



Greetings from the ION Prayer Team

AUGUST 2013 Prayer Focus

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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Finishing up and finishing well...



Engage this year! July 9th to August 7th

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

Orality Focused Prayer Requests
& Stories from the Field

CompassionNet

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - The Seba (pronounced SEH-bah) are of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Many claim to be Christian because they are not Muslim, but very few understand about God's Son, Jesus. Living in the far southeastern corner of the country, surrounded by Zambia, they are in a remote place, making them difficult to access. With conflicts over land & local political power, violence riddles this area. The Seba people need to experience God's grace and mercy in their lives in order to live at peace w/one another. **Currently the Bible has not been translated into their heart language nor has the "JESUS" film-there is no Gospel witness.** ". . . and how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Romans 10:14). **Pray** for God to reveal His plan to touch the Seba people. **Ask** Him to call out His messengers to bring the Gospel to the more than 200,000 Seba of the DRC.

NORTHERN YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN - **Lift up the H family** as they grieve the sudden loss of the husband and father. The three daughters and mother have been asking more questions about hope and peace during this time. Their seeking is evident. Remember also the four brothers as they, too, seek comfort but try to stifle their

emotions in false hope. **Pray** that the Lord will open all of their hearts and minds to the Truth being shared with them, and pray with the believer who is sharing *"that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel"* (Eph 6:19b). <http://www.pray4yemen.com/>

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee) - A journeyman working with the Sokoto Fulani is coming close to the end of her term of service. She works primarily in two villages, where she spends her days sharing the Good News w/her Sokoto Fulani friends. In both villages, there are women and a few men who are seeking to know the Truth and what following the Road of Jesus looks like in a Muslim environment. With one month left, she will be getting together radios and memory chips that Gospel stories can be copied onto. As she begins to distribute these among the seekers in her villages, please pray that the Father will be working in the hearts of the Sokoto Fulani and continue working even after she leaves. **Pray** also for follow-up visits to these two villages by local personnel in the area.

LOMWE OF MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE (LOHM-way) - The Lomwe Team writes: "The village's name may mean 'in the snakes,' but a handful of believers from a neighboring village want to see the residents of that village 'in the kingdom!' Efforts will begin this month to identify a 'man of peace' (Luke 10:6) in 'in the snakes' village, to be followed shortly thereafter by the beginning of chronological Bible storying teaching. Please pray that the Lord will show us His people in 'in the snakes.'"

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - The Krim are a shy people hidden in the swamplands of southern Sierra Leone. As fishermen, most live along the riverbanks and sea coasts, but many also have farms to support their families with the food that they need day to day. They are known by the surrounding tribe as a people with not much pride in who they are. Because of this seeming lack of pride, their language and culture is dying. They are losing their identity to this surrounding Mende people. There are very few churches among the Krim, and travel is very difficult due to the lay of the land, yet these people need someone to bring them the Good News of the true "Fisher of Men." Please ask the Lord to send an engaging church to these people so that they themselves will become not only fishermen, but fishers of men.

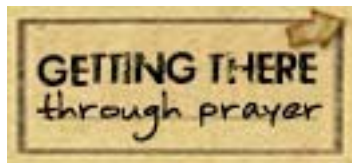
PEARL PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA - "Who doesn't remember a good story? As children, we were told bedtime stories and many times pleaded with our parents to tell us another. This past month, we held a Bible story crafting training for local believers in how to tell stories from the Bible accurately in their own language. For many people, this was a new way to learn the truths of the Bible. One local leader admitted that he had studied the Word for many years, but that this was the first time he truly understood the story and the meaning behind it. Please pray that these leaders will teach their people how to tell the stories of the Bible, and that many people will come to know Jesus through these stories!"

ISRAELI JEWS OF ISRAEL - Summer camps are in full swing during the month of July. The children and youth are learning crafts, Bible narratives (story portions), and how to work together with different segments of the society in the country. Many believers in the land attribute their initial understanding of the Truth to these camps. **Pray that the young people who attend these very important camps will absorb the narratives and ask questions that will make a big difference in their lives.**

EAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - "Lord, as local teams travel out to remote areas this month, looking for unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs), please walk before them. Show them the way they should go, even from which angle to enter each village. Guide them to the homes of Your choice, the 'people of peace' (Luke 10:6) that You have already prepared to hear Your Good News. Open the hearts of these seekers to receive You, to believe You, to know You as their God, the one for whom they have been waiting. Then open up the hearts of their families and neighbors, as well. Begin a church-planting movement even now, Lord, among these lost people groups, so that all may dance before Your throne in heaven one day."

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

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



AYMARA OF PERU (eye-MAH-rah) – Please join in praying for the work done during the month of July. A team of six students traveled to South Peru to perform a thorough research of an Aymara people group. Their travel took them in and out of areas located more than 13,000 feet above sea level, praise God for protecting them from altitude sickness. Please pray that they were able to take full advantage of the limited amount of time they had. Ask for good relationships formed while there might be used later. The information that the students gathered will help IMB personnel decide if this is an unengaged unreached people group (UUPG) and if there is a need to establish a missionary presence there. Pray for wisdom to discern the reporting and information. Pray for a way into the future for this people group to be engaged.

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



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>

Become Aware, Pray, Obey



[Unengaged Unreached](#)

See more info:
<http://www.joshuaproject.net/bulletin-inserts.php>

Watching & Praying...

Imagine a way to pull up prayer focus for every nation and for specific language groups for your prayer times. Well such a service is available. In 7 minutes you can step into worship for the nations... engaging in prayer thru the high quality videos.



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

His Praise Goes On

Imagine the day, prophesied in Revelation, when "every nation, tribe, people, and language" will be "standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." We, as the body of Christ, long for that day and wait in eager expectation for that moment of worship.

Source:
<http://prayercast.com/his-praise-goes-on.html>

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...

Please join in praying for the "School of Prayer for All Nations" that will be held at IMB International Learning Center. The second session set for September 2-6th is now open for registrants... ask for the Holy Spirit to call out 21 intercessors (1 or 2 each time from different churches) to register for the upcoming sessions that will be every other month scheduled thru 2015. Information to help you know better how to pray for the school is located at:

<http://imb.org/SPAN>

"O, God, fill their hearts with praise so that they will keep eyes focused on the One and Only God who is worthy of all our praise. 'My soul, praise Yahweh, and all that is within me, praise his holy name. My soul praise the Lord; and do not forget all His benefits' Psalm 103:1-2

"Lord, please protect them in all the preparation needed to participate in the intensive week of intercession. Protect them in travel, providing traveling mercies going and coming to the International Learning Center." Psalm 121:8

"Heavenly Father, help them find a quiet place of solitude for prayer in the days leading up to the School of Prayer for All Nations. Matthew 6:6



Orality Strategies

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

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>



29 October 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. South American Congress held in Puebla, Mexico at the Expo Center, Puebla. We hope you will be able to join us for this strategic gathering. Many leaders from across Mexico and Latin America are already anticipating God will do great things as we meet to focus on reaching the least, the last and the lost. The Congress begins on **Tuesday, Nov 5th** at 1 pm and concludes on Friday, Nov 8th at 10 pm.

Source: <http://www.Call2All.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

Praise God

COASTAL SWAHILI PEOPLES OF EAST AFRICA- "Blank stares are what we usually get when we share the Good News with South Asian Muslims in our city. These influential people are the shop owners, the businessmen, the people of influence. We've long prayed for even one person to believe in Jesus, and most recently we've been challenged to **ask God to do the seemingly impossible.** Recently F arrived at the clinic for treatment for a back injury and announced that he was a recovering heroin addict. His candid demeanor paved the way for spiritual conversations to take place over the course of his treatment. When F accepted a copy of the Word, we were encouraged. When he called to say that he had actually been reading it--and that it was 'amazing!'--we were hopeful. Following a 'Creation to Christ' story presentation on a deserted beach, F simply responded with, 'I am ready.' No questions. No arguments. No excuses. **Our God is a God of the seemingly impossible! Praise God and rejoice with us in the addition of our new brother in Christ! Pray** that F will become a voice of Truth in his community. **Pray** that many more South Asians will respond with, 'I am ready.'" **Source:** IMB Prayer Director, Ed Cox/CompassionNet
<http://www.imb.org/main/pray>



Please pray for current Bible Recordings:

IsiXhosa (South Africa): Pray for certain logistical challenges for the team in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape (South Africa).

Tswana (South Africa):

Praise the Lord for the good progress since the beginning of this recording on the 18th of June. Pray for the health of the team and that they will stay focused and motivated.

Ndau (Mozambique):

Pray for the involved recording partner and recording team who is currently busy with the recording of the New Testament. Pray for the provision of outstanding funds for this project.

Planned Bible Recordings:

Pray for the preparations that need to be made for at least 2 Bible recordings that are planned for 2013. We are trusting the Lord to address the logistical and other challenges.

Davar Africa Outreach: We are grateful for the amazing first two legs of this outreach that has been to Lake Tanganyika and Mozambique. Although the circumstances were difficult, the outreach groups did very well and got amazing footage. The third group will leave on the 31st of July to Zambia. Pray for critical decisions that have to be made in connection with the route that this group should take as Zimbabwe will have their elections at the same time.

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

Pray for the ION Conference...



Six powerful words in any language are 'Let me tell you a story.' Join in prayer for the upcoming International Orality Network 2013 Conference in St. Louis Sept. 16-19th. Orality is more than just storytelling, come find out more with us.



Onsite Prayer Team

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

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

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!



Connect to (ION) 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:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/143049235766186?ref=ts&fref=ts>



Pray for translation and recording teams all across the globe. The picture below from Wycliffe Associates shows how books and portions of scripture such as the Gospel of Luke, is put into print and audio form, for communities where up to this point, have never received it in their heart language.

Praying for Training...



Upcoming Training Dates:

<http://ion2008.ning.com/m?id=2118812%3AMobilePage%3A39166>

Kids Around the World:

<http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.org>

School of Storing – StoryRunners

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

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

LWI - Orality Training Workshop

An Introduction to Contextual Bible Storing - Join in prayer for the upcoming workshops in **Fort Wayne, Indiana & Richmond, VA.**

See details at: www.water.cc/orality

The Story Seminar

Story Training Workshop - Louisville, KY

August 22, 2013 at 6 pm to August 24 at 4 pm - [Refuge Ministries \(formerly Southside Ministries\)](#)

More information

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

Story Training for Trainers Workshop - St. Charles, MO

September 19 - 24, 2013 - [e3 Partners Ministry](#) - [Click Here](#) for information or to register.

Story Training for Trainers Workshop October 21, 2013 at 9am to October 25, 2013 at 5pm – e3 Partners Ministry Story Training For Trainers Workshop October 21 - 25, 2013

For more on e3Partner trainings:

<http://www.e3partners.org/orality>

Simply the Story

September 20-25th

Three Options - [Click here](#)

1. Special 2-day Introductory Track, 12 hours - Sept 20-21

2. Instructor Track (Full Training) 37 hours - Sept 20-25

3. Practitioner Track 19 hours - Sept 21-25

Registration:

<http://www.oralty.net/training#sthash.yLe6IEZx.dpuf>

For info on STS:

<http://www.simpythestory.org>



**PRAYING w/ION Partners...
Getting to know ION friends**



**The fulfillment of a dream...
Genesis Series Flannelgraph Production**
Sometimes God lets the ION Prayer Teams see tangibly what He is doing. Since our MN conference we have been watching and praying for a work that is now literally being rolling out to the nations! God has been faithful to bring it to pass. Praise Him!
Flannelgraph for a new generation!
Created for the next generation of Bible storytellers ... The *By Design Visual Series* is available in [traditional flannelgraph](#) story sets and [digital flannelgraph](#) format. This is not your grandma's flannelgraph!



Each set will arrive in two screen printed carrying cases. The five figure sets will come in one case and the six background sets will be in the other
Source: <http://www.ByDesignVisuals.org>



Beyond Imagination!

We rejoice with another two year journey team member who returns back to the USA this week... please join in praying for her as she travels, goes thru her debriefing time at Wycliffe and then finally home August 9th... This young woman will go down in the books of heaven as one who well in Papua New Guinea (PNG) working to bring oral bible stories to those who still wait.



[His Promise and My Departure](#)
Mon, July 29, 2013
Two years ago, I was sitting on a plane, staring out the smudged oval window as if my life depended on it. *Just don't look at the person next to you, and you'll be fine*, I ordered myself. I fixated on the airport workers scurrying about in their bright orange vests and bit my lip, praying that my red eyes didn't reveal that only a little while earlier I had been sobbing in a bathroom stall and dabbing tears with toilet paper, the final release after I left my family on the other side of airport security. But, as I gripped the armrests and tried to regulate my breathing, a gentle whisper brushed against my mind, wrapping itself around my frantic thoughts. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Read more:

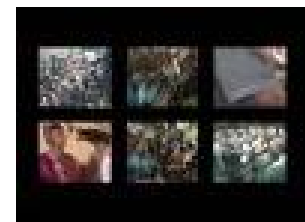
<http://networkedblogs.com/N/BaoU>
There have been several posts about the work of Wycliffe in PNG with Oral Bible Storytelling. <http://wycliffe.org.uk/blog/2013/04/storytelling-its-not-just-for-children/> You can read more about it in [the latest Words for Life magazine](#) Pray for the Oral Bible Story (OBS) tellers around png. Pray especially for a group preparing to attend the last module of training next month. Ask the Lord for stamina for the team who have been facilitating the training time and for their preparation in the upcoming time. Pray for wisdom for the way forward in involving more languages in this strategic approach to sharing the gospel. Pray for the OBS tellers to maintain momentum and perseverance in the work.

Source: Wycliffe png

Yearning for more Bible stories in your heart pocket?!

Step into a "SATURATION" plan of scripture engagement... Faith Comes By Hearing offers the "You've Got the Time" plan to leads you thru the New Testament in 40 days using a dramatized, bible version in mp3. Download it to your computer and consider even loading it into an mp3 player to take it with you in your day! You can still do traditional bible study, but try this for 40 days... the saturation plan!

Watch this video to find out more:
http://youtu.be/tuf-jk_nRbA
Link to download:
<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/youve-got-time>



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



[TruthSticks](#)
TruthSticks has a 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. You might touch base with Mark Snowden who is an excellent coach for pastors looking to do storying with their churches and small groups. Send an email to: SnowdenMinistries@gmail.com