



Greetings from the ION Prayer Team
SEPTEMBER 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...

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Pursuing God for Spiritual Awakening and Global Harvest

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. Pick a time, sign up & get engaged as well as praying for the larger movement of the 21 days.

More info: <http://21daysofprayer.net>

What a joy it is to be able to watch & pray with the body of Christ as God works!

2013 21 Days for Global Harvest video.mp4



[21Days 2013 YoutubeSD](#)

To Watch: Click the link below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6otnP_Df8Dg



Many networks and conference groups are partnering with 21 Days For Global Harvest as a Stakeholder Network. Here are some of them:



Our goal is to see 1,000 prayer groups from 50 nations praying for students to be mobilized and by name for the [387 UUPGs Unengaged Unreached People Groups](#) during these 21 days.

The Holy Spirit is speaking to those with listening ears to give diligent attention to developing the following components within our lives and ministries:

1. Returning to our first love of Jesus Christ and keeping first things first
2. Embracing suffering and persecution for the sake of Christ
3. Preserving the Truth of God's Word and not tolerating its compromise at any cost
4. Growing in holiness and maintaining high standards of morality
5. Forsaking reputation of being spiritual and pursuing the reality of pleasing God
6. Faithfully engaging in the global opportunity He has opened among the unengaged, unreached people groups
7. Leaving complacency behind & growing in commitment to a wholehearted, passionate following of Christ, embracing the role of the Person of the Holy Spirit.

The student generation is faced today with a strategic opportunity to face these issues head on – Uniting together in the spirit of committed prayer and intercession for 21 Days from many nations, ministry backgrounds as well as breaking up the fallow spiritual ground among the unengaged, unreached thru prayer.

Link to the [SVM2 Facebook Page](#)

Source: 21 Days of Prayer
<http://21daysofprayer.net>



Pray for the ION Conference this month...

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 the team of 19 God has sent to be a part of the onsite prayer team.

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

Orality Focused Prayer Requests & Stories from the Field

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SAUDI ARABS OF SAUDI ARABIA - Please pray that thousands of Saudis visiting Western countries this month will receive Scriptures and hear the Gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to turn their hearts to His Truth, and pray that seekers will be able to establish fruitful relationships with believers.

SOUTH ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - There are approximately 691,800 Namosudra of Assam, India, located in lower Assam and the Barak Valley. They speak Assamese and are Hindu. There are no believers among them! Their name is a combination of the words "blessing" and "lower caste." They are traditionally fishermen, but now many also hold white-collar jobs and are interspersed among other people groups. Pray that these fishermen will not only receive the blessing of hearing the Gospel and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, but that they will also become fishers of men, leading those of their own caste and other castes to faith in our Savior. Pray that this month, God will place the Namosudra on the hearts of a few Assamese believers and they will accept the task of making disciples among a people not their own. And for a training/discipleship program that is beginning in Assam will bear fruit among the Namosudra and other unengaged peoples will not only become engaged, but reached with the Gospel!

SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - "The 275,000 L people used to be an engaged people group, but the team working there was unable to continue. One of the reasons that people groups remain classified as "unengaged" is because they are in remote and difficult-to-live-in areas. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers prepared for the hardship of living in these difficult fields. Pray for open

doors of access to allow workers to enter into the unengaged areas. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of all nine of the unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) on our island."

EAST ASIAN PEOPLES - The prayer advocate for one large team serving among the East Asian peoples writes: "Pray for team productivity and unity, as our team members are currently located in different parts of the world. Pray that we will continue to advance God's kingdom regardless of our location. Intercede for our safety and health as we travel, especially the children. Pray for one couple's language learning, several team members' time back in the United States, another's move to serving unreached people groups (UPGs), and still another's work during the summer. Pray for someone to be called to serve in the role of student work specialist for the growing number of college students here."

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES - Thank you for praying for personnel from the Central Sahel Cluster of countries-Niger, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Benin-as they gathered in a beautiful setting in East Africa. Give thanks to the Lord that the gathering was blessed with preaching from God's Word, songs of praise to Him, classes and recreation for the children, prayer times for the adults, as well as training times. Every day the group heard about and prayed for one unengaged unreached people group (UUPG) in the cluster. They were also inspired by the stories of their co-laborers who work in very difficult places as they spoke of God's provision for them and their children. Thank you for giving so that these large, cluster-wide meetings can take place. They provide a much-needed break from the routine, as well as fellowship that refreshes our workers for the tasks God has given them.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - There are more believers in one large "First Baptist Church" in the United States than in the entire Kwangali people group of Namibia! The Kwangali live along the Okavango River, which forms a partial border between Angola and Namibia. Although some evangelical churches exist in the area, the Kwangali are <2% evangelized & remain in bondage to traditional beliefs & ancestor worship. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the Kwangali so that when they hear the truth of the Gospel, they can truly be set free by Jesus, the Son. **Pray** for the existing believers to develop a passion for sharing Christ w/Kwangali who need to be set free.

NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES - "O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:3). Rejoice in how the Lord answered your prayers last month for the effective use of student teams! Despite language barriers, sweet connections were made. Some female members of a team participated in a "pampering time" for several Northern African and Middle Eastern

(NAME) women, where one of the women tearfully shared how in her 12 years out of her homeland, she had never felt such love! The student teams covered areas with their prayers, and local believers look forward expectantly to what God will do in the days ahead. They also distributed more than 1,000 pieces of biblical material to more than 350 NAME people. The materials consisted of DVDs of Old Testament prophets or Mary Magdalene, the "JESUS" film, and copies of the New Testament. The male members of the team traveled to eight surrounding cities, conducting NAME people research. Their well-documented efforts will facilitate use of future teams in these areas. The women on the team also assisted in a NAME women's activity survey that identified more than 40 new contacts and phone numbers. Praise God indeed, and continue to pray for believers in the host cities to have the resources needed and to be diligent with follow-up.

HAUSA OF WEST AFRICA - "We rejoice in celebrating the faithfulness of our Lord in answering your prayers, as He has provided a home for a displaced missionary family on our Hausa Team! In the midst of a large city, the search for just the right home had proven to be a challenge, but we are excited that a house has now been provided and work has begun on it to make it livable. Please pray as the family makes all of the preparations needed to move in, and continue to ask that they will be able to find a strong language tutor in the area."

MAHAFALY OF MADAGASCAR (mah-hah-FAH-lee) - Thank you for praying for believers in the bush. Give thanks to God that they are growing in their faith and are realizing the importance of sharing their faith with those who live around them.

AEGEAN TURKS OF TURKEY - "The story in the Book of Acts of Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch is dear to our hearts. As we look back on the way we met our believing friends, we certainly believe that God sent us all the way here for them! They, like the Ethiopian eunuch, were reading without understanding & when we opened up the Word with them to explain, the Spirit called them to salvation. It's been nearly a year since they professed faith in Christ, it's been a rocky year. We rejoice in how the Father has already matured their faith and helped them grow in obedience. Since summer is upon us and the water around us has gotten warmer, we recently discussed baptism in depth.

We read about what it symbolizes. We talked about how it's a step of obedience & the seriousness of what we're saying to people when we are baptized. Our national brother looked at us and said, 'This is so strange that we're talking about this, because just this week, I've been thinking a lot about this.' We affirmed the Spirit's work in his heart throughout the week. Praise the Lord for the desire this couple has to be baptized! Pray for their faith and opportunities to share their faith to increase as they obey. Pray for the salvation of our national sister's unbelieving mother, who was also present at our study. Pray that this step of obedience will encourage other national brothers and sisters."

RUMELIAN TURKS OF THE BALKANS - Please pray regarding the follow-up for the VBS camp that 29 children attended. Ask for wisdom for workers as they decide whether or not to have a follow-up camp before school starts in Sept.

DHAKA, BANGLADESH - "The nonbelievers had never thought that God treated women as valuable. One Hindu woman and 11 Muslim women attended the special Bible-based teaching that focused on topics such as God's love and plan for women, women's health, fetal development, and family planning. Each woman had been attending the Light for Women vocational sewing training program's first session and had already heard many Bible stories in chronological order from creation to Christ, yet at the Value of Life training, they learned even more. For the first time, they saw that early on, a baby is the size of a grain of salt and understood that God chooses a child's eyes, nose and ears. "This was new information for them," P said. "They were amazed." Two of the Muslim women are childless. "They believe that if we pray for them, they will be able to conceive," P reported. Pray that these two will look to Isa (Jesus) to fill their empty hearts and that the Lord will bless them with children, if that is His will. Two other Muslim women from the group attended their first church service last month, where they witnessed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism. These 12 have completed their sewing course, but pray for effective spiritual follow up with them, and ask that their whole family will courageously choose to follow Isa as Savior and Lord.

GUJARATI OF INDIA - "Aug4-15, believers 'mapped' the state of Gujarat. Why? The goal was to spread the news of Christ and salvation throughout the state. The mapping will show us two things: The first is where believers are located in the state, what they are doing, and what can be done to help

them become more effective sharers. The second purpose of the mapping is to locate UUPG's in our state. UUPG stands for unengaged (no one is focused on getting the Gospel to them) unreached (less than 2 percent of the group are evangelical believers) people group. We know that the UUPGs are here in our state, but we need to know more--where they are concentrated, what the best strategy is for reaching them, or even if someone has reached them and no one knows. Intercede for the believers they encountered and for them to desire to join in spreading the Truth. Asking for all to be open to the Word and be ready to hear what God wants for them."

HINDUS OF KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA - Please pray for the Story Crafting Project Team formation trip that will take place in early August. A worker will be traveling in Karnataka with two national partners, searching for those who can make up four- to five-member teams in three different languages for a story crafting project that will kick-off in 2014. They ask, "Pray that we will be able to find and assemble the teams easily that the Lord has for us."

NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - The people groups of North Africa are Muslim and are unreached--**all but one**. Most of these unreached groups are also unengaged, meaning that there is no known work proclaiming Jesus among them. The Kabyle Berbers are considered to be "reached," because 2 percent of their population has heard the Good News and has chosen to follow the Son. **Pray** for a spiritual grassroots movement that will spread like wildfire with the wind of the Holy Spirit throughout all these people groups. **Thank God for those individuals who have already believed! Thank Him** for those who already have a burden to reach their friends, family, and neighbors with the Good News. For the Kabyle Berbers and other believers, **pray** that they will be called to go to their fellow Muslim people groups in North Africa to share during this month of Ramadan. To God be the glory!

EAST ASIAN PEOPLES - Pray for the planning and preparation for EA1Day mobilization events throughout Asia this fall. Ask that existing partnerships will be strengthened and many new partnerships will be formed that will result in significant Gospel inroads into the unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) of China and pockets of Chinese peoples in cities throughout the world. <http://eastasianpeoples.imb.org/pray/>

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES - A simple method of evangelism used in Africa is called "storying." Bible stories are presented as directly from Scripture as possible, with minimal explanation. The one sharing then engages the hearer or hearers with a few simple questions. Theological truths are better understood in oral cultures within the context of a story rather than as abstract principles. An exciting new ministry

is with truckers who travel throughout the countries of the Sahel region, hauling goods or fuel into landlocked countries. Thank God for local believers who have become excited about being part of this ministry and are attending trainings to equip them to be more confident witnesses. These believers are meeting truckers as they come into their towns and stop for food, lodging, or repairs to their trucks, or if they are being stopped for not having documents acceptable to local authorities. The truckers know their routes, but believers are discovering that they do not know the "route" that leads to eternal life. **Praise God** for these believers who have a heart for the lost and are acting to lead them to Christ! **Pray** for many more to commit to Bible storying training.

UUPG-NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES (NAME Peoples have 584 UUPGs, over 85 million people that no one is telling about Jesus.) - One of these are the Northern Shilha of Algeria, better known as Rif Berbers, are made up of 19 tribes totaling 715,000 people. "Rif" means "the edge of civilization." They are Sunni Muslim and live in stone houses w/flat roofs, strategically scattered in the mountains for defensive reasons. Using the traditional methods of their ancestors, they raise livestock as a secondary means of livelihood, while harvesting figs and olives as the first. Up to 1/3of the Rif Berber men relocate to European cities for jobs the majority of the year to supplement their income. For those who live in cities, their religious practice is fairly pure, but in the rural areas, they mix traditional practices from their ancient beliefs with Islam. They live essentially according to what their tribal elders say. They have been impacted by radio broadcasts of the Gospel into their mountainous region. They do have access to the New Testament & the "JESUS" film, but there has been no face-to-face work done among them in the last century. Ask God to call laborers for the harvest who are willing to learn the Tarifit language & share the Gospel in the mountainous edge of civilization among the Rif Berbers of Algeria.

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



ION on Facebook!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/14304923576618?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Looking Ahead on your ION Partners prayer calendars...



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Barbara Clark is serving as the Atlanta Prayer Coordinator for this Issachar Summit. For those who are not yet familiar with what Issachar is doing, check out their website at www.IssacharInitiative.com and see how orality fits in. Issachar is a out growth of Table 71.

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



Call2All Mexico Congress 5-8 NOV 2013 in Puebla, Mexico – Join in praying for Hector Tamez Mexico/S. America Orality Network, Dir. facilitating the local host team. Source: <http://www.Call2All.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 weekly ION prayer 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. We have a specific focus for oral peoples & those who are working in Orality or with UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups. To find out more about how you can get involved or how your ministry's prayer teams can get connected, click on the link: http://orality.net/prayer_partners

Watching & Praying...

Praying for Egypt

<http://prayercast.com/egypt.html>



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



The 10/40 Window is a rectangular-shaped area extending from West Africa to East Asia, from 10 degrees South to 40 degrees North. The region encompasses the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists and 98% of the oral peoples of the globe. WIN1040 shares up to date prayer alerts for the countries of this area of the world. They are an excellent source of prayer information.

Here are two examples:

[Pray4Egypt](#)

<http://win1040.com/post.php?id=1788&cat=news>



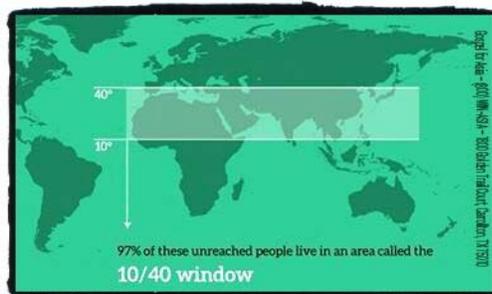
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NORTH KOREA, EAST ASIA

[Pray for North Korea](#) [Pray for North Korea](#) [Christians interceding for North Korea](#)

At the ASEAN (Association of South-east Asian Nations) summit in Brunei, North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui-chun made a surprising move by suggesting his government is ready to move forward with nuclear disarmament talks. However, despite Pak's "goodwill gesture," North Korea still plans on increasing its nuclear capabilities. According to Pak, "It is a touch-and-go situation in which a war can break out any time." Pray for peace in the Korean Peninsula. Pray for North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons. Pray for government leaders to believe in Jesus Christ (The Bible, Psalm 34:14).

Source: WIN1040 <http://www.win1040.com/>



Gospel for Asia - great info, orality tools needed on these areas. Website <http://www.gfa.ca/>

Here is the link for the info for this photo:

http://www.gfa.ca/place/?utm_content=buffer6719c&utm_source=buffer&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=Buffer

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 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>

[LWI - Orality Training Workshop](#)

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

See details at: www.water.cc/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.orality.net/training#sthash.yLe6lEzx.dpuf>

For info on STS:

<http://www.simpythestory.org>

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>

Commit to pray &

Adopted a UUPG in prayer...



Sign up & receive periodic reminders.

Source: To sign up to pray for a UUPG:

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