

International Orality Network

- Influencing the body of Christ to **make disciples** of all oral learners
- 70% of the world (5.7 billion) are oral learners and 1/2 are children!

JULY 2015 ION Monthly Prayer Focus

Visit the website: Orality.net



ION Partners Praying Together

EACH THURSDAY we ask you to link in united prayer for Great Commission Partners working in Orality, Oral Peoples around the Globe & Bible-less Oral Peoples.

If you are available, please join us each Thursday at 2 pm (EST) GMT-5...

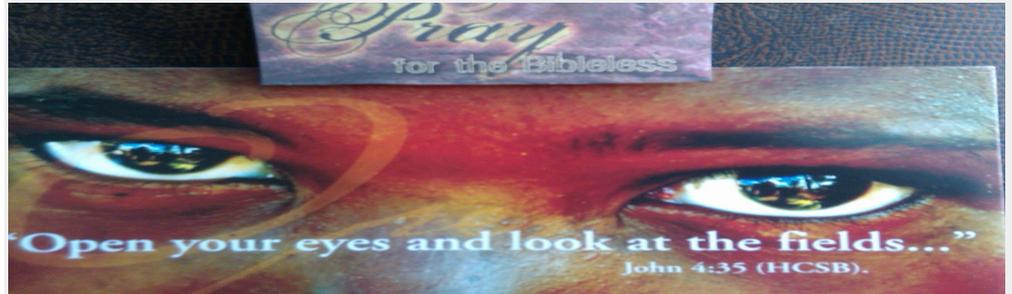
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TWO MAJOR PRAYER FOCUS POINTS FOR 2015:

1. **Getting to ZERO.** We continue the solid commitment of "Pursuing God for Spiritual Awakening and Global Harvest as we link in united prayer for Great Commission Partners who are working in Orality, Oral Peoples around the Globe & Bible-less Oral Peoples, to get to ZERO people groups whose status is unengaged."

2. **Praying for Scripture in every heart language.** Join this year as we look into and pray for "What might the King want," in regard to all people groups having Scripture in their heart language.

In united prayer we ask...



Praying for: Oral and Oral Bible-less Peoples

Invite Oral and Bible-less People Groups to the Lord's Banquet

Scripture: *And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. -Isaiah 25:6*

Prayer: We thank You Lord for preparing a banquet for each every and all that would call upon You, and for giving free access through Your sacrifice. You are the Lord high and lifted up, and You reign forever and ever and there is no end to Your kingdom. As servants of the Most High God, we announce the coming of the Lord's banquet, and speak to the Oral and Bible-less People Groups now in Jesus name. A place for each *every and all* is reserved at the Lord's table. Each seat has been purchased by the blood of the Lamb. We need them all there, to complete the worship of our Savior on that day.

We speak across the heavens in Jesus name and invite the Oral and Bible-less People Groups to join at the Lord's table. We proclaim in the heavenlies that each *every and all*, are welcome and are needed to complete the Body of Christ. Jesus has prepared the way for each every and all, His love and His grace calls to them, individually and as a people group corporately. As His servants, we invite and welcome each *every and all*, to receive what He has prepared for each of them. In Jesus name, amen.

Sign up for Fresh Prayer available to come into your inbox for the Bible-less People Groups:
http://fetchaprayer.net/?page_id=5&target=Bible-less+People+Groups&pronoun=group&pcwpnl=1&cat=34

Praying for: Mango of Chad

Angelic Visits

Intro: All through human history God has used His angels as messengers, even announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds. God loves to use His people, but there are times when only an angelic visit will do the job.

Scripture: *And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news." -Luke 1:19*

Prayer: God of mercy and grace, thank You for Your heart to seek and save those that are lost. You are the Good Shepherd who leaves the 99 and goes out after the one.

We agree with Your desire that none should perish, and lift up the Mango of Chad before Your wonderful throne of grace. For those who have no access to Your truth Lord, we are asking You to dispatch Your angelic messengers.

Visit key people among this group, and bring them the revelation of who Jesus is. Just as You announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds, we ask for an announcement to be sent to the Mango of Chad.

Extend Your mercy Lord, command Your servants, and send them on their way. Reveal Christ to those who have no revelation, and rescue them as the Good Shepherd that You are. In Jesus name, amen.

Sign up for Fresh Prayer available to come into your inbox for the Mango of Chad:
http://fetchaprayer.net/?page_id=5&target=Mango+of+Chad&pronoun=group&pcwpnl=1&cat=35

The Seed Company

**Bangui Trauma Cluster, Central African Republic
Africa /Story-based trauma healing near Bangui, Central African Republic**

Goal: 13 Bible Stories and Story Based Trauma Healing Materials. Over a series of three, two-week workshops, teams from each of the 12 language groups will translate 13 Bible stories and 12 non-biblical, "situational" stories, along with 6 Scripture songs. The stories will be taken from the Story-Based Trauma Healing materials developed by the American Bible Society, SIL and Seed Company. These stories contain practical lessons in trauma healing and grief management. At the end of each two-week training workshop, the teams will return to their homes and begin sharing the stories. The main object will be to create "listening groups" that will go through the entire series of stories and lessons. Each storyteller will seek out other capable persons to become apprentice storytellers.

Once the stories have been checked for accuracy by consultants, the storytellers will record them for distribution by SD card, Bluetooth, radio and other electronic media. Local churches will be encouraged to create listening groups and to train both storytellers and trainers. The Story-Based Trauma Healing is expected to expand beyond the 12 original languages. By having a team work in Sango, the national language, the entire story set will be produced in a language which can then be used throughout the country. To sign up to pray for this project:

<https://theseedcompany.org/projects/bangui-trauma-cluster>
Mwaghavul OT, Nigeria Africa /Opening a new avenue for spiritual growth to a people with a long oral history.

Goal: Old Testament in mother tongue language. The Mwaghavul people have a long history of monotheism, but they never knew how to communicate with the God they believed in, until they received the Gospel in their mother tongue. They received the New Testament many years ago and now long for the whole Bible in their own language. This project will help the Mwaghavul team to translate and print an Old Testament. It will also help them to produce audio versions of the entire Bible, to provide a catalyst for revival. A number of nearby people-groups could also receive the Scriptures in their own language for the first time, through computer-assisted translation, by using the Mwaghavul translation as the source text. To sign up to pray for this project:

<https://theseedcompany.org/projects/mwaghavul-ot>

Tuki Storytelling IG, Cameroon Africa

Goal: Develop a church network to equip people with a Bible translation and oral Bible storytellers, for the spread of the Gospel.

Tuki speakers of Cameroon are steeped in Africa's dark, traditional religion. Oral stories traverse generations; every war and triumph is burned into elders' minds and is passed to the youth, preserving history.

The Gospel's message was first introduced in the early 1900's, but it's been lost among other stories and rituals. Yet a 1 percent remnant of the church are believers who continue to pray for their community. The Seed Company is developing a church network to support this translation process. When people are equipped with a Bible translation and oral Bible storytellers, the Gospel will quickly come alive again. To sign up to pray for this project:

<https://theseedcompany.org/projects/tuki-storytelling-ig>

Mango IG, Chad Africa / Portions of the New Testament to whet appetites for more Scripture

All 10/10 of prayer warriors are in place, the funding is in place. Please continue to pray for the finishing of the work! Mango people have known about Jesus since 1935, yet their French Bible never effectively communicated the Gospel to them. African animistic traditions still hold the allegiance of most people and keep them bound in fear and abject poverty. The Mango people call their language "Mango." The translation team completed Matthew and Mark's Gospels in Mango. Now they will draft Luke and John, followed by nine Epistles and Revelation. These will give the young church in the region more understanding of Scripture and tools to reach their neighbors with the Good News in God's Word. To sign up to pray for this project:

<https://theseedcompany.org/projects/mango-ig>



SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - The Alas are part of the Batak cluster of people groups. While most Batak groups are culturally Christian, the Alas are predominantly Muslim. There are 80,000 Alas living in northern Sumatra, Indonesia. While there are many Batak churches close to the Alas, most of them are inward focused and are fearful of sharing the gospel with their Alas



Mango 2 Project, Chad Africa/ NT & Discipleship The Seed Company

Will you step up to pray?

For over two years the ION Prayer Teams have been praying for the Mango of Chad. Here is an opportunity for YOU to get engaged individually to pray with us. A project is available to be a prayer warrior who will lift this project and the Mango of Chad to the throne of God. Please click below and sign up if God is calling you to be a prayer warrior in this way.

Sign up here: <https://theseedcompany.org/projects/mango-2>

Mango churches strongly desire to have the entire New Testament. To date, the team has translated 70 percent of the New Testament and seven books are in print. The remaining books are all epistles, which are among the most challenging to translate. *This phase 2 project will focus on those.*

The Mango people live in more than a hundred villages. Travel is extremely difficult in the rainy season. During the dry season, it's not uncommon for temperatures to reach 120 degrees, making work extremely hard. A great dry wind can blow sand many hundreds of miles, making it difficult to see or breathe. The economic situation is very weak and poverty is widespread. To meet their living needs, people use or sell their own agricultural products.

About four percent of the Mango people profess Christianity, but most are animists and remain attached to ancestral values. They practice ancestor worship and use totems representing an animal, plant or object that symbolizes an ancestor or protective spirit. They believe in God, but traditional priests, who lead their ceremonies, influence their beliefs and daily lives.

A great tension exists between those in the traditional religion and the church, as is seen in kidnappings of Christian youth for rite-of-passage ceremonies. The Christians try to make a stand, but it's very difficult. Family pressure can be intense, and the influence of the majority religion is growing. Many Mango are addicted to alcohol, which leads to quarrels, prostitution and other harmful behaviors.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, please enable the Mango translators to complete their midyear goals of drafting Colossians, team checking and testing Galatians and Ephesians and consultant checking Philippians, James, 1 and 2 Peter and Jude.

We pray that local pastors and lay leaders will increasingly use the copies of Mango Scripture in their churches to provide clear, biblical teaching.



MARK YOUR PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THESE GLOBAL EVENTS

Thank you for praying...

The Oklahoma Baptist University Theological Consultation "Invitation Only" was held June 22 - 24, 2015 <http://www.oralcity.net/node/1315> We thank you for partnering in prayer.

Continue to pray...

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World - Loving Muslims thru Prayer during Ramadan
18 JUNE-17 JULY 2015

To download a copy: <http://www.jwipn.com/30-days-of-prayer-for-the-muslim-world/>

Dear 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World Saints,
Lord willing, we continue our 30 night watch each night. Our desire is that of our Father's desire. His desire is to see Muslim souls saved. Join the Persecution Watch prayer call...
9pm Eastern / 8pm Central / 7pm Mountain / 6pm Pacific
Call number and access code are.....
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neighbors. Pray for workers to be sent out to the Alas. Pray for believers near the Alas to become burdened to reach out to their near-culture neighbors. Pray for all 14 of the unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) on Sumatra to be engaged soon with the gospel.

MAPPILA MUSLIMS OF INDIA (MOP-lah) - "The Mappila people firmly maintain their Islamic faith and Arabian heritage. Ask the Father to call out faithful, Muslim-background believers to help reach the 10 million Mappila.

TSWANA OF BOTSWANA (t'SWAN-ah) - "Sitting under a tree on a carved wooden stool, I opened my Bible and began sharing the gospel with a family. As the translator translated my English into Setswana, many doubts entered my mind as to whether this family really understood what I was sharing. When I finished, most of them laughed with nervousness, not really knowing how to respond. The next day, we returned, we shared the story of Zacchaeus, and as we were discussing the story, the mother asked, 'How can I be saved? I'm living with a man whom I'm not married to.' That day, she surrendered her life to Jesus. We were able to see God bring salvation to people who had the hardest of hearts!"

TORCH PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA - Approximately 20 believers among the Torch people gathered together to begin a project of developing stories from the Bible in their spoken languages. Their goal is to translate 24 stories in each of the four major dialects. Some of the dialects do not have words such as "holy," "God," "Messiah," and "crucifixion" in their vocabulary. The team is responsible for developing words for these concepts that can be understood by other Torch people. The words chosen are what future believers and future churches will use. This is a huge responsibility! Pray for wisdom from the Lord as they translate these stories that will tell of the one true God for generations to come. Already six Torch people have put their faith in Jesus through the initial four new stories. Praise the Lord of the harvest, and pray for more to hear and believe!

LAST FRONTIER - You prayed for a group of local house leaders who met together about a month and a half ago to participate in a strategic training seminar. Together, they shared their hearts' desire to see the Last Frontier people group reached with the gospel and spent their time discussing new ways to establish house groups. Join with these leaders by praying that the Lord will direct them as they work together in the harvest fields of this people group. These cities are "white unto harvest," and the people living in them are waiting for these workers and others like them to bring the Word of Truth that saves! Lift up three cities in particular that the house leaders have adopted for the coming five years.

FULAKUNDA OF SENEGAL, GUINEA-BISSAU AND THE GAMBIA (FOO-lah-KOON-dah) - The Muslim holiday of Ramadan began last month. People who show no evidence of practicing Islam throughout the year take time not only to fast from food, but also from worldly pleasures. Lift up the Fulakunda especially during this time. Pray that they will dream dreams of Jesus and see visions during this time of fasting. Ask God to reveal Himself and His Son as these people call out every day. Pray that Yahweh will hear them, even as they pray to a God of love that they do not understand. Pray for the Fulakunda believers, as this will be the first Ramadan holiday that some of them will go through since becoming a follower of Jesus. Pray for more mature believers to take advantage of opportunities to have spiritual conversations. Pray Ephesians 6:19 for them: "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."

TUNISIAN ARABS OF TUNISIA (too-NEE-zhan) - Ramadan (the Islamic month of fasting) will be observed from June 18 to July 17 this year. Pray that believers will be invited to join their friends and neighbors and that they will be able to share God's love during the long visits and conversations. Pray that the believers' joy will be especially attractive as conditions in Tunisia continue to worsen and hope drains away. Continue to ask that the Father will reveal Himself to many Tunisians by dreams and visions. <http://www.pray4tunisia.com/>

MANINKA OF WEST AFRICA (MAH-nee-kah) - He stands over six feet tall, with wide shoulders. At first glance, you might feel a bit intimidated, but as you watch him interact with the other oral Bible story translators, you will notice how gentle he is. This young man desperately needs your intercession. He joined the class out of a desire to improve his English, but as time passed, you could tell something else was happening. On this particular day, as they were comparing Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the Ten Commandments, you could see evidence of a struggle going on. Suddenly that struggle found a voice, and Emalla asked, "But . . . please tell me, how can a Muslim like me walk on Jesus' road and still honor your father and mother?" Pray fervently for this young man to accept Jesus as his



Continue to pray for Nepal

NEW DATES TO POST TO YOUR PRAYER CALENDAR...

The next ION Theological Consultation will be in **Nairobi, Kenya at Daystar University Oct. 13-15, 2015**. Each Theological Consultation has had its own focus. But the bottom line is this... **There are Pastors** all across the globe who have no access to the written Word. Pray with us as ION seeks to influence theological education spheres to bring orality and oral students more into focus for educational institutions. More tools are needed beyond those currently available as letters on paper.

ION Manila Conference 2015 on November 27-28. This will not only be the first [International Orality Network](#) event in Manila, but the very first in Asia.

New postings on the ION Prayer Calendar

Check out the ION Prayer Calendar to pray for events and trainings.

Watch and Pray: <http://orality.net/prayer-calendar>

ION Global Orality Training Alliance

[Global Orality Training Alliance](#)

Praise God for this new Facebook group launch. Please share with others how to connect to ION on Facebook.

GREAT PRAYER RESOURCES:

Missiographics/ GMI

Get the scoop on missions thru infographics that bring information to life.



ANNOUNCING THE LATEST

MISSIOGRAPHIC: www.bit.ly/refugeeinfo

Every 4 seconds someone is forced to flee their home. These refugees are vulnerable and without long-term options. Many struggle in significant ways. A few break through and start a new life. Get to know their situation and how you can help as you step beyond the tents.

<http://www.gmi.org/>



In June our ION prayer team was praying onsite for the Table 71 mtgs. Hearing of the progress to date and what is going to be needed can be overwhelming. But, God continues to call us to come into His activity. Having every and all people groups adopted and a specific strategy in place to reach them in all populations is going to take an even greater level of prayer and deeper commitment to empower indigenous peoples. God is at work, greatly. He is moving peoples, He is on task. The mission has not changed. Having the *EVERY AND ALL* peoples around the throne in Rev. 5:7 & 7:9 is the plan of God! There are still places where No One has a strategy to reach the numbers of people groups still unengaged (which just mean no one has accepted the responsibility of working with some of the people groups). Collaboration is happening across denominational lines and organizations in God directed ways, unprecedented models are in place. The numbers of active UUPGs has been drastically shifted from "no missionary, no Bible, no one working to reach them" to many, but so much more is still needed. What is it going to take to get to the next level? We stand in the place of prayer for laborers to the field, Scriptures in every heart language, more oral tools, more strategies involving orality. We stand in the gap!

As you pray or prepare to pray, it might be of interest to you to listen in on a conversation along these lines. Recently **JD Payne interviewed Samuel Chiang** on this subject. Here is the link, so you can take a listen:

<http://www.jdpayne.org/2015/06/04/samuel-chiang-on-orality-and-missions-today/>

JD has hit on understanding the times. He just published a 3-part series on the Moravians. An interesting read on the heart of missions and what it took to keep a sending movement in place for over 100 years.

We can follow their lead! <http://www.jdpayne.org/2015/06/24/moravians-part-3/>

Lord and Savior.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - Pray for the Bambara (pronounced BAHM-bah-rah) people who have immigrated into Senegal and The Gambia. In traveling through The Gambia, they found no evidence of Christianity in these villages, and as far as they know, the gospel is not being shared there. The team took a small boat up the river and stopped at one village of Bambara-speaking Bozo (BOH-zoh) people. After spending two hours sharing stories from the Bible, one of the men said, "We know what you are saying is true. How can we know these things unless someone tells us? When will you come back to teach us more?" Recently, the team returned to tell more stories. **Praise the Lord that one of these fishermen is now a "fisher of men" and others are very interested! Pray that the words sown will reap a harvest among other Bambara speakers in The Gambia. Ask the Lord to send someone who will take on the task of discipleship** so that not only these, but others will not only hear, but also receive Christ as their Savior.

<http://prayerthreads.imb.org>

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - "As we ask for prayer for the unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) of East Africa, please know that there is a reason why many of these are not hearing the gospel. Many of these people groups are found in remote, hard-to-reach areas--such as those in Northeast Kenya who live where terrorist threats are on high alert and drought is so severe that they are slowly starving to death, both spiritually and physically. **Pray** for those who find themselves in these extreme situations and have never heard of the hope that is in Jesus Christ. Some names to bring to the Father are the Kuria, the Tharaka, and the Boran. **Pray** that God will raise up those willing to adopt UUPGs for prayer and involvement."

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) - Once named Zaire, the 69 million people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo have long been considered well evangelized, but evangelical denomination leaders across the country are crying out for help. They share honestly that a veneer of Christianity covers the churches filled with generations of religious people who secretly participate in African traditional worship and who do not truly know Christ. **Pray** as veteran IMB missionaries, newly established there, begin to train Baptist & evangelicals in orality, using God's stories in the Bible to evangelize and disciple. The core of this methodology holds to the integrity of God's Word, the rejection of all non-biblical teachings, obedience, sharing Christ, and accountability. **Pray**, as the demand for this training grows daily. **Pray** that teams of trainers will be established and that God will turn all those drifting from the Truth to repentance, true faith, discipleship, and a zeal for evangelism. **Pray** that God's story will reach all strata of society!

Source:

<http://imb.org/pray/todaysprayer.aspx?cid=PrayENL#.VPN4ouGWngY>



PRAYING alongside ION Partners...

Listing for *some of our partner's* links:

Praying alongside Kids Around the World/ KidStory

http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.com/?page_id=1743

Praying alongside The Seed Company

<https://theseedcompany.org/prayer>

Praying alongside STS Simply the Story

<http://simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/index.php/component/content/article/123-praise-reports/363-instructors-newsletters.html>

Praying alongside TWR

<http://links.mkt3176.com/servlet/MailView?ms=MTE3MTk3MTIS1&r=NjM3NTM3MDY0NzMS1&j=NTYxNzZmZmNTM4S0&mt=1&rt=0>

Project Hannah (TWR Women's Ministry)

<http://www.projecthannah.org/prayer>

Praying alongside StoryRunners

<http://www.storyrunners.org/>

Praying alongside Women in the Window Int'l

<https://womeninthewindow-intl.org/blog/>

<https://womeninthewindow-intl.org/pray/>

Praying alongside MegaVoice

http://www.megavoice.com/more/index.shtml?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=HTW_Thursday_June_25_2015&utm_medium=email

Praying alongside Pioneers

https://ju209.infusionsoft.com/app/hostedEmail/171277/2e5749a22e501c5f?inf_contact_key=ce49ed42dcf96cfd50a53afbdee3e362d568f54972314f3cb291dc8bd1fda706

Praying alongside Galcom Int'l

http://www.galcom.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/June.July_.Aug_.2015.pdf

Praying alongside MentorLink

<http://www.troetech.com/PrayerUpdate/Weekly%20Text%20File/PrintVersion.html>

Praying alongside PNGBTA PNG Bible Translation Association

<http://pngbta.org/node/136>

Looking for Story Sets?

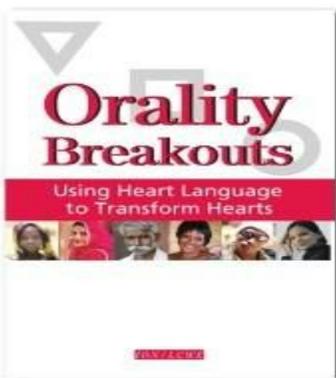
[Stories | StoryRunners](#)

StoryRunners' 42 Bible stories tell the gospel from Creation to the Return of Christ in a way that unreached people groups can understand. Below is the full story set in English. Learning and application of stories within Story Groups is driven by group discussion, where the leader guides it by asking questions: "What did you like about the story?" "What did you not like?" "What do you learn about people?" "What do you learn about God?" "What in the story makes you want to change something in your life?" Bible Storytelling is a key way to share the gospel. YOU can do this!

You can download the entire 42 story set by language if you click here: <http://storyrunners.org>

[Biblical | BTstories.com](#) <http://www.btstories.com/biblical/>

Great Bible Story Resource -Book by Book Genesis Creation (1)Adam & Eve (2)The Fall (3)Cain & Abel (4)The Flood (6-9)World After the Flood (9-11)Call of Abraham (11-12)Melchizedek (13-15)The God Who Sees Me (16)Promise of Isaac More at: www.btstories.com



If you ever wondered how the foundation of prayer became an intricate element of ION, check out the story behind the principle... Chapter 15, page 101-106. Download your copy:

<http://orality.net/sites/default/files/Orality%20Breakouts%202010.pdf>

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