



**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

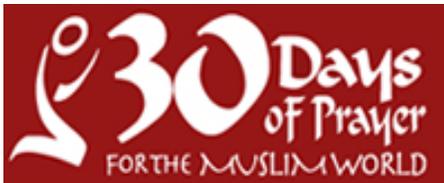
EACH THURSDAY we ask you to link in united prayer for those working in Orality & for our Great Commission Partners. \*If you are available, please join us live...

Each Thurs at 2 pm (EST) GMT-5

Dial: (712) 451-6000

Access Code: 373000#

Visit [Orality.net](http://Orality.net)



July 9th-August 7<sup>th</sup>

*Praying thru Ramadan each year.*

The 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World is a prayer focus which coincides yearly with Ramadan (a holy month of fasting in Islam).

This prayer movement is currently coordinated out of France (previously from Australia), and has been operating since 1993. It calls upon Christians to make a concerted but respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to Muslim neighbors — across the street and around the world.

Over the last few years we have been hearing encouraging stories about unprecedented numbers of Muslims coming to the Lord. David Garrison (IMB) tells us more. [Watch...](#) [Download...](#)



Muslims are our neighbors, and Jesus instructed us to "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mat 22:39) **Pray4Them!** with Faith, Hope and Love! [Watch...](#) [Download...](#)



Imagine a prayer meeting that started with about 30 people. Imagine the same prayer meeting spread across the whole planet. [Watch...](#) [Download...](#)

**Engage this year! July 9<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Source: <http://www.30daysprayer.com/>

### Commit to pray/adopt a (UUPG) Unengaged, Unreached, People Group



Sign up & receive periodic reminders.

Source: To sign up to pray for a UUPG:

<http://prayer.finishingthetask.com/form.php>



Looking for info on people groups/UUPGs.

.. check out this website at: <http://www.peoplegroups.org/>

### [People Groups Around the World](#)

A quick introduction to PeopleGroups.org web site by Jim Haney. Here is an intro video from Jim Haley explaining the resources offered:

<https://vimeo.com/54792964#at=256>

### [IMB East Asian Peoples](#)

Download the Top 31 UUPG booklet today and find out. <http://ow.ly/m1qyj>

### Become Aware, Pray, Obey



#### Unengaged Unreached

#### [Unengaged Unreached.](#)

Praying for UUPGs. Pray for the unengaged (no one is reaching them) unreached Linghua of China pop: 25,000 <http://bit.ly/yKkgUY>

### Remembering to pray...

Sign up to pray for the Unreached of the Day with Joshua Project by sending an email asking to be added to: [unreached@joshuaproject.net](mailto:unreached@joshuaproject.net)



### [Linghua of China Ethnic People Profile](#)

Pray using the detailed ethnic people profile w/photo, map, text, statistics and links.

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

### Watching & Praying...

#### [Wycliffe Global Alliance](#)

In a suburb of Tokyo, hidden away in a tiny office full of computer and video screens, a small team of Japanese Deaf are working on the first ever visual Japanese Sign Language Bible. Photo: Marc Ewell



#### SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES

“How do you get workers into areas that are completely unengaged? Jesus suggested that His followers ‘pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest’ (Luke 10:2, ESV). That is exactly what a mobilizer/strategist for the unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) of our island is trying to do. She’s seeking 10 churches to adopt each of the nine UUPGs for concentrated prayer until the Lord of the harvest sends out workers. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide her to these partner fellowships. Pray for God to move in the hearts of the leaders of these churches to make the decision to adopt one of these nine UUPGs for focused, persevering prayer.”

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

*More than 1.7 billion people in our world today have no strategic intentional access to the awesome news that Christ died and rose again so they might have eternal life.*

*Pray for those who are engaging in the vision to see a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshipping Jesus Christ.*

*How can this be done?*

*Jesus Himself recognized the need, and the urgency, saying, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” Matt. 9:37-38 (NASB) God is answering this prayer.*

## Orality Focused Prayer Requests & Stories from the Field

### CompassionNet

**DEAF UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - Please lift up the 8.5 million Deaf people of South Asia, the majority of whom live in India. These are precious people created in the image of God, most of whom have never had one chance to “hear” or see or experience the Good News that Jesus gave His life for them. **Pray that the Deaf of South Asia will experience the love of Jesus in their lifetime.** Pray for more Christian workers among the Deaf, for He is not willing that any should perish!

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

**ORAL PEOPLES STRATEGY: WEST AFRICA** - “We praise God for how He is using our Oral Peoples Strategy Team in training national believers! One of our team members was able to go and train a group of leaders using stories from the Book of Mark. We received news that one of those leaders invited 35 churches in his association to join him for a three-day storying evangelism training in the village. He planned for 200 participants, and 750 showed up! After being broken up into groups of 10 & taught the ‘Parable of the Sower,’ they went out into two villages where there are no churches, spoke to almost 900 people, and led 145 to pray to receive Christ. The second day, they spoke to more than 1,200 people & led 183 to Christ. Two new churches have started out of this effort. **Pray** for these churches and the pastor who will follow up with this new work. **Continue to pray for our Oral Peoples Strategy Team as we share God’s Word and train others in storying methods** to share the Good News!”

**EASTERN PLAINS PEOPLES OF SOUTH ASIA** - Those working in the Eastern Plains are aware of the daunting number of unreached, unengaged souls. They ask: “**Please pray** that the Lord will call and develop 12 national ‘Pauls,’ who are apostle-type leaders and who each have the potential of impacting 20 million plains dwellers with the Gospel within 12 to 15 years. Together, these 12 ‘Pauls’ could finish the task in the Eastern Plains and impact more than 240 million people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Along with our national partners, please remember our Plains Team. **Ask for wisdom, understanding, and skill from the Lord** as to strategies and ‘best activities’ to maximize our impact for His kingdom and His glory, in an area where He is so little known. Our Plains Team continues to grow, and several new units (couples and/or singles) have moved to the plains within the past year. **Please pray that the Lord will help them to excel in language and cultural learning and that He will continue to bring the right local partners and contacts into their lives.**”

**TUNISIAN ARABS OF TUNISIA** - Please continue to pray that God will introduce

believers to “people of peace” (Luke 10:6) who will provide bridges into unreached segments of Tunisian society. Plead that **entire “families of peace” will be discovered** who can impact their communities with the Good News of God’s grace and mercy. **Pray that many Discovery Bible Studies can be launched to allow people to personally interact with God’s Word,** discover what it says, learn to obey what God shows them, and then share those discoveries with others. **Thank God** that the political situation has been stable enough to allow for more boldness in reaching out; ask for continued peace throughout the summer.

**CHA AND TA OF COLOMBIA (chah; tah)** - Over the years, the Pa and Ta people groups have had translators doing Bible translation, national missionaries who have come and gone, lots of teams that have come from foreign and local churches to preach the Gospel in the areas that are close to town and with better security . . . but they are still asking for a missionary to come and work with them, learn their language, and share the Gospel with them in a form that they can understand. **Please pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers!**

**MANINKA OF WEST AFRICA (MAH-nee-kah)** - “Entering into this particular Maninka village,” writes a Maninka Team member, “we knew that we were in a place where Jesus was not known, even though this was a Muslim village (Jesus is mentioned in the Quran). As we made our way to see the chief and gave the proper greetings, people started gathering. Their curiosity was evident. A group of women lingered on the outside of the large circle that was increasing as we asked permission to share stories from God’s Word. We told the story of the ‘Demonic’ (Luke 8:26-39) and ‘Creation to Return.’ As the stories were told, the women’s eyes lit up and timid smiles crossed their faces. A veil was being lifted. They were hearing about Jesus for the first time. Do you remember the first time you realized the truth? No decision was made to follow Christ at that time; they needed permission from their husbands. **Please pray that the truth those women heard on that day will not let them go but will take root and one day bear much fruit.**”

**MUSLIMS OF KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA (CAR-not-ick-ah)** - As Ramadan quickly approaches, opportunities for sharing the Gospel with the Muslims of Karnataka are vast. But there are millions of them spread across the state, and so few believers willing to share with them. That’s why media can play a special role in reaching this group of people. **Pray** for Brother S as he seeks to land a slot on state-wide television for the “JESUS” film to be shown during Ramadan. **Pray** that this project will move forward without any major glitches, and that God will use the film to impact many Muslims for His glory.

**RURAL PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA** - Please continue to **pray for teams of two who are visiting many unreached villages** to train villagers in better methods of planting vegetables that will yield vastly higher amounts. As they train these villagers, they are also distributing media players with Gospel messages and worship songs on the

players *in the heart languages* of the people groups.

**SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee)** - “S, one of the Sokoto Fulani believers in the town of G, has been asking us many questions about how to follow what the Bible says about living as a Christian,” writes a Sokoto Fulani Team member. “We have been able work through Scripture with him, as he has studied topics such as assurance of salvation and prayer. Recently he has been asking what marriage between a Christian and non-Christian looks like, as his wife is a nonbeliever. **Please pray for biblical wisdom and discernment as we share with him about this topic and other discipleship lessons to come.** Pray that as he grows and matures in the faith, S will have patience in seeing his wife come to know the Lord. **Pray** for his wife, H, asking that the Spirit will work in her heart and that she will come to know the truth of the Gospel.”

**NU OF COLOMBIA (noo)** - The Nu people do not have their language in written form; it is only spoken. The evangelistic and discipleship stories have been translated into their language by national missionaries L and J. There has been an expressed need for some time to have the stories recorded so that the Nu people can use them to remain faithful in the retelling of the stories. Recently a young Colombian believer who owns a recording and editing studio traveled to the home of L and J. For four days, he met with Nu believers and they worked through the difficult process of recording the evangelistic stories in the Nu language. **Pray as the process of editing and putting the stories on some type of playing device is completed.** **Pray for the spoken Word in the Nu language** as it is shared in their communities.

**AMAZON PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN (AM-uh-zahn)** - “Our Amazon Peoples Team holds Storying Training sessions twice a month. R is a friend who participates in these sessions with her husband. R was pregnant but recently lost the baby. Pray that God will strengthen her physically and spiritually as she recuperates and continues to seek Him. D is another friend who participates in the Storying Training. **Pray** that God will work out the details for D’s continued participation and that He will strengthen her, as well as our team members, as we pursue this work for His glory.”

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



He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” -Luke 10:2 (NIV)

## Praying for the work...

### [The Power of Story](#)

A2 BlogCentre

I recently attended The ION's mini-global consultation on theological education in Hong Kong. While it sounds boring... I know! I know! It actually was quite fascinating. Much of the work in church and mission today is transmitted through the means of reading and lectures. [Joe Handley](#), via Asian Access - I'd love to hear your thoughts on the power of a story... these reflections I wrote after a recent orality consultation in Hong Kong... For more info: check out the International Orality Network: <http://www.oralty.net/>



### [New Tribes Mission](#)

A Mwinika woman who has been too shy to leave her home is regularly attending Firm Foundations chronological Bible lessons and is bringing several ladies with her. How amazing is that: <http://go.ntm.org/14j0Ryc>



Henna, a temporary artwork drawn on the skin, is a major part of some cultures. Women put beautiful designs on their hands and feet for special occasions. Henna Stories provides a collection of beautiful stories and designs for you to freely use. <http://hennastories.org/>



TELLING  
THE GOSPEL  
THROUGH STORY  
Evangelism That Keeps Hearers Wanting More



Christine Dillon

### [Storying The Scriptures](#)

-The word 'gospel' literally means 'good news'. The Bible claims to be the best news that the world has ever heard. This site is all about that good news and how to share it through stories. <http://storyingthescriptures.com/>

If we are telling God's Story,  
shouldn't He be the focus?

More from the author of this book at:

<http://storyingthescriptures.com/>

To purchase this great resource:

<http://storyingthescriptures.com/recommended-book-sellers/>

## Praying for UPGs & UUPGs...

Ask

**Psalm 2:8** "Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession."

**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."

Cry Out

**Psalm 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."

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."

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,"



### [Orality Strategies](#)

Orality in the News Item - 'Orality and Translation: focusing on images rather than words' <http://ow.ly/2xNBep>

## Praying for the work of orality in India

### Man of Peace- the Storytellers of Odisha-



The Man of Peace-The Storytellers of Odisha is a collection of healing and caring stories and experiences of the storytellers of Odisha who demonstrate a radically new way of telling the Good News. Jesus is the ultimate Man of Peace who brings us peace and restoration with God our creator.

Take the time to view the 3 minute trailer at [www.manofpeace-thefilm.org](http://www.manofpeace-thefilm.org)



### [Mission Network News](#)

Orality Evangelism Strategies Continue to Grow

-Jerry Wiles, LWI

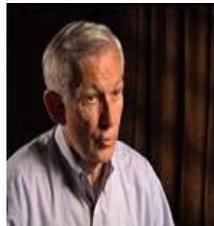
President Emeritus with Living Water International Jerry Wiles leads orality training workshops around the world. "Roughly 70% of the world's population--about five-billion people--are oral learners overall. And that includes the United States. There are a lot of people in the United States, and the...see article at: <http://mnonline.org/article/18701>



### [Simple Churches: Dramatic Transformations, Rapid Replication](#)

Simple Churches: When the vast majority of American Christians talk about "church," we have a fairly common idea of what we mean. Our idea of church usually focuses on facilities, leaders, and programs, and the more of each, the better.

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



Jerry White on Orality and Oral Learners

Navigators is adapting... pray for more organizations to

realize the need. We need more Oral Bibles, we need everyone to make the shift!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Omm7-MxYlW>

### [Global Recordings Network.](#)

The use of storytelling to communicate the bible has captured this worker's interest. What about you? Have you seen the difference storytelling can make when communicating to oral communicators?



### [Orality in Literate Cultures and the Gospel - Aaron Trank](#)

Orality is the use of speech, rather than written forms of communication,

that is most relevant in non-literate cultures. But, is orality relevant for literate cultures as well? I contend that it is: in fact, I contend that it is a vital tool for sharing the Gospel. Orality has enabled the spread...

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

## SAVE THESE DATES...

### Mark Your Prayer Calendars



ION is pleased to be a global stakeholder for SVM2 - '21 Days of Global Harvest' Praying for 387 UUPGs. 21 Days For Global Harvest is an annual worldwide prayer campaign for the fulfillment of the Great Commission in this generation. It is 21 consecutive days of passionate, heart-level prayer and intercession. More info: <http://21daysofprayer.net>



Oct 2013

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

**Call2All Mexico Congress 5-8 NOV 2013 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](http://www.Call2All.org)

### Pray for the ION Conference...



Six powerful words in any language are 'Let me tell you a story.' Join us in St. Louis for the International Orality Network 2013 Conference to get some great ideas for how to effectively use orality methods in your ministry - and bring your storytelling to life. The conference runs from Sept. 16-19. For more info go to [www.ionevents.org](http://www.ionevents.org)



Onsite Prayer Team

So thankful for those God has sent to be a part of the onsite prayer team.



Join in prayer. Source: [www.ionevents.org](http://www.ionevents.org)

### Connecting w/Prayer Partners

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:

[http://orality.net/prayer\\_partners](http://orality.net/prayer_partners)

### Connecting to ION 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 a time of sharing any news or if we have a guest, updates are given. Then we shift over to prayer for the remainder of the hour. Callers are on the line from all around the world. We have a specific focus for oral peoples and those who are working in Orality or with UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups. The Prayer Call is educational as well as effective prayer on behalf of those who still wait to hear the good news!

### PRAYING w/ION Partners...

#### Getting to know our ION friends

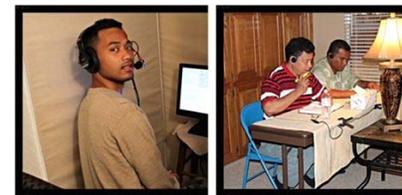


Connect to International

Orality Network w/others on the 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>

#### Faith Comes By Hearing's photos.

More than 49,000 people speak Marshallese, the language of the Marshall Islands. Did you know that several thousand of those who call Marshallese their heart language now work and live in a town in Arkansas? Yes, Arkansas!



#### By Design Visuals

The fulfillment of a dream...

#### Genesis Series Flannelgraph Production

The first Genesis Series and Background flannelgraph set!



### Praying for Training...

#### Living Water International

<http://water.cc/orality>

#### Simply the Story

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

#### Kids Around the World:

<http://www.kidsaroundtheworld>

#### StoryRunners - School of Storying

<http://www.storyrunners.org>

#### The Story Seminar

FACT: There are about 12,000 unique people groups in the world. About half of these groups are considered unreached by the Gospel, and many do not have churches or missionaries who can share the Gospel with them. Most of these people typically learn through non-literate, oral methods. 'Simply Tell The Story' training in Louisville, KY Aug. 2013. Check it out:

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

#### Orality Training Workshop | Living Water International

exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience living water—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Water Projects. -[Jerry Wiles](http://www.water.cc/orality).

Join in prayer for the upcoming workshops in Houston, Fort Wayne and Richmond. Share this opportunity to go to an Orality Training Workshop near them! See details at: [www.water.cc/orality](http://www.water.cc/orality)

## Bible Storying Basics Training

#### School of Storying – StoryRunners

Exciting opportunity September 15 - 20, 2013, at the Orlando School of Storying (SOS).

Are you a teachable, strategic thinking and innovative problem solver? See more at: <http://www.storyrunners.org>



#### TruthSticks

TruthSticks offers New Curriculum, Quarterly Leaders Guide -includes 13 complete storying sessions for Bible Study then the next one is December to February and so on. --FREE 1st Edition emailed to you if you ask. Send an email to: [SnowdenMinistries@gmail.com](mailto:SnowdenMinistries@gmail.com)

*The Church can no longer advance on literate feet, but must communicate God's Truths in a world that is busy with messages based on orality worldview preferences.* -TruthSticks