

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 (EDT) GMT-4**

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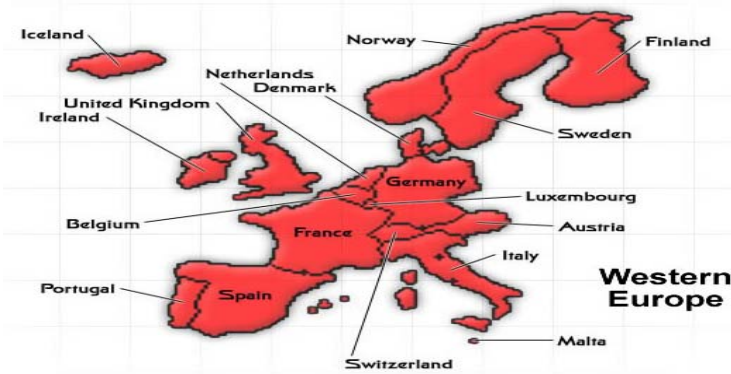
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Visit <http://Orality.net> Prayer: [http://orality.net/prayer\\_partners/](http://orality.net/prayer_partners/)

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

*Pursuing God for Spiritual Awakening and Global Harvest*  
We continue our focused strategic prayer for specific peoples of the world who are primarily oral and are still unengaged. **Our prayer strategy will be to bring the remaining people groups that are unengaged unreached (UUPG) into focus.**

This month we will focus on the region of Western Europe w/28 countries and 992 people groups. The info this month is taken from Joshua Project who is linking to the Great Commission Partners & Finishing the Task (FTT). We are also intentionally linking w/Harvest Ethne Prayer Strategy Network's 12 month calendar for unreached people groups (UPG) for united prayer across the prayer networks around the globe.



## MARCH

Harvest Ethne Prayer Network

**Western Europe** [1] [2]\*

This month, as we look at Western Europe we find 167 people groups listed in Joshua Project in the countries of this region that would be classified as UUPGs.

\*This includes people groups with **unknown** engagement status)

[1] Unengaged means no known on-site, active church planting currently underway.

[2] Joshua Project's primary source for engagement status in people groups outside South Asia is the IMB's CPPI database. For people groups without known engagement status, Joshua Project defaults to unengaged. Most South Asian groups are marked as unengaged because the status is unknown but many may actually be engaged.

## UUPGs by Religion in this Region:

Islam	– 104 UUPGs
Ethnic Religions	– 27 UUPGs
Hinduism	– 16 UUPGs
Buddhism	– 15 UUPGs
Other/Small groups	– 5 UUPGs

### Islam – 104 UUPGs

\*Spain\*Malta\*Portugal\*Belgium\*Denmark\*Gibraltar\*UK\*  
\*Cyprus\*Ireland\*Finland\*Germany\*Norway\*Netherlands\*  
\*Austria\*Andorra\*Sweden\*Italy\*France\*Luxembourg\*Irel  
and\*Liechtenstein\*

### Ethnic Religions – 27 UUPGs

\*UK\*Germany\*Sweden\*France\*Malta\*Norway\*Spain\*  
\*Belium\*Ireland\*Gibraltar\*Amdorra\*Denmark\*Finland  
\*Monaco\*Austria\*Luxembourg\* Cyprus\*UK\*

### Hinduism – 16 UUPGs

Portugal\*Netherlands\*Denmark\*

### Buddhism – 15 UUPGs

Denmark\*Switzerland\*Sweden\*France\*

### Other/Small groups – 5 UUPGs

\*Sweden\*UK\*Italy\*

Source: <http://legacy.joshuaproject.net/unengaged.php>



\*Significant \*Nominal \*Unreached (incl. UUPG)

## PRAYER Resources...

### Operation World

Prayer videos focused on this region:

Source: <http://www.operationworld.org/prayer-videos>

### 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: Prayercast <http://www.prayercast.com/>  
Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/prayer-videos>

### 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>

### Unreached Peoples Prayer Cards

#### Pray for the Unreached Abaza of Russia



Country: Russia  
People: Abaza  
Population: 37,000  
World Pop: 61,000  
Main Language: Abaza  
Main Religion: Islam  
Status: ■ Least-Reached  
Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%  
Bible: Questionable Need  
  
www.operationworld.org  
www.joshuaproject.net

"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

Source: Joshua Project Prayer Cards

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

### Did you know the most effective story model is to share the story in 3-4 minute portions?

Check out this groups video portions that show how short portions of the Bible can be used. For those of us who are highly literate, you might notice the running caption for Chapter:verse in the bottom right hand corner? Well, don't, just learn to watch & listen. Just another example of the difference between oral & literate learners. The oral learner immediately began to listen, in order to "step into the story!"



Parables of Jesus Christ on video - Parables of Jesus Christ in video format - Parables of Jesus...

Source:

[http://christparables.do.am/load/parables\\_of\\_jesus\\_christ\\_on\\_video/1](http://christparables.do.am/load/parables_of_jesus_christ_on_video/1)

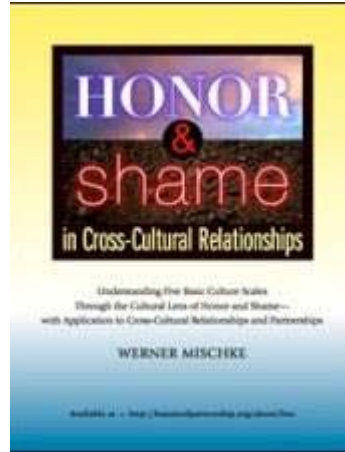
## Recommended reading that can help you understand the culture of missions at this time...

### New ION Newsletter is out!

You can download it at

<http://orality.net/sites/default/files/March%202014.pdf>

We all need to read this and take note - good points we all need to understand. ION Prayer Team this would be worth the time, to help understand how to pray more effectively.



### "HONOR & SHAME IN CROSS-CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS" by Werner Mischke

Free eBook

This 30-page article analyzes five basic culture scales through the lens of honor and shame. It includes examples from Scripture—and insights for cross-cultural partnerships. (Click below to download "Honor and Shame in Cross-Cultural Relationships")

Includes a helpful chart describing some of the main features of honor and shame based on Jerome Neyrey's book, "Honor and Shame in the Gospel of Matthew."

Source: <http://wernermischke.org/resources/>

## Understanding the need for Scripture to be in the heart language...

### Audio Scripture Engagement

Many are finally catching on to the need to have audio portions of scripture for people groups in their heart language. There are ION partners who are diligently working to make that happen.

[Davar Partners](#) are working to make sure all the scripture has Old Testament portions completed.

The [Faith Comes by Hearing](#) group is working to make New Testament audio recordings available.

Currently available	People Groups	Population
725 Languages	7,804	5,590,966,000

Source: <http://legacy.joshuaproject.net/nt-audio.php>

## Praying for Training...

**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](http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.com/?page_id=1743)

**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>

**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/>

**Simply the Story** - For info on STS and global training opportunities see: <http://www.simplythestory.org>

**Story Training for Trainers Workshop (ST4T)** with e3Partners Ministry. For more on trainings: <http://www.e3partners.org/orality/>

**Please join in praying for posted trainings:** <http://ion2008.ning.com/m?id=2118812%3AMobilePage%3A39166/>

**\*IF your group does orality training**, please join the Community area of our ION Website and post your events. <http://Orality.net>

## Praying for Orality Partners...

Please join in praying for orality/ION Prayer Requests and follow the prayer calendar for events & trainings: <http://www.orality.net/prayers-calendar>

**You may subscribe to the ION Monthly Prayer Focus:** Simply by sending an email to [IONPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:IONPrayer@gmail.com) asking to subscribe. Thank you for your prayers and linking to us.



### ION on Facebook

Facebook users, we would invite you to follow ION on Facebook. Be sure to check off the box for notifications to show up on your newsfeed?! Check your notifications or just simply 'Like', 'Comment' or 'Share' to continue to see your favorite pages more often.

## Praying for Training...



### Global 4/14 Day of Prayer

**April 14, Worldwide**

**Global 4/14 Day**, an international day of prayer for children between the ages of 4 and 14, the 4/14 window, when many children develop their moral and spiritual foundations.

Global 4/14 Day invites you to join the movement, spread the word via social media and email, add a free web banner to your website, and to plan your prayer event. <http://www.global414day.com/>

**Do you think children are important?** We do! This 4/14 Window Movement animation unpacks the need for the global church to shift their paradigm and focus on investing in children. <http://oneh.pe/cJ> <http://vimeo.com/75863968>



### Exponential 2014

**Church Planters Conference**

**East April 28-May 1, Orlando, Fla.**

**& West October 6-9 Los Angeles**

An event billed as the largest gathering of church planting leaders in the world Exponential 2014 now has a 2<sup>nd</sup> location

being offered. 1<sup>st</sup> **Orlando, Fla., April 28 – May 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> LA, Oct. 6-9.** Theme: **"Seek and Save: Rethinking Evangelism"** w/more than 100 speakers, 125 workshops. The conference is designed to inspire, encourage & equip no matter where they are in the journey or what model they are pursuing. Taking a fresh look at evangelism, challenging some of the old paradigms & looking at 5 key areas of evangelism within the context of discipleship.

<https://www.exponential.org/exponential2014/>

### MissioNexus Mission Leaders Conference 2014

**September 25-27, Atlanta**



Missio Nexus is combining three annual events into one integrated mission event: The conference will take place in **Atlanta, Sept. 25-27**, at the Hilton Atlanta Downtown. Topics: Immigration & Migration, Urbanization, Exploitation &

Globalization.

<http://www.missionexus.org/mission-leaders-conference/>

## New Orality Methods!

**Singing evangelist leads many to Christ | AsiaStories**

Music and Missions

"The Lord gave me a vision and a command, to go throughout Nepal, proclaiming the Gospel," Padam says. "My vision is that through the sarangi playing in every village of the Nepal, the Gospel would be sung and declared."

[Story: Heart Songs](#)

[This fall, mother tongues came to life in prayers and praises. Almost-forgotten languages found breath in worship music.](#)

[Video: Heart Music](#)

[Music is an essential part of life in Nepal. Believers learn how to create worship songs using their own languages.](#)

[Interactive: Instruments of Nepal](#)

[Discover a few of the many indigenous instruments of this mountainous nation.](#)

**Source:** <http://www.commissionstories.com/asia/stories/view/singing-evangelist-leads-many-to-christ>

## Orality Focused Prayer Requests



**LAST FRONTIER** - “Now I understand! I’ve heard parts of these stories--the story about Adam and Eve’s temptation, a flood with animals saved in a boat, Jesus’ birth at Christmas, and Jesus on a cross--but I never knew these stories were connected. And I definitely didn’t know that I myself am a part of this story.” Twenty-two young adults attended a Christmas party on Christmas Day. After they heard the entire story, 12 prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Pray for these 12 new Christmas Day believers who have begun to meet together. Pray that they will all grow strong in the Lord and share with family and friends.

**SORANI AND BEHDINI KURDS OF CENTRAL ASIA** (so-RAHN-ee, bah-DEEN-ee) - Nowruz, the most-celebrated holiday of the year, is quickly approaching. It will take place during the month of March, when families and friends will gather en masse to celebrate the commencement of spring. They will celebrate new life, a new year, and hope for a better future. Please pray that they will discover that their only hope is in Christ and that He is the truth, the life, and the way. Pray that workers in this area will have opportunities to share the Good News during this time of celebration. This holiday season will commence a time of broad seed-sowing among the Sorani Kurds. Last month, “The Way of Righteousness” radio program began airing daily. It is broadcasting Bible stories and proclaiming the Good News of Christ throughout this region, leading up to Easter. Please intercede for this broadcast to continue, and for many people to hear and accept the Truth. Pray that many will visit the new seeker website that will be referenced in the broadcast. Many volunteers will come during the next few months to distribute Gospel literature. Pray for open doors into people’s homes, for opportunities to share Truth, and for the seeds planted to take root and bear fruit for the glory of Jesus’ name.

**NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES** - Roughly 256,000 Algerian Arabs live in neighboring Tunisia, seeking a better life. Usually they live and work in Tunisia and send surplus money “back home” to their families. Sadly, the good life they once found in Tunisia is on the decline. Economic concerns, like shortages and rising inflation, are more prevalent now. Still using the ancient routes of the Romans, building supplies and food staples like flour and sugar, among other items, illegally cross the border regularly. While this cross-border trading of goods pays well for those directly involved, it undercuts the economy for the masses. On the bright side, the Algerian Arabs have had access to the New Testament in their heart language since 1965 and can view the “JESUS” film and the “Magdalena” film, which focuses on women’s redemptive encounters with Jesus. Right now, however, there is no known person or group actively trying to share the Gospel or gather into groups those who relocated to Tunisia. Ask God to call believers to pray and go to live and work among the Algerian Arabs living in Tunisia. Pray for Jesus to become and sustain them as their daily bread, regardless of the physical shortages. Whether they live in Algeria or Tunisia, may He provide for their every need.

**HINDUS OF KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA** (car-NAH-tuh-kuh) - Will you pray for the 24 men and women who attended the Storying Together Workshop in February? Will you ask for their faithfulness and fruitfulness to abound? Pray for them as they work to get the Word into different languages, three of which are

spoken by people who’ve never had the Word before in their language. They have always had to use, learn, and study using a borrowed language. Ask the Lord to show Himself powerful among each of the four language teams. Pray that through each stage of the project, many people will come to know Christ in their own heart language!

**DEAF PEOPLES** - Workers write: “In Southeast Asia, a Deaf man came to help disciple and train two of our partners by teaching the StoryOne method of crafting Bible stories in their heart language. These two Deaf partners have completed seven of the stories. Our hope and goal is to continue crafting the remaining stories in their heart language. We have been able to craft one story together, and we need to videotape it. But since our first meeting several months ago, which seemed so promising, these national believers have been less enthusiastic and are less willing to return to complete the video and work on the stories. Please pray that God will remove the obstacles and make clear to us how to reconnect and complete of the stories.”

**CAFE (ColombiAs Forgotten Ethnos) PEOPLES (cah-FAY)** - “As the semester begins, students file into the student center before, after and between classes,” writes Team CAFE. “There are many warm greetings, hugs, and questions about how they have spent their vacations, how their families are, etc. Everyone has enjoyed their vacations, but it’s good to be back. As a leadership team, we have been praying and planning and preparing for their return. For the majority of students, this semester will be all about building the trust relationships that will allow us to share the Gospel message with them. There are two groups, however, that require more specific prayer and attention. The believers are continuing to struggle in their spiritual walk even after much discipleship and teaching. This semester, we will be focusing on storying the Bible chronologically with them through doctrinal issues. Pray that God will lead us in understanding which issues need to be addressed and that He will open their hearts and change the worldview issues that need to be changed. The second group of ‘enfasis’ (emphasis) is a defined group of seekers. Pray that they will understand who God is and His redemptive message to the point of accepting the Gospel. Pray that they will have clarity of thought and overcome their fears.”

**CONCHUCOS QUECHUA OF PERU (cohn-CHOO-cohs KEH-choo-ah)** - Please pray for two as they work toward broadcasting a Christian radio program in Quechua. Neither of them has ever done anything like this, so they will be learning from scratch. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in what Scriptures and songs to share, and pray that He will keep their words anchored in scriptural truth. Please also pray that they will have integrity in all that they do since the radio program is sure to cause skeptics to examine their lives for faults. Many throughout the valley, especially those without electricity, regularly listen to the radio. Since this program will be in the people’s heart language, it could be especially effective in conveying God’s Word and opening doors for them to share the Gospel!

**CHITTAGONG MUSLIMS OF BANGLADESH** (chit-TAH-gong) - Please pray for female national partners. They are being trained in techniques that combine health teaching with chronological Bible storying to reach out to new communities. Pray as they go through this training that they will understand the training and start to use the program to reach new areas.

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