



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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 Visit www.oralbible.com

Prayer Requests:

Praying for orality, stories from the field.



Orality Focused Prayer Requests



ENGAGING CHURCHES - SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - “Engaging Churches are marked w/excitement & the thrill of being used effectively by God on the ‘frontlines of lostness’ in telling people of Christ who would not otherwise hear! Currently we have 19 Engaging Churches or individuals, yet there are 158 UUPGs or UPGs in our Central Sahel Cluster (Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Cote d’Ivoire, part of Chad, part of Cameroon, Niger and Burkina Faso) who will not be receiving a career missionary. **Please ask God** to give His heart for the nations to all the Southern Baptist pastors and churches. **Pray that He** will place the desperate need of a people heading toward eternal damnation continually on their minds. **Pray that churches** will be challenged by God to come. **Intercede for five Baptist churches as they consider engaging people groups** in the Central Sahel, asking that God will make His direction clear to them.”

DAKAR, SENEGAL - Thank you for praying for D, who had experienced persecution, to be bold enough to share his faith w/others. **God has answered your prayers** for him! D is employed as a night guard & has contact with approx 15 other men who all guard businesses in the same neighborhood. He has shared w/many of them about Jesus. Some of them have been given SD memory

cards for their smartphones so they can listen to Bible stories and the “JESUS” film. **Ask God** to make the truths from His Word become real to each guard. **Give thanks to Him** for what He is doing through believers like D.

NU OF COLOMBIA - In a community about 1 1/2 hrs from where they live is a group of Nu people who have recently settled in this area. National missionaries L and J know some of the people living in this community and are praying for the opportunity to take the “God stories” to them. Security in the area is not good, but L and J believe that God has opened a door. **Pray** as L & J make their first trip to this community of Nu people this month. **Pray** that they will be well received and kept safe, and **ask** that this group of Nu people will be open to future visits & the sharing of the Gospel.

FUTA TORO FULANI OF WEST AFRICA - “A partnering church &a partnering school will join our Futa Toro Team in March to expand our ministries. They will join us in sharing the stories & shattering the silence as we reach out to places where the message has yet to be heard. Such partnerships not only impact lives here among the Futa Toro Fulani people, but they change the partnering church, school & communities as well. **Pray** that these partnerships will develop into long-term commitments, strengthening the work on both continents. **Ask** that the team leaders will have a clear direction of where and how best to use the time. **Pray** for open doors, open hearts, and clear communication skills. Mark the dates of March 5-16, and lift up these partnership projects.”

MUSIC, ART AND STORYTELLING MINISTRIES TO SOUTH ASIANS - “Please **pray** for a music workshop that we will be holding in a small city in the far northern part of India. **Pray** that pastors, worship leaders & believers wanting to learn more will attend & that the Spirit will guide all of us. **Pray** for new songs to be written in whatever mother tongues are represented.”

SOUTH ASIAN UUPGS - The Rajput Thuana are a noble tribe, treated w/honor by other people groups. Their name comes from the Sanskrit “raja-putra,” meaning “son of a king,” & they are descended from the nobility of the ancient Hindu caste system. Many of the Rajput Thuana have settled in Himachal Pradesh, a northern Indian state tucked into the Himalayan Mountains. Despite educational & technological advances in recent years, most of the Rajput Thuana remain lost. **Pray** that the almost 2 million Rajput Thuana will realize their need for a Savior and truly become “sons of the King” and “joint heirs with Jesus.”

BANGLADESH - “There is one unengaged unreached people group (UUPG) left in the country of Bangladesh. Because they are known for fishing, we have nicknamed them ‘the fishermen.’ In Nov 2011, two workers, led by the Holy Spirit, were able to locate one of their villages along a river. They shared the Gospel w/several men & boys. Since that time, we have been praying for open doors to go back in & locate the rest of their villages. **Pray** that God will prepare the way in their hearts. **Ask** for wisdom as short-term volunteers go in to map out their location & see how God is working, in order for us to engage them fully w/the Gospel. **Pray** for believers to rise up among them and a new church to start!”

SONGHAI OF WEST AFRICA - Over the next few months, the Songhai Team will be hosting several groups of volunteers from the United States. Some will be sharing evangelistic stories in unreached villages. Please **pray** for these volunteers. **Ask** that they will be faithful witnesses of the Gospel & many Songhai will come to a saving faith in Christ.

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

A Different ION Conference



ION's programming team has been working on behalf of the orality movement to put together a very different conference for St. Louis. Programming & plenary speakers are terrific! You will be enriched, challenged, and walk away with ready-to-deploy skills. If you have not yet registered for the September 16-19 event, please do register at: www.ionevents.org

Until ALL Have Heard,
Samuel E. Chiang
Executive Director
International Orality Network
oralityresources@gmail.com

Location is St. Louis area:

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

Register at: www.ionevents.org

Join in praying for the "new look" & website launch...

A new look is coming... New logo, new look for ION/Orality Networks website!

Here is the new logo - which expresses the multi-disciplined and multi-faceted nature of the orality network.



...BLACK represents the lack of light (lack of the knowledge of our Triune God) among the people groups.

...SILVER represents the message of bringing the Gospel through oral methods

...RED represents the blood of Jesus. It is the act of salvation represented by Christ's sacrifice.

...GOLDen globe symbolizes the utmost value of people everywhere. We recognize people groups-not political boundaries.

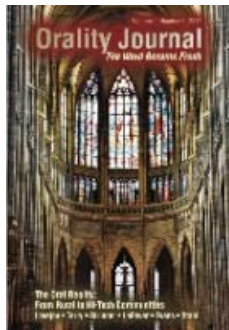
The choice of the side of the globe represented is in recognition of our emphasis on the 10/40- window where most oral preference learners live.

These elements represent the ethos of the International Orality Network.

Orality Journal – available NOW!

The Orality Journal is published semi-annually, and the March issue is available in print, and shall be available online, as soon as the new website is upgraded.

As the orality movement is a voluntary movement, we deeply treasure the indefatigable efforts of Bryan Thompson who heads story4all.com. He has already serialized the current and past articles in audio format. Pick up his podcast of the Orality Journal here:



<http://story4all.libsyn.com/s4a354-the-web>

Story4All featured the newest release of the "Orality Journal" on two recent shows. "Is making an illiterate people literate essential to them learning & communicating the Gospel?"

PART 1 featuring the newest release of "Orality Journal"- Show Notes here:

<http://story4all.libsyn.com/s4a354-the-web>

Direct download/stream here:

<http://bit.ly/WgArvK>



PART 2 featuring the newest release of "Orality Journal"- Show Notes:

<http://story4all.libsyn.com/s4a354-the-web-pt-2>

Direct link: <http://bit.ly/166DCIa>

Wycliffe Associates

National translators, literacy and Scripture Use workers, and oral Bible storytellers of the Bible Translation Association* (BTA) of Papua New Guinea need our prayers. Translation work is currently in progress for the Tawala, Are, Maiwala, and Suau language communities. BTA also desires to see the Haigwai language community leaders resolve to start work again in this language. Ask the Lord to steady the hearts and hands of those laboring to translate God's Word among these language communities of Papua New Guinea. Praise God for the participation of church leaders from Milne Bay in a recent Tokples Scriptures conference who made a strong commitment to see language work begun in the languages of this province. Pray that the same commitment will be embraced by the Haigwai community leaders
Source: <http://wycliffeprayer.wordpress.com/>

GLOBAL MINISTRY REQUEST

Strategy for Oral Learners

Pray for effectiveness and efficiency of the discipleship ministry plan to oral learners. There are a huge number of people in Africa who cannot or will not read or write. The Africa Region is implementing the use of Papyrus players to reach out to communities of oral learners and provide Bibles and discipleship resources in various languages. Pray that many people will come to the Lord as a result of this strategy.

Source: Prayer Mobilization for Nazarene Missions International (NMI)

PRAY for Orality Networks emerging around the world!

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



Connect w/others on Facebook:

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>



ION PRAYER FOCUS

Share with others about this Prayer Focus that is published each month to help others to link in united prayer for those working in ORALITY/UUPGs & GREAT COMMISSION PARTNER GROUPS.

Sign-up to receive the month prayer and a weekly reminder via email is by request only.

Send a request to:
IONPrayer@gmail.com

PRAISING w/ION PARTNERS

Kenya Sign Language Translators Notes
IM of Kenya - The Seed Company

Would you pray about this?

8 prayer warriors needed/this orality project!

Deaf kids are soaking up the Chronological Bible Stories (CBS), "How To Know God."

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving. Let us sing him psalms of praise. For the LORD is a great God, the great King above all gods." Psalm 95:2-3

The Deaf highly value information. But many are frustrated saying, "Religion is for hearing people. It has no relevance to the Deaf world." Deaf Christians also comment, "We want to be able to study the Bible on a deep level, like hearing people. But we have no Bible in our language and no study tools." This project will address their needs & prove particularly useful as Deaf Hand-Translators continue work for their community. Every Sunday one of the lady workers in the Deaf school shows the children DVDs of the 32 Bible stories in the Evangelism Series called "How To Know God," which the Kenyan Sign Language translators had produced. The kids love it & are soaking up the Bible stories. Praise the Lord for this!

Kenyan Sign Language Translators' Notes team finally got the consultant help they needed & were able to wrap up work they'd been laboring on. This completes the Notes to accompany the Discipleship Series of 45 Bible stories called "How To follow God." Praise God for the completion of the set of Translators' Notes to accompany this Discipleship Series. Currently, the team is drafting the Translators' Notes to go with the Believers' Fellowship Series entitled "How To Serve God," which has 34 Bible stories based mostly on Acts. Pray that these Notes will give Deaf translators & pastors insight into the functioning of the New Testament church.

Source: The Seed Company

<http://www.theseedcompany.org/story/kenya-sign-language-translators-notes-im-kenya-november-2011>



Beginnings	Stories 1-52
Building a Nation	Stories 53-113
The Path to Captivity	Stories 114-161
Beauty from Ashes	Stories 162-219
Work of the Holy Spirit	Stories 220-255

Source:

<http://www.bibletelling.org/AllStories.aspx>

MARK these dates on your Prayer Calendars!



April 23, 2013 – Charlotte, NC

Source: <http://issacharinitiative.org/>

Call2All Conference: Pray for this conference (21-24 May 2013) and for the involved speakers and all role-players. Hector Tamez the Mexico/S. America Orality Network, Director will be presenting.

Source: www.Call2All.org



30-Days of Prayer for the Muslim World 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.

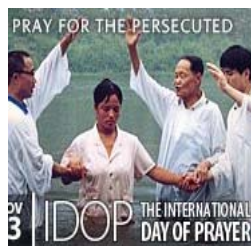
Source: <http://30-days.net>



September 29-October 19 2013

ION is pleased to again be working alongside this prayer movement as a global stakeholder.

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



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Plan to link together for the Int'l Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church



Bible becomes real for non-readers in Zambia | AFRICA STORIES

Source:

<http://www.commissionstories.com/afrika/stories/view/bible-becomes-real-for-non-readers-in-zambia?CID=TIMBC>

Praying for Training

Kids Around the World:

www.kidsaroundtheworld.com

Signups at:

<http://teamworksconference.com/>

Living Water International

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>

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

Source: www.simplythestory.org

StoryRunners - School of Storying

5 day training in Orlando, FL Sun, April 7 to Fri, April 12, 2013 Living & working w/a small group learning 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>

YWAM Frontier Mission South Asia 11-15 MARCH 2013 – Pray for the workshops such as: Storying and Oral Culture Learning, Developing Contextual Media Resources for your UPG.

Source: www.kingdomadvance2013.com

Praying for UUPGs...



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>

OneStory

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

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



PRAYER LETTER

Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers; they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

Praying for the Sawknah or Sokna

World Population: 5,600

People Group's Language: Sawknah

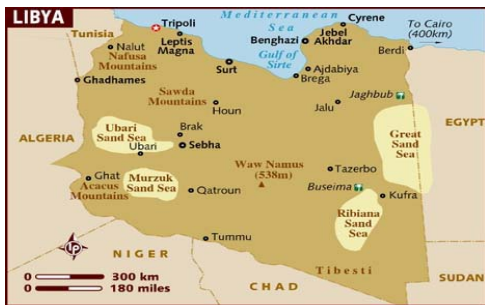
Main Religion: Islam

Status Reached: UUPG

Bible Texts: NONE

Audio: NONE

Davar is currently working on audio projects. General information on this people group: Sawknah or Sokna is a Berber language spoken in the northeastern Fezzan in Libya. Some researchers report that the language was spoken only by a handful of old people and it now presumed to be extinct. However, the Ethnologue reports 5,600 speakers as of 2006.



- www.davarparters.com www.ethne.net
www.joshuaproject.net www.ethnopedia.org
www.finishthetask.com www.wikipedia.org
www.opendoors.org.za www.lonelyplanet.org

Prayer for the Sawknah people group of Libya: "You are the good shepherd, the one that gave Your life for the sheep. You are the shepherd that knows Your sheep personally and calls them by name. You also know the Sawknah people of Libya and You want to guide them by showing the way. We pray that you will be the door to the Sawknah so that they can find their shelter and safety in You. Reveal Your love and identity to them and be the shepherd of their souls. Miraculously send Your labourers to them. Lead them beside still waters and in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake."

Continue to pray for the mastering process as well as equipment used for the Northern Sotho Audio Bible Scripture Recordings. Isixhosa full Bible recording: Pray for specific recording partners & the field recording. Pray for the urgent appointment of a new narrator. Ndau (Mozambique) and L'Uganda (Uganda) full Bible recordings: Praise God for recording partners that are in place. Continue to pray for the detail of all the projects.

PRAYING for Best Practices

Discovering Best Practices

by Jerry Wiles

I am often asked where to find the best practices and resources for Orality strategies for evangelism and disciple making. Increasing numbers of churches, ministries and mission organizations are becoming interested and involved with orality. You can now find many stories, reports and accounts of the amazing results from those who have made the change (or transition) from highly literate, western style communication and instruction, to more oral-learner-friendly approaches. This is true for mission work in Asia, Africa and Latin America, but it is also very effective with churches in North America, Europe and Western countries.

It is amazing how much more one can find on websites and in mission newsletters and other reports about storying and orality now, than just a few years ago. There are now several hundred organizations that are part of the International Orality Network. The Cape Town 2010 Lausanne Congress in South Africa gave considerable attention to Orality and Oral Cultures and included a section in the document, The Cape Town Commitment. (See www.lausanne.org)

Just a short time ago, when "Orality" was mentioned, one had to define and explain the term. And, in some circles, that is still the case today.

In a recent Orality Training Workshop at Living Water International in Houston, one attendee recognized that oral methods would work well in his prison ministry. Someone else had the revelation that they can use storying and orality working with the homeless and street ministry. Another person asked, "Will this work with children?" The answer is, "Yes. It is universal in its application."

Many people come to Orality training events to prepare for mission trips and work in developing countries. In the process of going through the training, they discover that the skills and methods they are learning will be effective in their own churches and with their own families, neighbors, co-workers and friends. One attendee was excited about starting to use storying with his children over meal times.

We continue to hear reports of individuals using the stories and questions and seeing people come to faith in Christ. Some of those say that orality has revolutionized the way they share their faith. One trainee, who had never led another person to the Lord, immediately used the methods and was so excited when someone received Christ. We have even heard testimonies of individuals telling the stories and people coming to Christ on the very day of the training.

Back to the question of the best practices and resources. There is an amazing amount of material available now on various websites, like www.oralbible.com and www.oraltystrategies.com and the many links and resources you'll find on those websites. (Detailed information about the ION Conference, scheduled for SEPT 16-19, 2013, is available: www.ionevents.org.) There is no single method that is the best for all people and every place. It is important to consider the receptor culture, the worldview and the context of your ministry or mission. One of the things I suggest to people who want to get started in Orality strategies is to learn all you can about the life, spirit and teachings of Jesus. That may sound simplistic, but He really is our best model and example of how to communicate, lead, teach and make disciples.

We in Living Water are observing that when people learn more and use oral methods, they become more positive, passionate and excited about sharing their faith and making disciples.

Some key components in the success of the Orality Movement are repetition and engagement. Also, "learning a little, practicing a lot and implementing immediately," seems to be striking a responsive chord with participants.

Orality skills enable followers of Jesus to cross over any and all borders and barriers with God's Story. Someone has observed that the Orality Movement is the essence of the Jesus Movement. This new movement is really the same old movement of God through His Church over the past 2,000 years.

Years ago I heard someone say, "The light that shines the brightest, shines the farthest." I suppose the reverse is also true. People who are transformed and have a passion for reaching the world will also have a greater passion for reaching their neighbors.

Our prayer is that increasing numbers will discover the love, truth and Spirit of Jesus and become reproducing followers of Christ, and experience His wisdom, power and anointing to make Him known in the most relevant manner to the ends of the earth.

Source: Jerry Wiles serves on the Advisory Council with ION.

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Pray for those who have not yet connected to ION through the website. Pray for them to be able to find out about the network and to connect formally by registering, so that they might be able to receive the Orality Newsletters. Registration is found on the website. www.oralbible.org