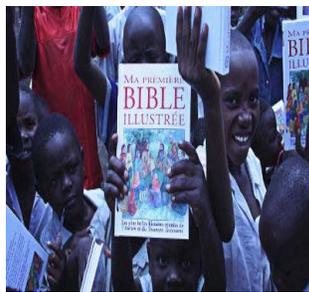
<http://www.globalprayerdigest.org/index.php/archive/results/3fef11823f833cef7f29e177b4cd7bfe/>



Here is the ION Conference Location:

Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center
 16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield,
 MO 63017 - The Website to Register will
 open in January. www.ionevents.org

ORALITY in the News!



Mart Green
 Partners
 With
 Wycliffe,
 Biblica,
 Bible
 Society on
 Digital
 Bible
 Library

12/14/2012 by Bill Roberts

[Read the article from the link below]

“Three major Bible ministries, working alongside leading Christian philanthropists, announced Thursday the launch of **Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN)**, a ministry alliance. *More than 1.2 billion people worldwide have no access to the Bible in their heart language and there are currently 2,000 languages that have no Scripture translation efforts underway.* These sobering statistics shine a light on the reality of “*Bible poverty*” and the tremendous need to develop innovative new approaches to translation, distribution and evangelism.”

[See the link below for the full article]

Source:

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/34940-mart-green-partners-with-wycliffe-biblica-bible-society-on-digital-bible-library>

Prayer for Training



Praising God for the successful launch of **KIDStory**

Join in prayer for Gary Strudler,
 Director of Training & Outreach for
 kids around the world

Kids Around the World on the web:
www.kidsaroundtheworld.com



January 18-19, 2013

PRAY for the ORALITY WORKSHOP

Children Can Tell the Story!

Gary Strudler

Discover how Bible storying can help children understand God's heart for missions and give them practical ways to reach out to a needy world.

Living Water International

Jerry Wiles – LWI/Houston, TX
Orality Training Workshop: An Introduction to Contextual Bible Storying – Next trainings are
 Houston, TX - January 19, 2013
 Portage, MI - March 2, 2013
 See details at – <http://water.cc/orality>

[YWAM Frontier Missions South](http://www.ywamfrontiermissionsouth.com)

[Asia](http://www.ywamfrontiermissionsouth.com/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 ...* Source: www.kingdomadvance2013.com

Simply the Story

Europe-Sligo, Republic of Ireland
 March 11-15, 2013

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track and How to Teach Others March 11-15
 Practitioner Track March 13-15
 Contact Bryan Thompson for more details [Click to email at bt@simplythestory.org](mailto:bt@simplythestory.org)

USA Scheduled One Stop Workshops -
 Fulton, SD - January 8-12, 2013

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track and How to Teach Others - Jan 8th-12th
 Practitioners Track Jan 10th-12th
 For more info contact Albert by email at: albertandelizabeth@gmail.com
 A PDF Brochure of the [Fulton Workshop](http://www.simplythestory.org/fulton-workshop)
[Click here](http://www.simplythestory.org/fulton-workshop) to download registration form

Hemet, CA - January 28-February 1st

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track and How to Teach Others - Jan 28-Feb 1st
 Practitioners Track Jan 30-Feb 1st
 A PDF Brochure of the [Hemet Workshop](http://www.simplythestory.org/hemet-workshop)
[Click here](http://www.simplythestory.org/hemet-workshop) to download registration form

Columbia, SC - Jan 29-Feb 2, 2013

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track and How to Teach Others - Jan 29th-Feb 2nd
 Practitioners Track Feb 1st-2nd
 For more info Contact Jackson for more details Jackson@simplythestory.org
 A PDF Brochure of the [Columbia Workshop](http://www.simplythestory.org/columbia-workshop)

Archbold, OH - March 1-6, 2013

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track and How to Teach Others - March 1st-6th
 Practitioners Track March 2nd-6th
 For info – info@simplythestory.org or call (951) 658-1619

To connect in prayer:

<http://www.simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/index.php/prayer-requests.html>

Source: Simply the Story
www.simplythestory.org

ION Prayer Focus

DEAF PEOPLES - For many years, many Deaf have not had a Bible available in their language. **Recently God's Word was completed in Russian Sign Language.** One Deaf leader in a neighboring country received a copy and said, "This is our language! These are our people!" **Pray for the spreading of God's Word to the Deaf in Russia and in surrounding countries.**

DAKAR, SENEGAL (dah-KAR) - "The method that our **Dakar Urban Team has chosen for reaching the people of our city is to tell Bible stories that the hearers can retell.** The primary story told is from Luke 2:8-18. Throughout the city, each team member has contacts for whom their hearts are deeply burdened. **Ask** our Father to open the hearts of the hearers as we share the Good News. **Pray** that those who accept the gift of salvation will have a burden to share w/their friends & families so that many churches will be established throughout our city for God's glory."

TIHAMA YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN (tih-HAH-mah) - Though there are a handful of individuals interested in **hearing or reading stories from God's Word,** they are often afraid to reveal this to even their closest of friends or relatives. Since heavy persecution often begins at home, at even the point of interest rather than conversion, those who dare to look at the Truth often hide it. However, when families move together toward Jesus, they are somewhat sheltered & protected from the very forms of persecution they so dread. **Pray that those with access to God's Word will share it with their families, and that whole families together will come to embrace the Son!**

UNREACHED PEOPLES OF NORTH BRAZIL - "Please pray for a northern state of Brazil with 13 UPGs & 1 UUPG located there. As we have prayed extensively for these groups, God has guided us thus far to **research, interviews, and contacts with some key 'persons of peace' (Luke 10:6).** Pray now as we seek to involve both state conventions & individual churches more directly in adopting unreached peoples for prayer and eventual engagement. **Pray as we seek to gather the necessary resources for equipping the churches to saturate the areas with oral and visual versions of the Gospel story.**

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee) - For the past few months in the town of GR, a member of the Sokoto Fulani Team has begun to disciple local Fulani believers. Sunday is market day in this village & is the day when these Fulani believers come into town. She is able to meet

w/them on Sundays & **share stories.** Her hope is that during the week ahead, they all will share the stories w/people in their village or whomever they encounter. **The believers have been faithful in coming to discipleship lessons & in sharing. Please pray** for the continued boldness of these believers, **ask that the Spirit will continue to captivate their hearts & instill in them a desire to learn God's Word & share His message** with those who are still in darkness.

GURAGE OF ETHIOPIA (goo-ra-gay) - Praise God that some rural believers are meeting together for worship, encouragement & prayer, they are also **learning Bible stories that they can keep in their hearts.** These oral truths can be shared easily with family and neighbors. *After they hear a story, they answer three simple questions: "What does this story say? What does it tell us about God? Is there something here for us to obey?"* In this way, they are being disciplined and taught truth that they can use to lead others. **Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them. Pray that they will grow in the truth and knowledge of God the Father and Jesus.**

AR OF COLOMBIA (ahr) - National missionary J makes the long & physical trip nearly all uphill to the Pa. During recent trips, he heard the Ar people talk about the ways that the stories are changing the way they think. The numbers have grown to the point that they now have two groups instead of one. Two more villages asking J to come & tell them the stories... but the hike is long and the results are slow in coming. When J arrives, he is greeted by the children who have memorized & are telling all 7 of the stories that he has shared & taught w/the group of men in the village. The adults who are retelling them to the children! God is at work. **Keep praying, pray that the fruit of the Gospel here will spill over into the greater Ar community.**

Unengaged Unreached Peoples UUPGs

NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN (UUPG) UNENGAGED PEOPLES - "Will you marry me?" This famous question precedes an answer of commitment or rejection. It's not so different from this question: "Are you ready to repent, put your faith in Jesus, and receive the Holy Spirit?" Marriage is a beautiful picture of Jesus and the Church. But what about those who've never been "proposed to"? **Who are not "engaged"?** Who have not been properly "courted"? **There are 33 unengaged people groups in North Africa. Of these, seven have populations of 100,000 or more.** *Practically speaking, this means that nobody is working with them to implement a church-planting strategy.* In other words, nobody has a plan to "pop the question" to them. Thankfully, for a few Arab & Berber

unengaged people groups & societal segments, their courtship will begin soon. They will be given the opportunity to hear the Good News in their heart language, understand why the Good News is such from their cultural perspective & respond in faith to that Good News. God has already proven His love; pray for Him to prepare their hearts to say "YES!" to Jesus, lover of their souls. *"...Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless"* (Ephesians 5:25-27). **May it be a beautiful wedding-- Jesus and His Bride, the Church in North Africa!**

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UUPGs When the Subia of Namibia have problems or disputes, they can turn to their headman or chief for resolution, he hears both sides of the problem & makes a decision that will be accepted by both parties. **Pray** that the Subia will come to know El Elyon, Almighty God, that they will know that He is over all: time, life, death, kings and kingdoms. **Pray that they will turn to El Elyon first with their life, and that they will learn to live by His Word, accepting it as the truth. Pray** that from the head chief to the smallest child, *they will raise their eyes to heaven and bless the Most High, praising and honoring Him who reigns forever. Pray that someone with God's purpose and vision will engage them with the Gospel.*

EAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - Pray for the **unengaged unreached people groups of East Asia, asking** that God will open a way where there seems to be no way for them to hear His name. **Ask** God to open their hearts to His love, to give them a hunger for Him, so that when they at last hear His message, they will receive Him w/open arms.

SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES - **Please continue to pray for the Bible video series that has been dubbed into a major South Asian language.** More than 3,000 people have already viewed the online films. **Pray for a national speaker who can respond** to the calls of those who want to know more about Jesus as a result of what they have seen. **Pray** that the Father will continue to use this video series to draw men, women & children unto Himself.

Source: International Mission Board (IMB) Prayer Director, Ed Cox
<http://www.imb.org/main/pray>