

A United Call for Prayer on behalf of all Oral Peoples, and 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)

Praying Each Thursday

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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Praying for the UUPGs & Bible-less Oral Peoples...

Pursuing God for Spiritual Awakening and Global Harvest
We continue taking a focused look in strategic prayer for specific peoples of the world who are primarily oral and are still unengaged. Linking together and following the Harvest Ethne Prayer Strategy Network 12 month calendar for unreached people groups. Our plan will be to bring the remaining people groups that Finishing the Task (FTT) is tracking into our prayer view and strategically focus on the remaining 56 UUPGs from the original 639 UUPG List that are still in need of engagement and strategy.



**JANUARY – Harvest Ethne Prayer Network
East and Southern Africa**

Source: <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2>

This month, there are three nations and 8 UUPGs we will focus on from (FTT) Finishing the Task.

Sudan	5 UUPG
Eritrea	2 UUPG
Somalia	1 UUPG
Total	8 UUPGs

The FTT group is headed up by Paul Eshelman and is a Great Commission Partner Group working to track progress of (UUPG) Unengaged Unreached People Groups since 2000. Their goal is to get to ZERO. The Original 639 UUPG List all had populations over 100,000. This quest has led to new levels of modeling collaborative efforts all over the globe.

**Join in prayer for the countries
in East Africa and Southern Africa this month:**

**Sudan Eritrea Ethiopia Malawi
Djibouti Somalia Kenya Tanzania
Lesotho Angola Namibia Swaziland
Zambia Uganda Botswana Burundi
Rwanda Mozambique Zimbabwe
Madagascar South Africa**



SUDAN – 5 UUPG

FTT # 585	Arab Maghrebi	172,829 pop.
	Arabic Islam	Have Scripture, Jesus Film, Radio, Gospel Recordings but No Churches, No Believers
FTT # 592	Sherifi	131,226 pop.
	Arabic Islam	Have Scripture, Jesus Film, Radio, Gospel Recordings but No Churches, No Believers
FTT # 595	Yazeed	355,356 pop.
	Arabic Islam	Have Scripture, Jesus Film, Radio, Gospel Recordings but No Churches, No Believers
FTT # 574	Gimme	149,031 pop.
	Gimme Islam	No Scripture, No Jesus Film, No Radio programs, No Churches, No Believers
FTT # 575	Guhayna	1,350,194 pop.
	Arabic Islam	Have Scripture, Jesus Film, Radio, Gospel Recordings but No Churches, No Believers

Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/country/suda/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=6>

ERITREA - 2 UUPG

FTT # 78	Bilen	132,168 pop.
	Bilen Islam	Have Scripture, but No Jesus Film, No Radio, No Gospel Recordings, No Churches, No Believers
FTT # 80	Saho	211,469 pop.
	Saho Islam-Sunni Muslim	Have Scripture, No Jesus Film, No Radio, Have Gospel Recordings, but No Churches, No Believers

Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/country/erit/owtext.html/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=6>

SOMALIA - 1 UUPG

FTT # 558	Gosha	141,834 pop.
	Swahili Islam	Have Scripture, Jesus Film, Radio, Gospel Recordings but No Churches, No Believers

Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/country/soma/owtext.html/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=6>

ETHIOPIA - 1 UUPG

FTT # 98	Xamir	192,875 pop.
	Xamtanga	Traditional Christian
		No Scripture, No Jesus Film, No Radio programs, No Churches, No Believers

Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/country/ethi/owtext.html/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=6>



Pray for Orality in East and Southern Africa

Join in prayer for the East Africa Orality Network. Here is a picture of their leadership team. A group is currently working to form a Southern Africa Orality Network.

Linking in prayer for UUPGs... [Continued]



Dec	Middle East and North Africa	6
Nov	Central Asia	5
Oct	South Asia, Muslim	4
Sep	South Asia, Hindu	4
Aug	South Asia, Buddhists & Other Small	2
Jul	Northeast Asia	3
Jun	South Pacific and Southeast Asia	1&2
May	Americas and Caribbean	12
Apr	Western Europe	10
Mar	Eastern Europe and Eurasia	9
Feb	West and Central Africa	8
Jan	East and Southern Africa	7

This initiative, involves hundreds of thousands of people from around the globe praying simultaneously for the Least-Reached. It is called [HeLPS](#) for Harvest Linked Prayer Strategies. We join the many global prayer ministries that are linking together in this initiative.

Source: Ethne Network /Harvest Linked Prayer Strategies

12 Months: <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=3/>

Source:

Finishing the Task: <http://www.finishingthetask.org/>

January Ethne Calendar List:

<http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2ðnemoth=1>

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This particular area of the globe is heavily oral culture peoples. These countries in this region of the globe are still in much need of discipleship/oral tools. There are many Great Commission Partner groups working to reach the unreached. Our task is to bring a focus to the UNENGAGED, hidden within this area of the globe, who are oral learners and communicators. Unreached are those who currently no one has a strategic plan to bring the great news of the gospel to. So we pray...

Among those who serve in this region are ION partner groups, agencies and individuals who are working to bring oral bibles to those who still wait. Water projects, hygiene and health/medical non-governmental organizations have more access many times than any other western groups to go into these areas. But the best plan is to help to empower indigenous groups and train in discipleship leaders to allow for families within these regions to fully participate in the work of God. As we pray, let us remember that God's plan is to bring all... Rev. 5:9 & Rev. 7:9

Praying for the UUPGs & Bible-less Oral Peoples...

Praying 4Sudan

In recent weeks there has been an escalation in unrest in South Sudan. Our prayer teams have been following and getting information from storytelling groups on the ground as well as teams waiting to go in country. We would ask you to continue to pray for Sudan.

Praying for the UUPGs & Bible-less Oral Peoples...

Praying 4Sudan [Arab, Maghrebi in Sudan](#)

Introduction / History

The word "Arab" usually brings to mind images of white-robed Bedouins riding across the desert on their camels; however, this is not the total picture. There are more than 250 million Arabs who make up the majority populations of 22 nations. They represent the largest, most diverse, and most politically influential Muslim ethnic group in the world. While there are several characteristics that determine whether or not a person is a true Arab, one trait is always evident: a proud sense of being an Arab. Their physical, geographical, and religious aspects all vary greatly; however, the ability to speak Arabic (or an Arabic dialect) & identification w/Arabian cultural heritage are, perhaps, the two most essential elements. In the modern Arab world, traditional values have been altered. Today, few of the modern Arabs live as desert shepherds; and significant Arab communities can now be found in almost all of the western world.

What are their lives like?

It is difficult to adequately describe the Arab culture since it draws upon several thousand years of history. Today, many of the Arabs live in cities and towns, causing traditional family and tribal ties to be broken down somewhat. Women, as well as men, now have greater educational & employment opportunities, these & other changes have created a new "middle class" within their society. The Diaspora Arab communities fit into this new "middle class" category, they have been exposed to western culture on a grand scale, traditional culture and way of life have undergone many changes. As a result, they have experienced much tension. There is greater freedom for women to leave the home, fewer arranged marriages, and less social pressure to conform to traditional religious practices.

In comparison to the traditional desert or village Arab, the social structure of the Diaspora Arab is very complex. Today, most Diaspora Arabs identify themselves by nationality rather than tribal affiliations. Though political unity is still a dream among Arabs, the Arabic language remains the greatest common tie. In an attempt to preserve their original language, Arabs have maintained two forms of Arabic. The first is "classical Arabic," the religious and literary language that is spoken and written uniformly throughout the Arab world. The second is "colloquial Arabic," the informal spoken language which varies by dialect from region to region. Both forms are used by educated Arabs.

What are their needs?

Fundamentalist Muslims are very outspoken against Christianity. Much prayer is needed to break down the barriers that separate them from Jesus. Resources in the various Arabic dialects are available; however, a greater effort must be made to effectively minister to them since they are so widespread.

Prayer Points

Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to reach out and share the love of Christ with them.

Pray that God will raise up faithful intercessors who will stand in the gap for the Arabs.

Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect the small number of Arabs who have decided to follow Christ. Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Diaspora Arabs.

Pray that the softening of their traditional culture will create open doors for the Gospel to be preached among them.

Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Arabs towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.

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Continuing to pray 4Sudan - Gimma, Jam'a of Sudan



Population:	136,000
World Population:	136,000
Language:	Arabic, Sudanese Spoken
Primary Religion:	Islam
Progress Status:	1.2 ■
% Adherents :	0.10 %
% Evangelical:	0.02 %

Introduction / History

One of the most striking characteristics of Sudan is the diversity of its people. The Sudanese are divided into 19 major ethnic groups and nearly 600 sub-groups. In addition, they speak more than 100 different languages and dialects.

The Gimma are a sub-group of the Jaaliyin Arab (also known as the Gaalin). They live between southern Nubia and the Gezira region of Sudan. Other sub-groups of the Jaaliyin include the Dangala, Hassaniya, Kawahla, and the Husaynat. These Jaaliyin Arab claim to be direct descendants of the prophet Mohammed, but some ethnologists consider them to be an "Arabized" Nubian group.

Sudan's leaders proudly boast that they are the leaders of the Islamic revolution in Africa. The Arab minority has used this as a tool to strengthen their personal control of the economy and their political power. The tragic cost of this has been more than a million people killed, an economy devastated, and a country divided.

What are their lives like?

Those Sudanese who consider themselves Arab are generally racially mixed, and many of them are indistinguishable from blacks living in southern Sudan. Despite a common language and religion, the "Arabs" are not a unified group. They differ greatly in occupation and way of life and consist of city dwellers, village farmers, and nomadic herdsmen. The Arab have historically been divided into tribes based on presumed descent from a common ancestor. Each tribe or cluster of tribes is assigned to a larger tribal grouping. Today, this system has largely disappeared in the cities and settled villages and exists only among the nomads of the plains.

Little is known about the specific lifestyle and culture of the Gimma; thus, some assumptions have been made in this profile. About two-thirds of Sudan's population is engaged in subsistence farming or grazing, though only about five percent of the land is suitable for farming. Many farmers live in the southern part of the country or in the grasslands of central and western Sudan. Sorghum and millet are the main crops grown there, but wheat, corn and barley are also raised. In Sudan as a whole, the main crops are cotton, peanuts, sesame, gum arabic, durra (a type of sorghum), sugarcane, coffee, and dates.

Since water is scarce, rural settlements in Sudan are usually clustered near sources of water. In the north, villages are often strung out along the rivers. The types of houses built vary from north to south. In the north, houses are made of sun-dried bricks and have flat-topped roofs. In the central and southern portions of the country, there are round huts with thatched, cone-shaped roofs made of grass, millet stalks, and wooden poles. In central Sudan, walls made of millet stalks often surround compounds.

Though towns are few and widely scattered, about one-fifth of Sudan's population can be considered urban. Southern Sudan was the least urbanized region in 1956, but has since seen much urban growth.

What are their beliefs?

A major rift exists between the northern and southern parts of Sudan. The north is dominated by Muslims, most of whom speak Arabic and identify themselves as Arabs. The people of the south are primarily black Africans, who, for the most part, follow traditional African religions. Also, some Christians can be found in the south.

The Gimma are almost exclusively Sunni Muslim. Sunni Islam in Sudan, as in much of the rest of Africa, has been characterized by the formation of tariqas, or Muslim religious brotherhoods. The oldest of these tariqas is the Qadiriyyah, which was introduced to Sudan from the Middle East in the sixteenth century. Another major brotherhood is the Khatmiyyah, or Mirghaniyyah, which was founded in the early nineteenth century.

What are their needs?

The Gimma have some Christian resources available to them. Intercession and pioneer mission efforts are both required to bring the Gimma to Christ.

Prayer Points

Ask the Lord to open the doors of Sudan to the preaching of the Gospel.

Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Gimma who will proclaim the Gospel to their own people.

Pray that God will strengthen, embolden, and protect the few Gimma believers.

Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession.

Pray that strong local churches will be raised up among the Gimma.

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See Additional Prayer Points:

Joshua Project: <http://www.joshuaproject.net/people-profile.php?rop3=103376&rog3=SU>

PrayerGuard:

http://www.prayerguard.net/index.php?page_id=11&target=Gimma+of+Sudan&pronoun=6&role=24 Source: www.PrayerGuard.net

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Resolve to adopt a UUPG in 2014 - Sign up & receive periodic reminders to pray for a UUPG. Thank you for being willing to go and to engage in this worthwhile gift of intercession for those who still wait to hear. 1967 people groups do not have one verse. This should not be. Join in signing up to adopt a people group in prayer:

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



See the latest for ION on the ION Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Orality-Network/143049235766186/>

Prayer Resources for praying for people groups:

- Operation World** <http://www.operationworld.org/partners-prayer/>
GPRN <http://www.globalprn.com/>
WEC <http://www.globalprayer365.com/>
IVP <http://www.ivpress.com/>
Biblica <http://www.biblica.com/>
WIN1040 <http://www.win1040.com/>
GMI <http://www.gmi.org/>
PrayerGuard <http://prayerguard.net/>
Davar Partners http://www.davarpartners.com/prayer-cards1.html?searched=Language+Profiles+for+Prayer&advsearch=oneword&highlight=ajaxSearch_highlight+ajaxSearch_highlight1+ajaxSearch_highlight2+ajaxSearch_highlight3+ajaxSearch_highlight4/
WycliffeIntercessors <http://www.wycliffe.org/IntercessorJanFeb14.aspx>

Praying for Training... See info for upcoming Training:

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



Kids Around the World: <http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.org/>

School of Storying – StoryRunners Exciting opportunities at the **Orlando School of Storying (SOS)**. Are you a teachable, strategic thinking and innovative problem solver? See more at: <http://www.storyrunners.com/>

LWI - Orality Training Workshop An Introduction to Contextual Bible Storying - Join in prayer for the upcoming workshops. **Next training Saturday, January 18, 2014** See details for this training and all other trainings offered at: www.water.cc/orality

Simply the Story For info on STS: <http://www.simplythestory.org>

Story Training for Trainers Workshop (ST4T) with 33 Partners Ministry. For more on e3Partner trainings: <http://www.e3partners.org/orality/>

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2-Day Workshop. January 31 and February 1, 2014 in Louisville, KY. This workshop will empower you to tell Bible stories - 5007 Southside Drive, Louisville, KY - Friday night and all day Saturday \$30 per person

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Orality Focused Prayer Requests

CompassionNet

HINDUS OF KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA (car-NAH-tuh-kuh) - "There is a people group in Karnataka, the T people, that we had originally planned to include in the multi-language, chronological Bible storying project that will be starting in early 2014. As more research has been done on the T people, we have learned that there is already a great deal of oral material available in their language--from the 'JESUS' film to several different audio recordings and a recording of the Book of Luke--but very few, if any, of these resources are being used. With the abundance of oral resources available, we are no longer considering a storying project in the language of the T people, but will you pray for them? There has been a missionary presence among the T people since the late 1800s, but today there are very few believers among them. Will you ask God to work in a mighty way among the T people? Pray that those who do follow Christ will have a burden to reach out to their own, regardless of the high risk of persecution in their region of the state. Pray that we will find a way to work among the T people, and ask for a church to come alongside them to 'adopt' them for the kingdom."

NU OF COLOMBIA (noo) - The national missionary team that serves among the Nu people has spent the past year teaching stories from the Book of Acts and a discipleship story set. Please pray that in these next few months, the basic story sets can be refined, revised and finished so that they will be ready to be recorded in early 2014. The Nu people are not able to read and write their language (it is unwritten), nor do they speak the national language of Spanish. As a result, having the recorded stories offers them a means of maintaining the accuracy of the stories and a way to listen to God's Word in story form when the missionary team is not in the village. The evangelistic stories were recorded earlier this year and have been joyfully received and used in the two villages that have already received the Gospel.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - The Kaur (pronounced cow-ER) are found on the southwest coast of Sumatra, Indonesia. No matter what direction you come from, it is not easy to enter the Kaur area. Outsiders who do enter the Kaur area are often told, in effect, "Thank you for coming; now please leave and never come back." Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into this difficult harvest field. Ask Him to open doors for laborers to enter into the Kaur area and find a "person of peace" (Luke 10:6) who will open other doors for longer-term engagement. Ask God to work in the hearts of the Kaur people. Pray for all 13 of the unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) on Sumatra to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

DEAF PEOPLES - Workers among the Deaf in South America have been teaching Bible stories to the Deaf. A Deaf woman name Lisa*, who is a single 30-year-old mother, has been attending the Bible study for about six weeks. While hearing the story about "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man," Lisa realized that her life did not have a good foundation. She asked many questions and realized that Jesus is the Rock. Lisa asked Jesus to come into her heart and accepted Christ as her Savior. Praise the Lord for her salvation! Pray for Lisa's spiritual growth. Pray for workers as they disciple her. (*pseudonym)

DEAF PEOPLES - A worker in Southeast Asia is teaching Bible stories to the Deaf. A few weeks ago, she met two Deaf women at a restaurant for fellowship and sharing God's stories. As they met together, the worker discerned that they both were seeking to know God's Truth. She was able to tell the story of the demon and the pigs in Matthew 5. This story led to a discussion and questions about the resurrection and the living water. Please lift up and pray for these two Deaf women as they continue to seek the Truth. Pray for the workers and national believers as they seek ways to share the Good News. May these two Deaf women continue to have a thirst for the One who can give them living water.

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