



**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...

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

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## Prayer Requests:

Praying for orality, stories from the field.



**Orality Focused Prayer Requests**



**AMAZON PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN** (AM-uh-zahn) - “No, no, no! You’re leaving a lot out of the story!” complained N as he overheard his wife telling me about their people. N sat down w/us & began to tell what his people believed about God & Creation. I listened very closely, & when N was finished, I repeated his story--allowing him to correct me, when needed. Then I said, ‘Now let’s hear what God says about Creation in His Word.’ So for the next 20 minutes, I told the story of God’s plan of redemption from Creation to Christ. Everyone became so absorbed in the story that they didn’t even notice when 10 other relatives slipped into the room, sat on the floor, & began to listen.” Pray that N & his relatives will continue to have the opportunity to hear the truth about God. Ask God to reveal Himself as the “only true God” to this family & other unreached & unevangelized peoples w/whom the Amazon Peoples Team works. Pray that they will joyfully receive new life in Christ.

**ABIDJAN, COTE D IVOIRE** (ab-i-JAHN) - “Please pray for some women’s chronological Bible storying groups I have been doing with V, a local pastor’s wife,” writes a missionary apprentice. “Some will be coming to a decision point this month. Pray for these women, namely S & others, who will be making a choice that will affect everything in their relationship w/God. For

these women, the decision to follow Christ would bring much trouble to their immediate circumstances. Pray that we all will act w/wisdom no matter which way they decide. Pray also for V as she evaluates what she thinks of this evangelism method & whether or not she would like to continue on.”

**LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING AND DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) OF SOUTH ASIA** - During the Spring 2013 LEAD semester, pastors & primary church leaders will study 1st and 2nd Peter; Storying for Evangelism and Church Planting & the Doctrine of God. These training sessions will take team members to various locations, which will involve tedious travel & uncomfortable accommodations. The team members covet your prayers for travel safety, for good health, for mental clarity & for wisdom in teaching God’s Word accurately. In February, one LEAD team couple will face a rough week of travel that will take them to three locations in one week, where they will teach chronological Bible storying to each of the three groups. Pray for R, E and P as they coordinate the logistics for their groups that week; for the participants as they set aside their regular responsibilities to spend a couple of days digging into God’s Word & for those who will translate, asking that they will be accurate in their translation. Pray that everyone involved will learn all that God wants them to learn through this experience & that they will enthusiastically put into practice the things they learn.

**NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - “Kasbahs” (adobe castles) are living structures made of clay and manure. Such organic architecture is re-mudded routinely. People are like that. Consider this: “Coming to Him, a living stone--rejected by men but chosen and valuable to God--you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... ‘Look! I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen & honored cornerstone & the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame!’ So honor will come to you who believe...” (1 Peter 2:4-7a, HCSB). While the Moors of Mauritania build

adobe castles, God is building His people into a spiritual house. Pray for the Moors to believe in the Cornerstone, receive honor not shame & offer spiritual sacrifices. Praise God that recently persecuted believers offered such sacrifices to Him. Pray for true liberation in their societies & souls. Pray for educational opportunities so that they can see themselves as God sees them, peoples worth saving, remaking & building into His spiritual house.

**SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - The Alas (pronounced ah-LOS) are culturally connected to the Batak (bah-TOK) tribes of northern Sumatra, Indonesia. Most of the Batak tribes are culturally Christian. This is an embarrassment to the Alas, who are proud of their Muslim faith. There are Batak ethnic churches in the midst of the Alas area, but at this point, these churches are more inward focused. Pray for a revival among the believers who are living in the midst of the Alas. Ask the Holy Spirit to powerfully convict. Pray for workers to be sent out to the Alas, one of Sumatra’s nine unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs).

**Source:** International Mission Board (IMB) Prayer Director, Ed Cox/CompassionNet

<http://www.imb.org/main/pray>

## Prayer for the next IONConference



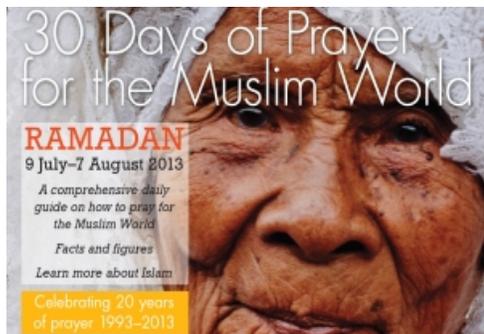
**Location is St. Louis area:**

Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center  
 16625 Swingley Ridge Road,  
 Chesterfield, MO 63017

Register at: [www.ionevents.org](http://www.ionevents.org)



April 23, 2013 – Charlotte, NC  
Source: <http://issacharinitiative.org/>



[30-Days of Prayer for the Muslim World](http://30-days.net)  
**Ramadan 2013: 9 July-7 August**

20 years ago a few mission leaders were praying together. They felt challenged to focus their attention on reaching the Muslim world. Thus *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World* movement as born.

Source: <http://30-days.net>



September 29-October 19 2013  
ION is pleased to again be working alongside this prayer movement as a global stakeholder.

Source: <http://21daysofprayer.net/>

IDOP – November 10th, 2013



Pray that God will bless all regional coordinators with wisdom to prepare new leaders and form strong teams for spreading the Gospel.

## Prayer Resources

### High Places Prayer Patrol

Wrestling against rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in high places.



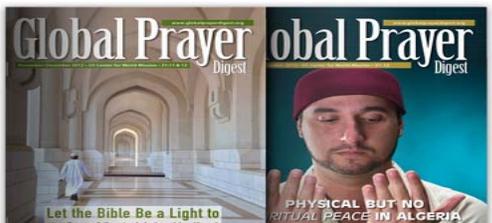
“What are the High Places?” They are the mountains running from Tibet across the India side of the Hindu Kush to Pakistan and Afghanistan.



Do you see the red dots? Each one represents an unreached people group. On the “Peoples” page, you will find that this map is interactive and highlights the 400+ UPG’s in the region. Sign up for a daily email to link in prayer for UUPGs.

Source: <http://highplaces.prayerpatrol.net/>

## Global Prayer Digest



Here's a great resource for those who want to be informed intercessors. Today 73,000 people around the world will pray for a specific unreached people group.

Source: [www.globalprayerdigest.org](http://www.globalprayerdigest.org)

Be sure to check out their Map showing a global picture of issues covered in prayer to date.

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&t=h&msa=0&msid=100271532532542727662.00047d8805f60982a336b&ll=26.74561,-3.867187&spn=126.267095,337.148438&z=2&source=embed>

## ORALITY in the News

**Dealing with the Storms of Life: How Simple Stories Can Have a Profound Impact**

-Jerry Wiles (LWI) **Brand new article!**

Source: Assist News  
<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13020018.htm>

## Praying for Training

### Kids Around the World:

[www.kidsaroundtheworld.com](http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.com)

One more training wkshp here in the USA - **February 16th** at Northeast Christian Church. Kids Around the World President, Jim Rosene, will be leading a KIDStory training during the afternoon breakout session. Signup at:

<http://teamworkconference.com/>

### E3Partners

Story Training for Trainers Workshop, **February 18 -22**, in Plano, TX. More info and to register go to:

[www.e3partners.org/st4tworkshop](http://www.e3partners.org/st4tworkshop)

### Living Water International

**Sat, March 2, 2013- Portage, MI**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm Cost is \$25/Person

[Click Here to Register](#)

**Sat, April 27, 2013 - Houston, TX**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Living Water

International Home Office Cost is \$35

[Click Here to Register](#)

See details at – <http://water.cc/orality>

### 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 ...*Source: [www.kingdomadvance2013.com](http://www.kingdomadvance2013.com)

### Simply the Story

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

How to Teach Others March 11-15 and Practitioner Track March 13-15

Contact [bt@simplythestory.org](mailto:bt@simplythestory.org)

**Archbold, OH - March 1-6, 2013**

Full Workshop: Practitioner Track & How to Teach Others - March 1st-6<sup>th</sup>

Practitioners Track March 2nd-6<sup>th</sup>

For info – [info@simplythestory.org](mailto:info@simplythestory.org)

Source: [www.simplythestory.org](http://www.simplythestory.org)

### StoryRunners - School of Storying

5 day training in Orlando, FL  
**Sun, April 7 to Fri, April 12, 2013** in Orlando, Florida USA for Living and working with a small group of Christians, you'll learn to use Bible storying for evangelism, discipleship, leadership training & church planting within an unreached people group.

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

Download the pdf for info at:

<http://www.storyrunners.com/documents/school-of-storying-april-2013.pdf>

## Praying for Table 71, w/primary focus UUPGs

Join in prayer for Table 71 Feb 26-27th Organizations Currently Collaborating as part of Table 71:

- Call 2 All
- Campus Crusade for Christ International
- Finishing the Task
- International Mission Board
- International Orality Network
- Issachar Initiative
- JESUS Film
- National Christian Foundation
- Seed Company, The
- Trans World Radio (TWR)
- Walk Thru the Bible
- Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Youth With A Mission

The goal is to establish a strong and viable church within all Unreached People Groups (UPGs), so that the number is reduced to ZERO.

God has continued to produce fruit with the following outgrowths of the relationships among the Table 71 organizations.

Still today some very sobering statistics exist:

- 4,000+ language groups still have no Bible
- Over 3,100 people groups have no missionary. ([1])
- 2/3 of the world and the unreached are illiterate and need to receive the Gospel message orally but we tend to minister with a literate approach. ([3])
- 3.5 Billion Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus are without Christ, and have very little chance of hearing the Gospel.

Source: <http://www.Table71.org>

To understand Table 71 see this video:

<http://issacharinitiative.org/history-of-table-71/>

### Biblical Elements of the Great Commission

Several years ago, at a meeting of Table 71, each organization was asked to give a brief report on what their objectives were by 2020. At the end of the morning of sharing it was evident that though all the leaders were there to talk about sending workers to the UUPGs, the heart of every leader was around the fulfillment of the Great Commission. And so they began to draw out what those elements were and came up with the 5 key themes and 5 emphases that highlighted what it meant to fulfill the Great Commission. (see pic above)

Source: <http://www.Table71.org> or <http://issacharinitiative.org/about-issachar/about-the-movement/>



### 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>



One denomination is making it a priority to help their many churches to step into the world of UUPGs – God is at work in causing a major shift within this one denomination... take a few minutes, read & pray thru this interview w/Tom Elliff IMB President – check out the stats he quotes here for UUPGs

Source: Missions Around the World <http://www.wordslingersok.com/2013/02/missions-around-the-world-interview-with-imb-president-tom-elliff/>



In January, the YouVersion Bible App was opened in every country on the Earth. "Declare His glory among the nations..." 1 Chronicles 16:24 [www.bible.com/app](http://www.bible.com/app)

It also became the app for the new mini-series called "The Bible" a series to begin on the History Channel 3-3-2013. Have you ever tried to picture what Noah's family experienced during the flood? How it felt to be present when the wise men knelt before Jesus? [The Bible series](http://www.bibleseries.tv/), is presented from television's top husband-and-wife team Roma Downey and Mark Burnett. From Genesis to Revelation, this 5-part series is a powerful collection of stories using technology to help people engage with God's Word. Very soon, you'll have the opportunity to access video content from the series directly in the YouVersion Bible App.

Source: <http://www.bibleseries.tv/>

### What are the Biblical Elements of the Great Commission Task?

	Scripture For All (Romans 10:17)	Evangelism For the Unreached (Mark 16:15)	Discipleship For the Church (Matt.28:19-20)
CURRENTLY VERY STRATEGIC	1 Scriptures Translation, Distribution, & Use The "Oral Bible" (Matt. 4:4)	2 Workers In Unreached People Groups (Rev. 5:0)	3 Evangelism Focus: Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, & Secularists (Matt. 24:14)
	4 Orality Reaching Illiterate & Oral Learners (Matt. 13:34)	5 Church Planting & Presence (Acts 2:42-47)	6 Prayer & Unity (Luke 10:2; John 17:20-23)
	7 Compassion Ministries - For the Needy (James 2:14-24)	8 Confession, Repentance & Holy Spirit (1 John 1:8-10, Ephesians 5:18)	9 Mobilizing the Body of Christ - People & Finances (Isaiah 6:8; Luke 3:38)
	10 Research, Mapping & Reporting (Numb. 13:17-20; Matt. 5:14-16)		

## Join in prayer for the “new look” & website launch...

**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](http://www.OralBible.org)

Official Website:

[www.InternationalOralityNetwork.com](http://www.InternationalOralityNetwork.com)

or [www.oralbible.com](http://www.oralbible.com)

Executive Director: Samuel Chiang

Please join in praying for the “new look” and website resources getting ready to launch this spring.



Connect w/others 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-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/143049235766186?ref=ts&fref=ts)

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

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

## Scripture Engagement Partner



**Psalms 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**

February 2013 – Month of Fasting & Prayer for the 2,252 unengaged, unreached people groups consisting of 350 million people without a single verse of scripture in their heart language and millions more without a whole Bible. **Connect with prayer @**

**Davar:** [www.prayer@davar.co.za](mailto:www.prayer@davar.co.za)

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

[www.davarpayers.com](http://www.davarpayers.com)

## Mission Frontiers



### Peoples on the Move

Can the church cope with mobile mission fields. **Read it now.**

Source: Mission Frontiers

<http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/current>



### Reaching the Unengaged It's Time to Act – Paul Eshleman

I was in a small Karamoja village in northern Uganda. One hundred and eighty thousand people had died of starvation the year before. On the outskirts of the village was a pile of human skulls that stood as a stark testimony to the tragedy. I picked up two of the skulls in my hands and realized that just six months before, these had been living, breathing, human beings. I wondered if anyone had ever told them the message of Jesus. As we gathered some of the people together, I began to ask them, through my interpreter, to tell me what they knew about Jesus. One by one, the answers came: “I don't know who he is, sir.”

[Read the full article from the link below]

Source: Mission Frontiers

<http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/reaching-the-unengaged>

### JESUS Film Project -App

Source: <http://www.jesusfilm.org/film-and-media/watch-the-film>



Green circles: Muslim UUPGs

Purple circles: Non-Muslim UUPGs

Source:

[http://www.brookhills.org/images/global/2008\\_uupg\\_map-large.png](http://www.brookhills.org/images/global/2008_uupg_map-large.png)

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](mailto:IONPrayer@gmail.com)

### OneStory

"Oral Bible" story sets available in 26 languages -- **Listen Now!**

Source: <http://www.onestory-media.org/>