



**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](http://www.oralbible.com)

**Thursday Prayer Call**



**Have you been able to join the prayer call?!**  
 – Let us share what goes on during the call. There is a faithful group who meets via conference call for prayer each Thursday. It is an open prayer call. Rather or not a person joins us on the actual physical prayer call, we invite all to link in prayer or follow the monthly prayer focus in united prayer each week. *Anyone who has a heart to pray for the work of the completion of the Great Commission is welcome.*

All are welcome to join the actual prayer call. When you do you might notice it is a different kind of call. The focus is not just praying for the items on the monthly prayer focus. It is a time where not only those items are brought into focus but also current events and partners join to share what God is doing around the globe. The call is Spirit driven in purpose and content. There is a roll call at the front end, then there is a time of sharing any news or when a guest is on the line, updates are given. Then there is a shift over to prayer for the remainder of the hour. Usually callers are on the line from all around the world via skype or cell. During our roll call, you are encouraged to share your name, organization or location. There is a facilitator each week, whose purpose is to allow all to join into the prayer times. It is not our nature to call upon people to pray. It is a free flowing call. All are welcome with a global perspective for those

who still wait to hear the good news. There is a specific focus for those who are working in Orality or with UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups (ION partners & those connected to Table 71). ION is an initiative/outgrowth from Table 71, so we follow what is going on with the managing partners of Table 71 also. We have found that those who would also like to learn about Orality, or how those who are working in oral methods are using oral tools, come into a new understanding after having been on our calls. The facilitator will help the group stay united in focus. Please plan to come and join! You are free to invite others who might be wondering about orality to join in the prayer call any week. The Prayer Call is educational as well as effective in meeting the Lord in the spirit as He prays to the Father on behalf of those who still wait to hear the good news!

Visit <http://www.oralbible.org>  
 To find out about Table 71, view the **“History of Table 71”** video: <http://www.Table71.org>  
 To see a listing of managing partners for Table 71 go to: <http://www.table71.org/partners/>  
 We also cover the Table 71 Initiatives: <http://www.table71.org/initiatives/>

**\*Please join in prayer for the updating of the ION Website which will include an archive listing for all Prayer Focus guides that have been published to date. Thank you.**

**Prayer Requests:**



**Orality Focused Prayer Requests**



**DEAF PEOPLES** -Just this past month, workers in East Asia have had the joy of seeing 2 men be baptized--praise the Lord! Pray for these workers as they seek for more opportunities to teach God’s stories to the Deaf, asking that they will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading. Pray also for the Deaf who are saved & leaders to be empowered to multiply their efforts to see more Deaf come to Christ.

**TUNISIAN ARABS OF TUNISIA (too-NEE-zhan)** -As the temperatures warm up, Tunisians will be spending more time in the open-air cafes & parks. Winter is often family focused, but spring means that the social circles widen as neighbors sit together & students hang out in larger groups. Please pray for new initiatives using social media tools like Facebook & Twitter. At least 40 percent of the population has Internet access, more than 3 million Tunisians have Facebook accounts (90 percent of those who use the Internet). Pray for the development of multiple websites & Facebook pages where people can access the Bible & other materials that can answer their questions about Jesus. Pray for believers to be able to initiate relationships & communicate well w/those who respond & ask for information.

**DAKAR, SENEGAL (dah-KAR)** -“The journeymen on Dakar Urban Team who are young women lead a weekly Bible study for female university students who follow a world religion. Three women, whose first names begin with ‘A,’ have been faithful to attend. In the beginning, they came to nurture their friendship w/their teachers, but recently their focus has changed. Now they are more interested in the Bible stories. After hearing the story of Jesus’ healing of the paralytic man, they stated, ‘If Jesus can forgive sins, then He is God.’ They will be inviting 7 new students to join their study. Pray that students will be faithful to attend, that the Holy Spirit will direct the leaders to the Bible stories that will be most effective w/this group & that these students will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.”

**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES** - Pray for the situation in Mali, asking that God’s Word will still go out despite the political turmoil facing Malians. Pray that the believers who have been displaced from their homes will not only find refuge, but also be shining lights. Pray for missionaries serving in Mali as they seek ways to still effectively share the Gospel & disciple believers amid the political turmoil now facing Mali.

PRAYER REQUESTS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.

**HADRAMAUT YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN (HAH-drah-maht YEH-muh-nee)** -They came--people who love Jesus, that is--to live among the Hadramaut Yemeni Arabs. The people watched their day-to-day lives. They listened to the stories that they told & their lives were touched. Today, all have gone. Pray for the "seeds sown" the Scriptures left behind & the stories remembered will bear fruit. Ask that the church will grow & flourish in the Hadramaut.

**EAST ASIAN PEOPLES** - Pray that Priority Prayer Advocates (PPAs) will commit to an additional 43 unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) and 20 unengaged megacities this year, championing in prayer these groups and cities where there is little, if any, concerted Christian witness and no known evangelical church planting ongoing.

**MAHAFALY OF MADAGASCAR (mah-hah-FAH-lee)** - Please pray for the believers in the 4 main villages. Ask for their hearts to be burdened to come together by themselves, w/o the missionaries, to practice retelling the stories from the Bible. Pray that their hearts will seek the truth that is found in these stories.

**SRI LANKA** -The "Creation to Christ" story is an effective tool for evangelism & discipleship. The story begins w/God creating the world & then progresses through history, encompassing the stories of Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses & finally Jesus. Many people in Sri Lanka have no concept of a Creator God & certainly no concept of a God who desires to have a personal relationship w/them. Although animal sacrifice is shunned in this Buddhist culture, those who listen to the "Creation to Christ" story are soon mesmerized by the stories that lead to a Savior being sent as a sacrifice to die in order to take away their sins. Believers have had wonderful success w/using the "Creation to Christ" stories. Many from the T church have begun following the example of another believer, who drew these stories on the walls of his living room. As friends, family & neighbors visit, they can't help but ask questions about the hand-drawn pictures on the walls. Please ask God to bring many seekers to these homes. Pray for their hearts to be open to Jesus & for churches to begin in each of these homes.

**MAASAI OF TANZANIA (MAH-sigh )** -In February 2012, you prayed for a volunteer team from a church in Texas that was sharing Bible stories with the Maasai. Give thanks to the Lord that several men have returned to do follow-up in the Maasai Steepe, Simanjiro District. They are seeking leaders for follow-up, discipleship & long-term investment by the church. Pray that God will call out Maasai men in this area.

**BASOTHO OF LESOTHO AND SOUTH AFRICA (BAH-soo-too )** -A small Texas church w/a huge heart for the nations is planning their

strategy to reach the mountain Basotho of the Matsuko Valley of Lesotho. The strategy is simple: *Follow the will of the Father. Love the people. Teach the Word. Lead by example. Pay no attention to the boundaries and obstacles that attempt to hinder. Stay focused upon the task. Listen with attentive ears.* The mountain Basotho are among the world's unreached people. Trapped in tradition, they have never heard the name of Jesus. This small Texas church has a plan: **"Go and tell."** Pray that they will stay focused upon the task to which God has called them. Pray that the Basotho of the Maluti Mountains of Lesotho will be receptive to the Story . . . a Story they have never heard.

**JOLA-FONYI OF SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA (JOH-luh-FOH-nyee )** -"We first met F when we did a prayerwalk thru his village 3 or 4 yrs ago. He was interested in hearing more & asked us to come to his compound to share more Bible stories w/his family & neighbors. He is related to the imam (religious leader) in our village. When we first started storying in his village, we had approximately 15 men & woman. After five or six weeks, the men asked for a Bible so they could also read the stories for themselves, so we gave Bibles to those who wanted them. By doing this, we lost the women--they can't read & now looked at the group differently--so each week we asked the men to share the stories w/their families. (Many times I think the women still heard the stories, as they sat outside, doing work, while we were sharing.) When the evangelism storying track was finished, 5 men prayed to accept Jesus as their Savior. F invited us to show the 'JESUS' film in his compound & several hundred people attended. We continue to study with these men at F's house, but they are still afraid to be baptized because of persecution. F is very faithful to be there every week, and one of the elders in his village has asked us to show the 'JESUS' film two additional times. Please pray that F & his family will truly know Jesus as their Savior and openly follow Him."

**Join "Today's Prayer" intercessors to pray** for the following from IMB. We deeply appreciate your clicking thru "Today's Prayer" & praying over the following events:

**\*April 1-6:** Stateside Assignment Conf for statesiding missionaries uniting 101 adults & 68 children for inspiration, fellowship & equipping. Please pray for safe travel & for God's hand of blessing to touch every aspect of the conference.

**\*April 2-5:** The Summit Church, in Durham, NC, will host an equipping conference entitled "T4T" (Training for Trainers), which is for churches embracing unengaged unreached people groups, as well as for

churches wanting to be more effective partners among unreached people groups. Pray that those trained will put into practice what they learn & not simply place another notebook on a shelf, never to pick it up again.

**\*April 8-12:** Pray for God's guidance for nine affinity group strategy leaders who will gather for their semi-annual strategy planning mtg.

**\*April 9:** 74 adults & 40 children will arrive at IMB's International Learning Center to begin their two-month field personnel orientation, which is req'd of all IMB overseas personnel prior to field departure. Pray especially for the children as they transition into their new environment.

**\*April 12-13:** Sub-Saharan Africa Base Camp 1 being offered at Word of Life Community Church, Rolesville, NC.

**\*April 13:** American Peoples' Affinity Partner Connect Training at North Central Baptist Church, Gainesville, FL.

**\*April 15-19:** Affinity Advance Coordinating Team meeting, bringing various IMB representatives together to coordinate the work of all the offices /affinities for greater effectiveness. May God's blessings flow . . .

Your prayers make a difference!!!

P.S. Please consider downloading the free CompassionNet app for smart devices. Each week, prayer requests, videos, people group information, etc. are posted. Please give it a look! You can also connect by:

<http://missionaryblogdigest.com>  
<http://facebook.com/compassionnet>

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

## PRAYING w/ION PARTNERS

- Audio Scripture Engagement -  
[\*Faith Comes By Hearing\*](#)



The recorded Word of God is now available in 715 heart languages - which represents 3/4 of the world's population!

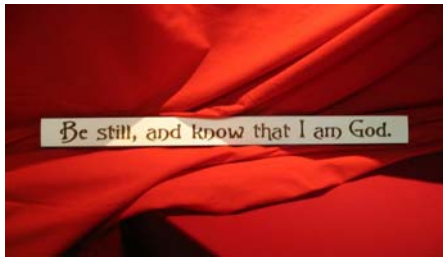
Three new additions this month to our growing library of Scripture recordings -- Hakka (Taiwan), Mandinka (Gambia) and Maranao (Philippines).



### PRAYER LETTER

To help you to pray for the audio recording and distribution of audio scriptures, read the latest update from Davar - go to:

<http://www.davarpn.com/index.php?id=255>



### Praying for Oral Learners & ION Network Partners

The ION Prayer Teams consist of partners from many of our ION network members, organizations, individuals and orality networks across the globe and are multi-faceted in nature. Using the monthly publication of the ION Prayer Focus to help us unite in prayer for those working in Orality/UUPGs and Great Commission Partner groups provides access to all. The Orality Networks across the globe link in prayer independently and corporately with the prayer teams as an international covering. We ask you to intentionally focus on UUPGs and pray for the Oral Learners around the world.

#### Oral Learners: Who Are They?

70% of the oral preference learners of the world do not understand the message when it is delivered to them by literate means. They can be completely illiterate, functional illiterate, visually impaired, simply part of an oral culture, or highly literate but prefers to learn in an oral manner. They do not understand the literate concepts even when they hear them.

#### The Need

There are 5.2 billion oral learners in the world (IMB, April 2012), with the minority of resources attempting to reach them for Christ. The vast majority of our outreach work today is conducted through literate means that these oral learners do not understand.

#### Today we are grieved that there are:

- 2.7 billion unreached people resulting in approximately 3,500 unengaged, unreached people groups;
- Approximately 2 billion people without the Old Testament;
- 2,252 unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPG) consisting of 350 million people without a single verse of the Scripture in their heart language.
- Too few strategies and resources committed to the oral learners of the world.

#### The People

The remaining Unreached Unengaged People Groups are predominantly oral societies.

You can participate with the prayer partners listed below. It will help you to further your understanding in a larger perspective of those working in the many facets of oral strategies.

Orality is much more than storytelling. Your participation in for orality around the world is greatly appreciated and encouraged.

#### ION Prayer Partner Links

- 30-Days International**  
<http://www.30-days.net/ministry/>
- CRU – Global Prayer**  
<http://www.globalprayermovement.org/index.aspx>
- Chronological Bible Storying**  
<http://www.chronologicalBibleStorying.com>
- Davar Partners**  
<http://www.davarparters.com/>
- Ethne to Ethne**  
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/ethne.php/>
- Ethnic Embrace**  
<http://www.ethnicembraceusa.net/USA-Prayer-Project.html#.UUNISFeEFhd>
- Faith Comes By Hearing**  
<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/pastors-support-materials>
- Finishing the Task**  
<http://www.finishingthetask.com/prayer>
- Global Prayer Resources Network**  
<http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/>
- Global Recordings Network GRN**  
<http://globalrecordings.net/en/prayer>
- Go2South Asia**  
<http://www.Go2SouthAsia.org>
- IMB East Asian People**  
<http://eastasianpeoples.imb.org>
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners**  
<http://www.jfhp.org/prayer/index.cfm>
- Joshua Project**  
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/prayer-resources.php>
- Lausanne**  
<http://www.lausanne.org/>
- Living Water Int'l**  
<http://water.cc/orality>
- OneStory**  
<http://www.OneStory.org>
- Orality Strategies**  
<http://oralitystrategies.org>
- Project Hannah (TWR)**  
<http://www.projecthannah.org/prayer/>
- Simply the Story**  
<http://simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/>
- South East Asian People**  
<http://seasianpeoples.org/>
- Story4All**  
<http://www.story4all.com/>
- StoryRunners**  
<http://www.storyrunners.com/pray>
- T4Global**  
<http://t4global.org/partner-with-us/prayer-partner/>
- Talking Bibles**  
<http://www.talkingbibles.org>
- The God Story Project**  
<http://www.gods-story.org/needs.htm>
- The Seed Company**  
<http://www.theseedcompany.org/prayer>
- Union Baptist Association**  
<http://www.ubahouston.org/696299.ihtml>

#### YWAM Frontiers

<http://ywam.community2000.com/GetInvolved/Pray/tabid/151/Default.aspx>

#### YWAM OneStory

<http://www.ywamonestory.org>

#### Wycliffe OneStory

<http://www.WycliffeOneStory.info>

#### Wyliffe

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

Continue to pray for the updating of the website and the content migration.

### 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.

PRAY for the launch of the “NEW” look and for the ION WEBSITE content being posted this month! Thank you.

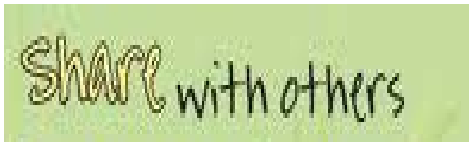


It is time to register for the Sept 16-19 event, please do register at: [www.ionevents.org](http://www.ionevents.org)

#### 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)



## 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> 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)



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](mailto:IONPrayer@gmail.com)

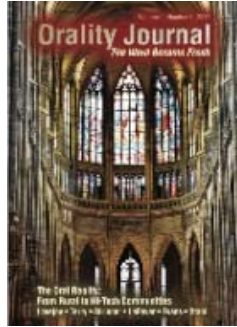
### The Global 4/14 Day - 14 April 2013



The Prayer Guide is now available! You are encouraged to download, print, and use this guide as you pray for children on 14 April 2013.

[Click here](#) for the Prayer Guide.

## Orality Journal New Edition Available!



The "new" Orality Journal is available in print and will soon be posted to website. As the orality movement is a voluntary movement, we deeply treasure the efforts of those behind the scenes who share in the work load such as Bryan Thompson who heads [story4all.com](http://story4all.com). He has already serialized the current and past articles in audio format. Pick it up in 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"- notes here: <http://story4all.libsyn.com/s4a354-the-web> Direct link: <http://bit.ly/WgArvK>

**PART 2** featuring the newest release of "Orality Journal"- notes here: <http://story4all.libsyn.com/s4a355-the-web-pt-2> Direct link: <http://bit.ly/166DCIa>

## Praying for ION Partners



Thankful for answers to prayers for the East Africa Orality Consultation.

By Design Visuals (Jon Melin) were introduced at the Eastern Africa Orality Network. He also shares and trains using the story telling method of *Simply the Story*. By Design Visuals Series will help you to be able to tell more than 250 Bible stories. Using traditional flannelgraph as well as digital flannelgraph called the Storytellers Edition.

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



## MARK these dates on your Prayer Calendars!



April 23, 2013 – Charlotte, NC Pray for Issachar Initiative as they seek to bring those funders into the Great Commission work in a new and more effective way.

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



21-24 May 2013 - Call2All – Chiang Mai, Thailand - Pray for the different Great Commission focus groups, for the commitment times for UUPG engagement, for the speakers as well as those who will be working and participating. We are thankful for Hector Tamez the Mexico/S. America Orality Network, Director who will also be presenting. Source: [www.Call2All.org](http://www.Call2All.org)

## Praying for Training

**Kids Around the World:** [www.kidsaroundtheworld.com](http://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  
See details at – <http://water.cc/orality>

**Simply the Story**  
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 Living & working w/a small group learning to use Bible storying for evangelism, discipleship, leadership training & church planting within an unreached people group.  
Download the pdf for info at: <http://www.storyrunners.com/documents/school-of-storying-april-2013.pdf>  
Source: <http://www.storyrunners.org>