



**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)

**Thursday Prayer Call**



**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**  
**Dial: (712) 451-6000**  
**Access Code: 373000#**  
 Visit [www.oralbible.com](http://www.oralbible.com)

*Anyone who has a heart to pray for the work of the completion of the Great Commission is welcome to join the call for prayer each Thurs.*

The call is God-centered and 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. Callers are on the line from all around the world. There is a specific focus for those who are working in Orality or with UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups. 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!

**\*Please join in prayer for the updating of the ION Website. Thank you.**

**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 an email too: [IONPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:IONPrayer@gmail.com)

**PRAYING w/Global Intercessors**

God is calling us to a season of increased prayer! Link globally with some of the prayer campaigns that are happening around the world.

- April 28-May 5 [North Korea Freedom Week](#)
- May 1-May 31 [Lausanne Invitation to Prayer](#)
- May 2 [USA National Day of Prayer](#)
- May 2-6 [Prayer for Malaysia's General Election](#)
- May 4 [A Day to Pray for the Balkans](#)
- May 19 [Global Day of Prayer](#)
- June 1-2 [World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk](#)

Join the effort to cover all of these initiatives by **praying for the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world.** We link w/the new CEO of the Lausanne Movement, Michael Oh, as he shares a challenge to the church [to NOT not pray](#). We invite you to be involved with the Lausanne Month of Prayer. Source: <http://www.lausanne.org/en/>

**Pray for the next Call2All Congress 21-24 May 2013 - 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)



“Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.” - Zechariah 2:11

Pray that God opens doors so that the message can be proclaimed in the recording of three languages in a communist gov't in Africa. Pray for the release of the new 5fish android application & for many to use the app to access our recordings on their smart phones. [www.5fish.mobi](http://www.5fish.mobi) Give praise

for new recordings in Agta, Casiguran Dumagat and Casiguranin in the Philippines. Despite difficulties, rain and flood, God safeguarded the situation.

Source: [www.grnusa.net](http://www.grnusa.net)



**PRAYING w/ION PARTNERS**



**Wycliffe Intercessor – May-June 2013**

“There are nearly 7,000 languages in the world.” “Almost 2,000 people groups still don’t have a single word of Scripture in their own language.” “Wycliffe is working to see a Bible translation program started for every language by the year 2025!” They use the Discovery Center in Orlando, FL to help people to see the vision.

Pray that visitors would be greatly impacted by what they learn at the Discovery Center, and pray that it would make a lasting impression on all who tour it.

Pray too, that visitors would be reminded and encouraged to value God’s Word and its transforming power.

Pray for creativity and wisdom for those planning new exhibits, activities, and media to tell the story of Bible translation in the best way possible.

Source: View the prayer guide at: <http://www.wycliffe.org/IntercessorMayJun13.aspx>



**Pray for Bible-less People Groups**

➢ **Northern Sotho Bible recording:** Although there has been a delay, the final completion of this audio Bible will be the end of May 2013. Please persevere in prayer for this audio Bible to be available to the Northern Sotho people, an oral community of South Africa.

➢ **IsiXhosa:** This field recording is still in process & taking place in SA. Pray for the field coordinator & team to stay strong. Pray for their protection & that the Holy Spirit will also minister to each of them. Pray that the 8,393,000 IsiXhosa people will be receptive to the Word of God, when completed in audio form.

➢ **Other:** We need the Lord to guide us as to which projects to pursue first as we pursue the demands from many partners for the recording of OT, NT & full Bibles from various countries across the globe.

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

## Orality Focused Prayer Requests & Stories from the Field



**SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER** - In the town of G, there are several Sokoto Fulani believers whom Sokoto Fulani Team members meet with regularly for discipleship. Consistent meetings with these individuals are going well, as they are learning more stories and teachings of the Bible. The hope is that each of these believers will show some desire and initiative to meet and fellowship together as a group. A few of the believers come from different family groups, where there tends to be some resentment present, and have different job schedules to work with. **Please pray** that no matter the circumstances, they will realize the biblical truth of the need to worship together as a body of believers.

**BAPTIST CONVENTIONS OF THE CENTRAL SAHEL (WEST AFRICA)** - Culture, even among students of the Bible, often still takes precedence over spiritual truth, destroying lives and a Christian witness. **Pray** that biblical, doctrinal purity will be taught and embraced by the African church. **Pray** believers will surrender to the absolute truth of God's Word over all else. **Pray** that missionaries and African partners will be able to devise an oral methodology for the transmission of doctrine.

**EAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - **Pray** for strategists who are seeking God's best plan to reach the East Asian unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs). **Ask** that they will know how best to inform and challenge churches and individuals about the great spiritual needs of these unique people groups. **Pray** that willing workers will step forward to learn minority languages and enter minority cultures for the sake of the Gospel.

**EUROPEAN DIASPORA OF S. AMERICA** - The Roma people in Brazil are oral-preference learners. Some can read, but the vast majority need to hear the Word of God. The Roma Team in Brazil has begun developing chronological Bible story sets for evangelism and discipleship. **Pray** that God will raise up several key national partners for the advance and completion of this project.

**FULAKUNDA OF SENEGAL, GUINEA-BISSAU AND THE GAMBIA** - The Fulakunda Team writes: "Psalm 119:11 tells us to hide God's Word in our hearts so that we might not sin against Him. For many of them, this is the only method they have of knowing God's Word. They are mostly a non-literate people. While many from the younger generation in bigger cities attend school, the majority of the people cannot read their own language. For this reason, when we teach, we share stories from the Bible. We use stories to illustrate a characteristic of God, a characteristic we need to have, a command to obey, or basic Christian disciplines. We ask those in the home where we are meeting to invite others from their family & their town to listen to the teachings from the Bible & to learn the stories

themselves. Stories are how they communicate, how the people here learn best, and how they then are able to share what they've learned with others. **Please pray** for our story groups & for the people learning God's Word. **Ask God** to help them to learn the stories and to learn more about Him & to be willing to take what they've learned & share with those around them so that more people will know His name."

**SE ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - She had a radiant smile as she told the story--& not just any story, but 'the' story. She shared the Gospel with a woman from an unengaged unreached people group (UUPG). This woman not only listened, but also received the Truth that transferred her from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. This woman was the first believer among her people group. **Pray** for this worker as she continues to share with a UUPG on our island that is no longer classified as a UUPG! **Pray** for this first believer to grow in her faith and to be bold to share 'the' story with her family & friends. **Ask the Lord of the harvest** to send workers into the nine UUPGs on our island."

**TORCH PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA** - The men were busy building new cinderblock homes when L and B walked into Farmland Village. The men stopped their work, gathered around & listened as the two men shared the Gospel. One man was particularly interested & asked them to come into his home. They shared the "Creation to Christ" story again, but used an MP3 player so he could hear the Gospel this time in his mother tongue. He was very eager with his questions but not yet ready to believe. When they left the MP3 player with him, he said, "As soon as my wife gets back from the market, we will listen to it together." **Pray** not only for this man and his wife, but also that many people in this area will believe and follow Christ. **Pray** that L and other Torch people will capture a broader vision of how they can share the Gospel throughout the area, group new believers into churches, and teach each church to multiply into even more churches.

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

### Faith Comes By Hearing



#### Audio Engagement

Working around the world so that all may hear! See the link below for an update from FCBH.

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

**Source:** <http://youtu.be/Ygr11IKC0Fw>

## 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>



### AsiaStories –

**Thai believer ministers to Sea Gypsies in Thailand** - By Evelyn Adamson

Wasana Moonsiti closes her eyes & leans back, fighting seasickness as the boat rolls through the turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea toward the island of Koh Payam, Thailand. ...A small group of Moken people await her arrival, as they do every weekend. "At first, I started w/Genesis, 'In the beginning, God created the world...' I kept storying like that, They love it — stories like Noah's Ark, because Sea Gypsies live on the ocean, they can see the story come to life." At the end of the lesson, kids line up to repeat the Bible story back to Moonsiti. **In the end** - The buzz of fishing boats grows louder as fishermen come in with the tide. The boats will stay at shore until the tide begins to drift out again. As Moonsiti packs up for the day, she shares her heart for the Moken people, "I pray," she says, "for Jesus to come into their lives and [let them know] know that we have hope in Him." Tomorrow, as they come again we will share more about the Bible & tell more stories of God's love for the Sea Gypsies of the Andaman Sea.

**Source:** <http://www.commissionstories.com/> <http://www.commissionstories.com/asia/stories/view/thai-believer-ministers-to-sea-gypsies-in-thailand>



Simply the Story

<http://simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/index.php/workshops/locations.html>

## MegaVoice

Ministries using MegaVoice audio Bibles to reach visually impaired people w/Good News is a lot like the story of the young boy with his seemingly insignificant gift of bread & fish. A single MegaVoice is small & the number of people to reach seems daunting - but when the audio Bible is shared among dozens of relatives & friends, the blessing is multiplied many times over - just like the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Janet Stafford shares, "The moment was moving & absolutely wonderful as they listened to their own Bible speaking to them, it was such an answer to the heart-felt cry of these people. They sang, danced, clapped and laughed! They saw the hand of God in a new way! These little machines are really helping blind people hear the words of the Lord, which means so much to them."

Source:

<http://www.benchmarkemail.com/c/v?e=2C483B&c=1D5F0&l=366526E&email=eRYefj6VA4vJj2lnilt%2BE7QR3BgPsWUo&relid=4C4A98BD>



## ION Conference in St. Louis

It is time to register for the Sept 16-19 event.

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

Location is St. Louis area is at the

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

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

## Onsite Prayer Team



We are currently looking for participants who are going to the 2013 ION Conference in St. Louis who would be interested in being on the onsite prayer team

## Praying for Training

**Kids Around the World:**

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

Signups at:

<http://teamworkconference.com/>

**Living Water International**

<http://water.cc/orality>

**Simply the Story**

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

**StoryRunners** - School of Storying

<http://www.storyrunners.org>

## ION Prayer Partner Links

**30-Days International**

<http://www.30-days.net/ministry/>

**Joshua Project**

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

**CRU – Global Prayer**

<http://www.globalprayermovement.org/index.aspx>

**Davar Partners**

<http://www.davarpartners.com/>

**Ethne to Ethne**

<http://www.joshuaproject.net/ethne.php/>

**JESUS Film Harvest Partners**

<http://www.jfhp.org/prayer/index.cfm>

**Lausanne**

<http://www.lausanne.org/>

**The Seed Company**

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

**Living Water Int'l**

<http://water.cc/orality>

**OneStory**

<http://www.OneStory.org>

**Orality Strategies**

<http://oralitystrategies.org>

**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/>

**Chronological Bible Storying**

<http://www.chronologicalBibleStorying.com>

**The God Story Project**

<http://www.gods-story.org/needs.htm>

**YWAM Frontiers**

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

**YWAM OneStory**

<http://www.ywamonestory.org>

**Wycliffe**

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

**Finishing the Task**

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

**Wycliffe OneStory**

<http://www.WycliffeOneStory.info>

**Faith Comes By Hearing**

<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com>

**Go2South Asia**

<http://www.Go2SouthAsia.org>

**IMB East Asian People**

<http://eastasianpeoples.imb.org>

**Union Baptist Association**

<http://www.ubahouston.org/696299.ihtml>

**Global Recordings Network GRN**

<http://globalrecordings.net/en/prayer>

**Global Prayer Resources Network**

<http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/>



Check out the ION Prayer page GPRN has posted for us!

**Pray for the Oral Learners | Global Prayer Resource Network** [www.globalprn.com](http://www.globalprn.com)

Source: <http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/pray-for-the-oral-learners/>

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

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

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

The new logo expresses the multi-disciplined & 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.

New website will be located at: <http://www.orality.net>



## School of Storying - StoryRunners

Over a billion people represented by 5,000 languages are without a written Bible. Even where a written Bible exists, so few may read that it is rarely used. Telling Bible stories is one of the only ways for unreached people groups to hear the Gospel. Vision 500 aims to take 42 Bible stories to 500 language groups within 10 years! These stories—told chronologically from Creation to the Return of Christ—comprise the ‘story set’ developed & used in Schools of Storying (SOS). In the field, SOS spans 5 weeks using local believers to produce the stories & learn to use them for evangelism, discipleship & church planting in their own language for their own people. Pray for the vision of this group to ask God to help them to “give away” the Vision 500 strategy to Christians everywhere so all 5,000 UPG’s will have their opportunity to hear the Gospel sooner rather than later. Next Orlando training is Sept 15-20, 2013.

Source:

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

**ION Prayer Focus**



Connect to International Orality Network w/others on the ION Facebook Page. All of the articles and links on this page were taken from our ION Facebook Page. You can LIKE the page and follow orality around the globe by clicking on the link below:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/143049235766186?ref=ts&fref=ts>



**Global Prayer Resource Network**  
 Check out the ION Prayer Resource page  
[Pray for the Oral Learners | Global Prayer Resource Network www.globalprn.com](#)

Found at: <http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/pray-for-the-oral-learners/>

Source: Visit [www.globalprn.com](http://www.globalprn.com)  
 Global Prayer Resource Network contact - [isebel@globalprn.com](mailto:isebel@globalprn.com)



**Story4All**

Pray for Bryan Thompson of Story4All as he publishes a weekly podcast & has been putting the Orality Journal articles into audio format for ION. Podcast #363 -Using Rituals-*Today's show: How rituals can impact lives ... or bring defining moments Orality Journal Vol 2 No 1.*

Source:  
<http://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/show/story4all/id/2305679>



**FCBH.org**

Imagine discovering the creator of the universe had not forgotten you or your people as you hear for the first time Jesus, our king of kings, speak your language!

Pray for those working around the world so that all may hear!  
 Source: <http://youtu.be/Ygr11IKC0Fw>



operation:konkumba  
 reaching an unreached people group in northern ghana



Working with OneWayAfrica, John Fornelli will be launching BibleTelling training among the Konkumba people of Ghana.  
 Source: John & Cheryl Fornelli Ministries  
<http://www.jcfornelli.com>



**StoryRunners**

On the side of the road about 30 children from preschool to high school gathered to hear 14 story tellers tell them the stories of God's Word despite the heat, dust, passing cars and trucks. Pray for these faithful Story Runners passing on His Stories in slum areas of Manila.

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



**Wycliffe**

Participants at a Bible storytelling workshop on the island of 'Eua, in the Kingdom of Tonga, gather together for prayer at the close of the day. Learning to craft & internalize stories from the Bible to share w/their neighbors. Many of the participants also found the Bible stories touching their hearts. Sinita, a church leader, said that when she first came to the workshop she thought that telling Bible stories was, "Sunday school stuff." But she now realizes that it is about interpreting & sharing the Bible in a meaningful way. As another participant reflects, "Jesus is asking us to do what he did: tell Bible stories!" – Photos: Elyse Patten

Source:  
<http://www.wycliffe.net/stories/tabid/67/Default.aspx?id=3725>



**Orality Strategies**

New Bible story! - 'John 21, Matthew 28, Acts 1 | Ascension'  
 Source: <http://ow.ly/2wvG7H>

New stories are being posted from Story Training for Trainers, [www.ST4T.org](http://www.ST4T.org) Enjoy, and let us know what you think! For the most recent (individual) Bible stories, visit this link:  
[https://oralitystrategies.org/resources.cfm?t=37&s=2\\_1](https://oralitystrategies.org/resources.cfm?t=37&s=2_1)  
 Source: [www.oralitystategies.org](http://www.oralitystategies.org)



**KIDStory™**

[KIDStory](#)

KIDStory is the training component of Kids Around the World. It's all about re-instituting Jesus' way of teaching through telling stories along with interactive discussions and experiences. We join children's leaders around the globe in teaching children the Bible in a way they learn best.

**KIDStory Training Events 2013:**  
 5/3–5/4 **Rockford, IL** KIDStory Training Advanced  
 5/17–5/18 **San Clemente, CA** KIDStory Training  
 6/21–8/02 **Ecuador** 6 week - Tutoring/ Food/ Village Relief  
 7/21–7/30 **Columbia** KIDStory Training  
 8/13–8/15 **Congo** KIDStory Training  
 9/20 **St. Louis, MO** KIDStory Training  
 Source: <http://www.kidsaroundtheworld>

**Unengaged Unreached Become Aware, Pray, Obey**



**Semnani of Iran Ethnic People Profile bit.ly**

Praying for UUPGs - Pray for the unengaged (no one is reaching them) unreached Semnani of Iran pop: 62,000 The Semnani of Iran: A detailed ethnic people profile with photo, map, text, statistics and links.

Source: <http://bit.ly/vESNK1>  
 Joshua Project:  
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?peo3=14846&rog3=IR>



**e3 Partners**

Paul Eshelman, Carol Davis, and the E3 team came together this week to creatively and strategically plan on reaching the goal of planting 1 million new churches by 2020. With God, all things are possible! Join us in praying for and reaching the rest!



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