



A United Call for Prayer on behalf of oral peoples for 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 (EST) GMT-5

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Orality Focused Prayer Requests & Stories from the Field

Druze of the Levant – There is a Druze teacher, E, who is a seeker. **Pray** that God will give E a vision or a dream about Jesus, confirming His deity and equality with God. **Ask God** that like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, this Druze seeker will allow the words of Jesus to burn in his heart and bring him to salvation.

Northern Africa and Middle East Affinity – Uncertainty, chaos, fear, anger, disappointment...over the past two years of instability, these feelings have been growing in individuals, communities & indeed, in the whole country. The foundations upon which people stand are shaking, and in some cases crumbling. **Pray** that God will begin to prepare people for a rebuilding where Jesus becomes the cornerstone, where the whole building is put together by Him & grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord. **Ask God** to remove the spiritual blindness so that people can see their need for a Savior. **Pray** for believers to remain steadfast & endure as they live in such uncertain times.

Palestinian Arabs of the Middle East – Despite isolation and tough conditions in some Palestinian areas, God is working. Recently a new believer was baptized, and he is now being disciplined in his new relationship with Jesus. **Praise the Lord** for this one who has bravely professed faith. **Ask** that many more will follow Him!

Hadramaut Yemeni Arabs of Yemen – Little girls with waist-length black hair, tied in a brightly covered scarf, help their mothers gather the crops. Young boys with their

shepherd’s staffs watch the sheep & goats. They have never heard that Jesus is the Savior. They are taught that He was one of many prophets, a sinless man. They are taught that He did not die on the cross. **Pray** the children will hear the news of the Gospel through television, radio, dreams and visions. **Pray** believers will be able to live among them and tell them the stories of Jesus.

Tunisian Arabs of Tunisia – There is a sense of urgency and renewed energy among the Jesus followers in Tunisia, following times of intense prayer this spring. **Pray** that the Father will guide these believers to “people of peace” (Luke 10:6) who will connect them into social networks of men & women who will become reproducing disciples. **Ask** that new believers will be willing to make needed hard choices of using their time and energy to train others, quickly passing on what they are learning. **Praise the Father** that He will be their sun and shield to guide them with His light and protect them (Psalm 84:11). Thank you for praying for the Tunisians!

Source: <http://namepeoples.imb.org/prayer/>

DEAF MUSLIMS CENTRAL ASIA - Millions of Deaf Muslims have not yet seen Bible stories in their heart language. Praise God for new Deaf Christian believers and church leaders in Central Asia! Deaf Christians in Central Asia face persecution for their faith. In spite of the danger, a Muslim named Timur* is curious and willing to learn about Jesus.

PRAY God surrounds Deaf Central Asian believers with His protection.

PRAY for these few believers to be bold and share His stories.

PRAY Timur’s eyes will be opened to the truth of the Gospel.

Source: <http://deafpeoples.imb.org/pray.cfm>

MAROON TRIBES OF SURINAME AND FRENCH GUIANA - As the Aukan people pour out drink libations in front of their “god flags” with fear, in order to please the spirits, God is moving in the hearts of new believers to pour out His love through them. God has moved in the jungles of Suriname, and there are now a few believers in most villages. **Please pray** for the

few believers in each village to stand strong in their faith. **Pray** that their walk will show Christ to the lost, and that the lost will then come to know Christ as their Savior.

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee) - To follow up on work done by a volunteer team from the USA, two members of the Sokoto Fulani Team will be traveling five hours to the town of K. They will be doing discipleship & sharing stories with local Fulani believers there. **Pray** for two team members as they seek to nurture previous relationships & begin this new ministry away from their home. They plan to follow up w/these Sokoto Fulani believers once every other month & a pastor from Nigeria will visit the alternate month. **Pray** specifically for village J, asking that the two believers there will desire to fellowship together & for their boldness in sharing with those who have not yet received Christ.

AR OF COLOMBIA (ahr) - The Ar People Team writes: “The Ar people have been a people very closed to outsiders, their way of life, and missionaries. Team members J and A, who are national missionaries, have been kicked out of some communities because the people there accused them of being missionaries. The work has been slow and difficult at times. As a result, J and A have spent much time simply building relationships and gaining the trust of the Ar people. They travel, they visit, they invite, and they quietly build relationships of friendship and trust. The Ar people have come to believe in J and A, and they know that they are committed to helping the Ar people. Some of these friendships are opening up to the Gospel message through chronological Bible storying. **Pray** for the relationships to continue to grow deeper, & **ask** that they will lead to the sharing of the Gospel and to lives that are transformed.

DAKAR, SENEGAL (dah-KAR) - “M started listening to stories from the Bible in August of last year. A missionary would see him each week and tell him another Bible story. He has accepted everything that the Bible

teaches, but has been afraid to follow Christ. In January of this year, M's wife joined M in listening to the stories. This was a big step, because her father is a religious leader who follows a world religion. When the missionary asked her what she thought about the stories, she simply replied, 'I am listening.' **Pray** with our Dakar Urban Team for M and his wife to accept Jesus and to begin to experience the peace and joy in their home that only He can give."

CONCHUCOS QUECHUA OF PERU (cohn-CHOO-cohs KEH-choo-ah) - Please **pray** for M, P and MX, three Northern Conchucos Quechua believers in the Andes Mountains of Peru. These men are subsistence farmers who each live in a different community. They desire to follow Jesus, but their new way of thinking is not accepted by their communities. **Pray** that they will know how to lead their families in Bible study. **Pray** that each of their family members will embrace a faith relationship with Jesus. **Ask** that they will be wise and bold to share Jesus with their neighbors. **Lift them up** as they write Scripture-based songs in Quechua and in the local musical style. **Pray** that Christian music will become a source of strength for them as well as a tool for opening hearts in their communities.

TAJIKS OF TAJIKISTAN (TAH-jeeks) - "We recently completed a translation of the movie 'The Gospel of John' in Tajik. This is a direct presentation of the whole Book of John into Tajik in movie form. This could be huge in reaching people here! Please pray for us to be bold and intentional in giving out DVDs, and pray for people to have open hearts to hear and understand Truth."

JULA OF COTE D IVOIRE, BURKINA FASO, AND MALI (JOO-luh) - "After several trips out to village D, we were finally able to sit with a group of women," writes a Jula Team member. "Within 15 minutes of meeting them, they began asking why we were there. After explaining our desire to make friends and share God's Word, it seemed that people were gathering around us to hear a story. We got out our Jula Bible to share the story of Jesus and the demoniac, but when the women saw the Bible, they realized that we were followers of the Son and did not allow us to share a story. They reasoned that they would not understand our story. They eventually led us to a village headman who said the same thing. 'These women will not understand your stories.' Please **ask the Father** to grant us favor as we go back to this village and pursue friendship with these women. **Pray** that Jula men and women will be willing to listen as we share God's Word."

OUTER RIM PEOPLE, EAST ASIA - As teams prepare to start trekking in the

mountains, please pray for hearts to be ready to respond to the Good News. **Pray** for boldness, discernment, and safety for the trekkers. **Pray** also for those who have, in the past, responded to the Gospel to be disciplined and to continue walking in the light. Pressure in the mountain communities to turn away from Christ can be very severe.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - A worker recently entered an area to survey an unengaged unreached people group (UUPG) and heard about an unusual problem. Wild elephants have been destroying crops and, on one occasion, even destroyed a home, killing two people. The animals are protected by the government, so the people are not allowed to defend themselves. They feel trapped and helpless to deal with this problem. **Please pray** for God to show a way to resolve the elephant problem. **Ask the Holy Spirit** to give the same feeling of helplessness to the people about their sin problem so that they will be prepared to hear and receive the Good News, and ask for workers to be called to share the Gospel with this remote UUPG. **Pray** for all nine of the UUPGs on this island to be embraced soon by believers who will continue to pray and share with them until they can be classified as "reached people groups."

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee) - 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.

SONGHAI OF WEST AFRICA (SONG-high) - Three summer interns will be arriving at the beginning of May to engage an area that has otherwise not been engaged. Their primary focus will be to connect with children by conducting Backyard Bible Clubs and with students by conducting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. They will also spend much of their time prayerwalking this area and sharing the "Creation to Christ" stories (using audio resources) with any who are interested in hearing. Please **pray** for their safety and health during their six-week stay, as they are coming during one of the hottest times of the year, where temperatures can reach 130 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade! **Pray** also for the openness of the children, students and others they will encounter as these interns seek to bring light into the darkness. Please **ask the Father** to call these

people to Himself so that they may find salvation in Him.

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

Cry Out

Psalms 107:28-30 "Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven."

Ask

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 21:22 "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

John 14:13-14 "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

Pray in Faith

Mark 9:29 "And he said to them, 'This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.'"

Acts 9:40 "But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up."

James 5:14-16 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Always & With Thanksgiving

Ephesians 6:18 "Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"

Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

SAVE THESE DATE On Your Prayer Calendars



[Atlanta October 2013](http://issacharinitiative.org/atlanta/)

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

Call2All Mexico Congress 5-8 NOV 2013 Will be held in Puebla, Mexico – Begin now to pray for the next Great Commission gathering. Pray for Hector Tamez the Mexico/S. America Orality Network, Director who is facilitating the local host team.

Source: www.Call2All.org

Prayer – secret, fervent, believing prayer – lies at the root of all personal godliness. ~ William Carey

Getting to know ION Partners Stories from Storytellers

From the Editor

Instead of sending another story this week, I thought I'd give you a glimpse behind the scenes. You may have wondered who sends Stories from Storytellers? Where do the stories come from? Are they true?

Stories from Storytellers is in it's [seventh year](#). Each issue (375 and counting!) is an amazing true story from biblical storytellers we trained. Storytelling has been so effective that we have a backlog of stories we haven't been able to share yet! I hope to publish these as a book when we get time.

We were using Google groups to send the Stories. But as Google became more restrictive it was difficult to maintain our mailing list. So this year in March we changed over to Mail Chimp. Overall this has been a positive.

On a personal note, I (Paul) have been a missionary since 1970. After serving for 25 years as a church-planter and in leadership training in Latin America, Teresa and I went back to school and earned our M.A. degrees from Fuller School of Intercultural Studies. For the past 12 years we've been heavily involved in training storytellers in South Asia. We've also found time to lead training events in Mexico and Paraguay, and later this year we are looking forward to training storytellers in Kenya and Mozambique.

To subscribe or to see previous stories go to: <http://tinyurl.com/stories-from-storytellers>

Source: [http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3d2da074a39651df94afe59f8&id=b799cfa7e9&e=\[UNIQID\]](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3d2da074a39651df94afe59f8&id=b799cfa7e9&e=[UNIQID])

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue. God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part. ~ Andrew Murray

PRAYING w/ION PARTNERS

Story4All Audio format - Orality Journal – Vol. 2 - s4a366 - Visual Context and Inside-Out Check out the weekly podcast from Story4All: How stories impact a visual generation and the need for visual story in today's world from the inside out Orality Journal

Source:

<http://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/show/story4all/id/2331909>



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BibleTelling

Your Daily Journey Through The Word
When God calls us to a specific task we can often expect opposition from the world. Read the entire story at the link below.

Source: <http://conta.cc/10VqDJ5>

NAME Peoples

Thank you for your willingness to pray for the Unengaged and Unreached peoples of North Africa. We will start the 96 days of prayer June 1st! Tell your friends to like our page so they can join in this season of prayer too. You can also follow us on Twitter: namepeoples

Source:

https://www.facebook.com/namepeoples?hc_location=stream

Wycliffe USA

“Pharaoh, Pharaoh! Oh baby! Let my people go! Yeah, yeah, yeah yeah....!” Heard that song before? Well, it's making a comeback in PNG these days. Check out the story behind this!

Click on this link:

http://catherinepng.blogspot.com/2013/04/pharaoh-pharaoh-oh-baby-let-my-people-go.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+blogspot%2FAVUXi+%28Beyond+Imagination%29&utm_content=GooGLE+Reader#.UYPO8l_D_IU

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/WycliffeUSA>

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, <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

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

<http://www.ST4T.org>

Davar Partners

Pray for Audio Scripture Recordings:

Northern Sotho (South Africa) Bible recording: Continue to pray for the final compilation of the files. Pray for the Productions Director for physical strength and time challenges that he is experiencing. **Let us pray** Psalm 92:10 *"But You have made me as strong as a wild ox, You have anointed me with the finest oil."* (NLT)

Luganda (Uganda) Bible recording: Pray for the planning process and for the finalization of a recording partner.

Tswana (South Africa) Bible recording: The tentative date for the commencement of this recording is the 18th of June. Pray for the final scheduling of the recording and the recruitment of narrators, proof-listeners and proof-readers.

Pray for the Global work or partners of Davar:

Africa Outreach: We are seeking God's face for divine appointments, fruitfulness and safety of the outreach groups. Trust God with us that the video and written communication will be blessed.

Source:

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

"I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.

Thousands and tens of thousands of times have my prayers been answered.

When once I am persuaded that a thing is right and for the glory of God, I go on praying for it until the answer comes." ~ George Muller

Mission trips that change lives.

Living Water International

The Transforming Power of Water and the Word - www.assistnews.net
HOUSTON, TX (ANS) “Words cannot describe this life-changing experience.” Those were the words of a man who recently went to Central America on one of Living Water International’s short-term mission trips.

Source:

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13030140.htm>

Praying for Training

Living Water International

<http://water.cc/orality>

Simply the Story

www.simplythestory.org

Kids Around the World:

<http://www.kidsaroundtheworld>

StoryRunners - School of Storying

<http://www.storyrunners.org>

ION Conference in St. Louis

Join in prayer for the registration & participants. The deadline for early registration discount is June 1st.

SAVE THE DATE
2013 International Orality Network Annual Conference
 September 16th - 19th
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Conference Center
 St. Louis, MO (Chesterfield)
www.ionevents.org




www.iorality.net

Time is running out for early registration discounts. If you have not already done so...It is time to register for the Sept 16-19 event. Register at: www.ionevents.org
 Source: 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

CONNECTING w/ION Partners



http://iorality.net/prayer_partners

Very thankful for all our prayer partners who serve in many different ways. To find out more about how you can get involved or how your ministry's prayer teams can get connected, click on the link below to have access to download these two .pdf documents: "Praying for Oral Learners & ION Network Partners" & "How to LINK in prayer with ION Partners"
 Source: http://iorality.net/prayer_partners#sthash.ttYBFgmS.dpuf

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 focus and get a weekly reminder via email. This is by request only. Send an email to: IONPrayer@gmail.com

**ION PRAYER FOCUS
 CONNECTING In Prayer**

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 continue to pray for the updating of the ION Website & the official launch. Thx!

Praying for UPGs & UUPGs...

<http://Prayer.FinishingTheTask.com>

People Group Needs

- People Groups Without Scripture Translation
- Unengaged, Unreached People Groups



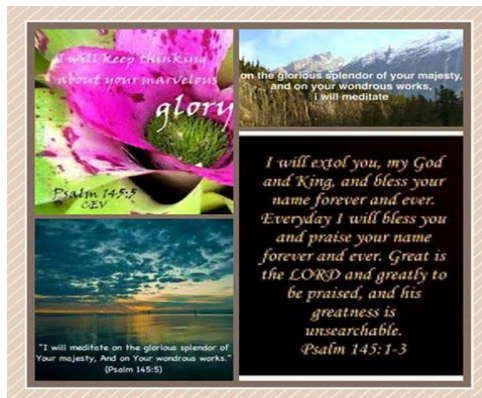
Commit to pray for an Unengaged, Unreached, People Group (UUPG). Sign up & receive periodic reminders.

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

Become Aware, Pray, Obey



Unengaged Unreached Pray for the unengaged (no one is reaching them) unreached Jing, Vietnamese of China pop: 29,000
<http://bit.ly/FWhj7e>



I will keep them silent, and hush your marvelous glory.
 Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Everyday I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
 Psalm 145:1-3

"I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works."
 (Psalm 145:5)

Praying for UPGs & UUPGs...



Luoluopo, Central of China

"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession." Ps 2:8
 Pray the Luoluopo believers will mature in the faith such that they can accurately carry the Gospel message to the remainder of their people group. They also need to grow in numbers.


Pray for the followers of Christ:

There are a few Christian believers among this people group. Pray they will live lives that are pleasing to the Lord, and that they will grow in numbers and in maturity in the faith. Pray they will submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Pray for the entire people group:

Pray the Lord will open the eyes of the Luoluopo community to see their opportunity to trust Christ for an abundant and eternal life.



People Name:	Luoluopo, Central
Country:	China
10/40 Window:	Yes
Population:	427,000
World Population:	427,000
Language:	Lolopo
Primary Religion:	Ethnic Religions
Bible:	None
Online Audio NT:	No
Jesus Film:	No
Audio Recordings:	No
Christ Followers:	Few, less than 2%
Status:	Unreached
Progress Level:	1.2 

Sign up to pray for the Unreached of the Day with Joshua Project by sending an email to: unreached@joshuaproject.net



Source: <http://www.joshuaproject.net/bulletin-inserts.php>