



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...

Each Thurs at 2 pm (EST) GMT-5

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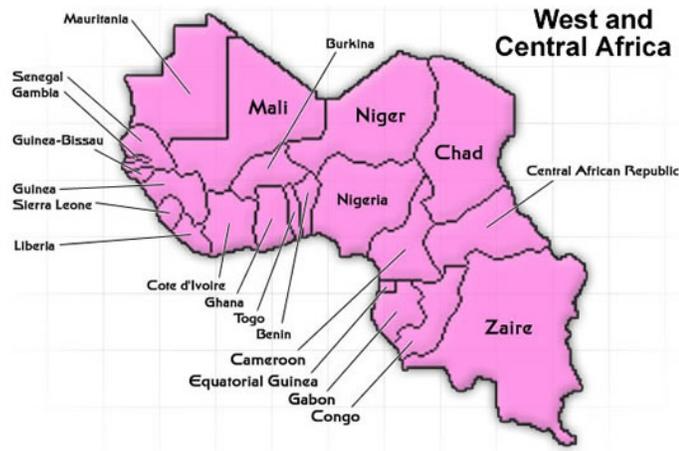
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Praying for the UUPGs & Bible-less Oral Peoples...

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 (UPG). Our prayer strategy will be to bring the remaining people groups from Finishing the Task (FTT) that still need “boots on the ground” from the original 639 UUPG List.



FEBRUARY

Harvest Ethne Prayer Network - West and Central Africa

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

This month, there are 4 nations and 5 UUPGs we will focus on:

- Chad** 1 UUPG **Kuka People**
- Ghana** 1 UUPG **Mandinka**
- Liberia** 1 UUPG **Kru People**
- Congo (DRC)** 2 UUPG **Ngando & Taabwa**

Pray for the 529 UPGs that are located in these nations:

- Mauritania • Senegal • Gambia • Guinea-Bissau • Guinea • Sierra Leone • Liberia • Core deIvorie • Ghana Togo • Benin • Cameroon • Equatorial Guinea • Gabon • Congo (DRC) • Zaire • Central African Republic (CAR) • Mali • Niger • Nigeria • Chad • Burkina**

This info comes from the FTT group headed up by Paul Eshelman. They are a Great Commission Partner Group working to track the progress of the Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPG) since 2000 with a goal of getting to ZERO. The Original 639 UUPG List all have populations over 100,000. This quest has led to new levels of modeling collaborative efforts all over the globe.

CHAD – 1 UUPG

FTT # 38 **Kuka People** Population: 147,585
 Language (MNE) Naba Religion: Islam
No Scripture **No Jesus Film**
No Radio Programs **No Gospel Recordings**
No Churches **No Known Believers**
Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/country/chad/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2>

GHANA - 1 UUPG

FTT # 120 **Mandinka People** Population: 47,768
 Language: (MNK) Mandinka Religion: Islam
 Scripture available Jesus Film available
No Radio Programs Gospel Recordings available
No Churches Some Believers
Operation World
[http:// www.operationworld.org/country/ghan/owtext.html/](http://www.operationworld.org/country/ghan/owtext.html/)
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2>

LIBERIA - 1 UUPG

FTT # 482 **Kru People** Population: 276,476
 Language: (KLU) Klao Religion: Other Traditional
 Scripture available Jesus Film available
No Radio Programs Gospel Recordings available
 Some Churches Some Believers
Operation World
<http://www.operationworld.org/country/libe/owtext.html/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2>

CONGO (DRC) - 2 UUPG

FTT # 62 **Ngando People** Population: 405,784
 Language: (NXD) Ngando Religion: Traditional Christian
 Scripture available **No Jesus Film**
No Radio programs Gospel Recordings available
 Some Churches Some Believers
FTT # 68 **Taabwa Peoples** Population: 930,303
 Language: (TAP)Taabwa Religion: Other Traditional
No Scripture **No Jesus Film**
No Radio programs Gospel Recordings available
No Churches **No Known Believers**
Operation World
<http://www.operationworld.org/cong#prayer/>
Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2>

Check out the link on Joshua Project for February 2014
<http://joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2ðnmonth=2>

Please include in your prayers the West & Central Africa Orality Network.

Challenge for Prayer for Africa

Pray for unity in such great diversity. There are over 15,000 denominations, church clusters and networks in Africa. Countless independent congregations exist with no overarching accountability or relationships. **Pray** that leaders might place their agendas at the foot of the cross. The desire for influence and power, the ethnocentric bias that lies behind many splits, the personal pride and carnality behind many divisions in churches and ministries – all must be crucified with Christ.

Source: See an additional 5 Challenges for Prayer at Operation World [book, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM](#).

PRAYER RESOURCES...

Operation World

Prayer Challenge for Congo (DRC)

The Christian Church is an essential entity for rebuilding the DRC. It remains the only viable national social structure to survive and retain some credibility. Its role in rebuilding the nation is crucial. Most hospitals, clinics and schools now operate with Christian initiative. The Catholics admirably invest much into these institutions. **Pray** for Christian leaders of spiritual maturity and moral integrity to be raised up for ministry both in the Church and in society. Many leaders compromised and lowered their standards during the manipulative dictatorship of Mobutu and the chaos of the 1990s. The Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) was a conglomeration forced by government edict in 1970, sixty-five denominations in all. Most evangelical leaders are now in favor of their membership in the ECC. Positive benefits include a reduction of tribalism in the Church, a reduction of unnecessary competition, rationalized administration and increased cooperation in training schemes and media. But today, restructuring, change and renewal are imperative in order to face the daunting challenges that exist.

Pray for:

a) Nominal Christians to find new life in Christ. Nominalism is a major problem. Large numbers have no clear grasp of repentance and faith in Christ nor of salvation by grace and not of works. There is a notable lack of biblical knowledge in most churches; pray that the Bible would be read, used and applied in churches in the DRC.

b) "Revival churches", which are growing rapidly. Their spiritual liveness and strong faith are positive, but many lack biblical teaching and are often led by charlatans who use their pastoral position for personal gain rather than to serve the faithful. Prosperity theology runs strong through these churches and draws in many.

c) Syncretism, witchcraft and false teachings to be rooted out of the Church. Animistic thought patterns, occult influences and fear of witchcraft are major problems present in the underlying culture, polluting the faith of millions. Such continued spiritual ties oppress Christians and stymie their spiritual growth. Many are falsely accused and subject to cruel "exorcism" rituals.

d) Biblical leadership patterns. The cultural tendency toward centralized leadership has sometimes harmed local congregational life and initiative. It has stimulated hierarchical structures and has increased power seeking, pride of position and misuse of funds. It has compromised the Church's prophetic role. Changes must come, but not at the expense of unity, fellowship and cooperation.

Source: <http://www.operationworld.org/cong#prayer>

PrayerCast

Prayer information for specific nations in addition to a video. You can find up-to-date current news feed for each nation. *CHECK THIS SITE OUT & BOOK MARK IT

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

Global Prayer Resource Network

For a source for global urgent prayer alerts and a prayer events calendar, subscribe to the Global Prayer Resource Network. They help to connect you to ongoing GDOP events.

Source: Global Prayer Resource Network (GPRN).

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

Joshua Project

Be sure to BOOKMARK Joshua Project. Excellent Prayer Resources, Prayer Guides & Prayer Cards you can download. What a great tool for info on UUPGs & UPGs around the globe.

<http://www.joshuaproject.net/prayer-resources.php/>

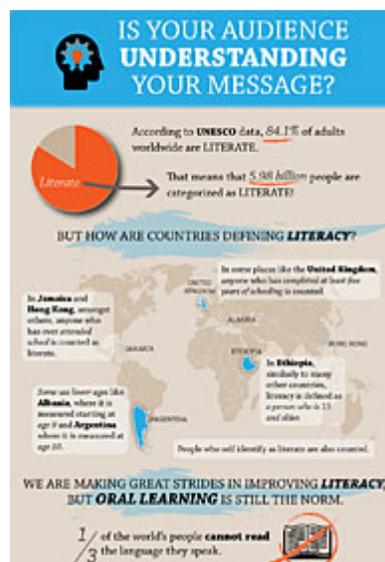
GMI Strategic Mission Research and Mapping

Missiographics

As we reach out with God's Word, we all seek to be understood. But are we making assumptions about how people engage with and process information? If you are reading this copy, what are your assumptions about the literacy of those you are trying to reach globally?

Personal Reflection

Do you know any people who are primarily oral communicators? Are you actively learning from them and striving to engage them in ways that will be understood?



Source: GMI Strategic Mission Research and Mapping

<http://www.gmi.org/literacy-infographic.htm>

Once again, this month's area of the globe is made up heavily of oral culture peoples. **These countries in this region of the globe are still in much need of discipleship/oral tools.** Many Great Commission Partner groups are 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. Unengaged 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 working to bring oral bibles & orality tools to those who still wait. Water projects, hygiene and health/medical non-governmental organizations (NGO) have more access many times and allow western groups to go into these areas. **The best plan is to move toward empowering indigenous groups and provide "oralized" training for discipleship leaders that allow for families within their 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

Adopt a UUPG in prayer



Will you prayerfully commit to adopt a UUPG in prayer? – You can pick one from THIS MONTH. Sign up & receive periodic updates as you pray for your UUPG. Thank you for being willing to be on mission with God in prayer to engage in this worthwhile gift of intercession for those who still wait to hear. Over 1900+ people groups currently do not have one verse of scripture in their heart language. This should not be so! **Adopt a people group in prayer at:**
<http://prayer.finishingthetask.com/form.php/>

Orality Focused Prayer Requests

CompassionNet®

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES - One study says that 774 million people aged 15 and older are non-literate. Three countries from the Central Sahel Cluster (Burkina Faso, Niger and Benin) are included on a list of 10 countries w/the worst literacy rates. Missionaries rely on oral strategies to reach these nonreaders, such as evangelistic radio programs & audio recordings like the “JESUS” film. Another strategy involves putting the African mother-tongue languages into Arabic script, since many learn to read and write Arabic as children from Quranic teachers, this is called “Ajami script.” The Arabic script is seen as holy, beautiful and a blessing to read, there is a high motivation to read materials in the Ajami script. What a joy it is to see the face of the reader light up when he or she reads the Word in their own language for the first time! **Pray** for this tool to be effective in reaching the lost of the Central Sahel Cluster. **Pray** for hearts of good soil to receive the seeds of the Word.

BAMBARA OF MALI (BAHM-bah-rah) - “In November, we visited 10 new villages. In some of these villages, the people showed no interest in the stories we told them. In others, they didn’t even want to listen to a story. In one village, a man told us bluntly that they did not need to know anything about what we wanted to share with them. We shook the dust from our feet and left that village. In another village, the chief said that it would be best if we did not come there to tell our stories, as it would cause dissension in the village. But in three villages, people heard that we were there and came to us immediately. They said that they had heard of our Way many years ago, but could not decide what to do. Since then, they had decided to join us in our faith but had no one to tell them how! So five people came to us in three different villages and gave their lives to the only One who can show us the Father. They were very happy to meet us and discover how to follow ‘the Jesus Road.’ **Praise the Lord, and pray** that more workers will come forward, as the fields are white unto harvest!”

DHAKA, BANGLADESH (DAH-kah) - This month, 10 women will learn to sew through the Light for Women vocational sewing training program in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This is the third session since the program started. Please pray that those who have completed the first two sessions will be able to find jobs sewing or tailoring, and that they will continue to consider the Bible teachings they have heard and what those stories mean for them. At the start of each sewing lesson, the women hear a story from the Bible in chronological order, starting with Creation and continuing through the resurrection of Isa (Jesus). At least one woman from each of the previous sessions has placed her faith in Isa as Savior. **Pray** that these new believers will become firmly established in their love for Him and proclaim His truth to others. **Pray** that the women in this third session will learn to sew well and find jobs so they can help their families by earning an income. **Ask** that they, too, will receive the unconditional love and salvation that Isa offers them.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - “If this is God’s Word, we need to hear it.” The Bainounko men sat lined up on their bench, facing the “vision team” from the United States. The team shared “Creation to Christ,” a synopsis of the Bible told in about 10 minutes, from Creation to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Then the team asked, “Have you heard this story before?” The men looked down the row at each other and shook their heads. “No, we’ve never heard this before.” The American team told the men that the story was from God’s Word. The men replied, “If this is God’s Word, we need to hear it.” The Bainounko are ready to hear more stories from God’s Word, but there is no one to share these stories with them. **Pray** for there to be laborers for the harvest among the Bainounko of Senegal.

TUNISIAN ARABS OF TUNISIA (too-NEE-zhan) - Believers around the country are using Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) to help seekers interact with the Word of God. One couple prints off Bible passages in three languages side-by-side--Arabic, French and English--to share with their neighbors. After the neighbors read the passage, the husband asks them to retell the story in their own words. He then continues to ask them questions that help them discover God’s truth for themselves: “What does this passage mean? What do you need to do about what you have learned? Who can you tell this story to this week?” **Pray** that many Tunisians will respond to the combination of God’s Word and loving relationships.

PA OF COLOMBIA (pah) - Rose* attended the Bible study on a Tuesday night in the small town where national missionaries live. She listened attentively to the Bible story and participated in the discussion. Rose was overcome by the story & truths presented. She was so convicted that she could not sleep for several nights, every time that she thought again about the story, she got goose bumps. She was so impacted by the truth of the story that she began to tell all of her neighbors & her friends about it. **Pray** for her hunger for the truth of God’s Word. **Ask** for her to respond to that truth to the point that she decides to follow Jesus as her Savior and Lord. (*pseudonyms)

AMHARA OF ETHIOPIA (ahm-HAR-ah) - Please pray for the salvation of the Amhara of Ethiopia who listen to the “memory cards” they have been given for their cell phones. Each memory card contains all the Chronological Bible Stories, the “JESUS” film, the “Magdalena” film, the “Creation to Christ” story with pictures, the audio New Testament, the entire Bible written in Amharic, discipleship Bible stories, and 150 songs that are Scripture based and are in the Orthodox style. People with these cards can “blue tooth” (send) them to other phones. They can spread the Gospel and God’s Word to friends and family via the phone. This is not expected to replace “mouth-to-mouth” evangelism, but it’s a great way to get out the Gospel and the Word of God! God can transform lives via His Word. **Pray** that this memory card content will be sent out to multitudes of Amhara.

MANDINKA OF WEST AFRICA (man-DINK-uh) - “‘Why didn’t you call before visiting?’ we were asked when the man of the house returned. A fellow worker and I had just finished sharing a Bible story with a group of women we’d been meeting with regularly. We hadn’t called because we were afraid that he’d tell us not to come, like he did the week before, but we couldn’t voice that. Instead, we smiled and greeted him politely and offered to call next time, which seemed to appease him at the moment. As we left that day, two of the women followed us out of the compound to our vehicle. ‘Don’t call, just come!’ one of them urged my friend. It has taken some time to get a group of women interested in hearing Bible stories, and now that we have begun, the leader of their compound is starting to push us out. Whether it’s to exert control over his family or because he’s afraid that the women will follow Christ, we do not know. **Pray** that our visits will be able to continue and that the women who seem to be genuinely seeking to learn about the Bible will get the chance to hear the Truth and believe.”

MAASAI OF TANZANIA (MAH-sigh) - Pray for volunteers from a church in South Carolina as they minister on January 22-29 among the Maasai of Tanzania. **Pray** for God’s blessings as they hold the Second Annual Maasai Olympics, lead discipleship classes, and story the Bible chronologically in the Ngare Sero area. **Ask** God to draw all Maasai to Him and to raise up a strong church in this area that will transform their area and the areas around them.

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



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Specific Network Partner Prayer Requests

Nigerian Challenges

GRN

In spite of the persecution in Nigeria, the GRN team continues to record Bible stories. Five recent language groups are the Numana, Nandu, Tari, Yashi and Cessu. Pray for good recordings, sufficient resources and victory over enemy opposition. Pray for open doors and cooperative language helpers.

Source: Global Recording Network GRN <http://GRNUSA.net>

OneStory

OneStory works with mother-tongue speakers to develop and record worldview-sensitive, chronological Bible "story sets" for each specific group

Listening to the Kumaoni Bible stories this morning and thinking of some great friends- our storytellers from 2 years in South Asia. So fun that I can understand their voices perfectly, remembering the sweat dripping off of us as we were surrounded by mattresses (in our make-shift recording studio), as we worked on final recordings between the roosters crowing and dogs barking outside! Ahh, another time, another place, another life. -written by a previous OneStory worker.

Source: http://www.onestory-media.org/story_sets/790/beginning

New Orality Resource:

Story4All magazine - There is a new magazine out just for Bible Storyers!! It's actually an app entitled: **Story4All magazine!** You can use it on your PC, MAC or Smart Device. It comes by way of Bryan Thompson & the Story4All podcast group. Try this free link to preview it, so you can decide if you want to order it or not. Here is a link to the website where you can also get more information.

<http://story4all.libsyn.com/>



Relentless bloodshed in the Central African Republic

Central African Republic (MNN) -- Nearly a fifth of the Central African Republic is on the move because of the fighting there. Believers are working in and around the refugee camps to bring a "cup of cold water" in Jesus' name. As always, they're asking for prayer. See the link below to continue reading...

Call to action

Pray for grace for Christians as they respond to challenging and dangerous situations.

Pray that humanitarian projects will be able to reach the hundreds of thousands of people in need.

Ask God to prepare hearts to respond to the hope of Christ.

Source: MNN

<http://www.mnnonline.org/news/relentless-bloodshed-continues-central-african-republic/>

Simply The Story - Oral Bible School

Simply the Story (STS) - Oral Bible School

Rain in Kenya

Leader's Testimony

WATCH the youtube video testimony (link below) from a Leader in the Africa Inland Mission (AIM) an all African led mission organization shares how STS bridges the gap between the desire to know the Scriptures deeply and being able to dig deeply for oneself. The executive director of AIM also shares the effect of the STS Oral Bible Schools in Kenya on his personal life and in his church. Sharing that STS is more than a cloud in the sky promising rain, it's a cloud that brings more rain than ever imagined.

Source:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp17y956QN4&feature=share>



Praying for Training... See posted training by ION network partners at:

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

Kids Around the World – Provides exciting opportunities to share the Bible with children. To find out more on the trainings: http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.com/?page_id=1743

School of Storying – StoryRunners Exciting opportunities at the Orlando School of Storying. Are you a teachable, strategic thinker and innovative problem solver? <http://www.storyrunners.com/>

Living Water Int'l - Introduction to Contextual Bible Storying - Join in prayer for the upcoming workshops around the globe. For info visit <http://www.water.cc/orality>

Simply the Story - For info on STS: Join in praying for these global training opportunities. <http://www.simplythestory.org>

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