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The Word goes local

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Prayer POINTS



**“The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.”**

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

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1 Bakweri — Cameroon: The Bakweri people dedicated their New Testament on October 26 in a joyful celebration. Jesus, our living hope, **help** them to look back at your resurrection and receive hope in the midst of the present civilian crisis they are enduring. As others observe the way Bakweri believers trust in You, **may they be filled with hope** for the future.

2 Mehra — Highland Asia: A new government is leading the country where the Wambra and Mehra people live. God, **keep the new leaders busy** and their attention away from the believers in these communities.

3 Duvai — South Asia: Sonu, the Duvai project facilitator from South Asia, courageously moved into the Duvai community at the beginning of this year hoping to build friendships through language and culture learning. Fearful of outsiders, many Duvai told him to go home and treated him harshly. It was months before a Duvai man, visiting from a larger city, took time to teach him the language and introduce him to others. **Praise God** for helping Sonu wait with hope.

4 Wambra — Highland Asia: OneBook's CEO, Ted, is visiting our partner in Highland Asia this week. God, **give him Your words of encouragement** to share with leaders from the Mehra and Wambra communities who are travelling to the capital city for a joint dedication of the books of the Pentateuch. **May Your joy fill their hearts.**

5 Nawila — East Africa: Kioni, the Nawila project leader, was able to help 19 Nawila students register for national exams that take place this month. Lord, we **pray** for a disabled young man named Medi as he studies and sits the exam. **Help him to succeed. May his determination inspire many.**

6 Nzime — Cameroon: **Praise God** for changing Rosine, a Nzime translator. She said, "I thought I understood the Bible, but since I've participated in translation, God's message has brought change to my life. These translation sessions give me deep moments of meditation. **I pray for complete transformation.**" Rosine is currently studying at university, but she eagerly returns to her village to help the team on her study breaks.



Rosine returns to her Nzime village on her study breaks

7 Sengwer Cherangany — Kenya: God, as more biblical texts are available on the Sengwer Cherangany Scripture App and more people are learning to read, we **pray for these words to be read** during church services. **Speak directly to the hearts** of the Sengwer Cherangany people, **breaking through the barriers** of misunderstanding caused by Scripture in the trade language.

8 Mfumte Cluster — Cameroon: Some Kwaja businessmen gave a drum of gasoline to the translators so they can run their generator. Now they can keep their computers charged and their lights on during the evening hours. Lord, **urge others in the community to follow this example of generosity.**

9 Donali — South Asia: Project facilitators Darsh and Siya and their boys are suffering from illnesses that cannot be treated in the Donali village they live in. Jehova Rapha, our Healer, **touch their bodies and remove any other distraction to their ministry.**

10 Jam Ma Cluster – Cameroon: **Praise God** that the Kwanay and Parak interchurch committee were able to increase attendance to their annual general meetings. They visited each church asking for representatives to be sent to the general meeting with gifts collected over the year. This strategy resulted in larger-than-ever contributions from the communities towards their language projects.

11 Gurija – South Asia: Maanvir, the Gurija team leader and one of the translators, has relocated his family to the town where the project office is located. Lord, as Maanvir takes time to get to know the church leaders in this town, **build peaceful and cooperative relationships** that lead to invitations for him to promote the use of Gurija Scripture.

12 Moloko – Cameroon: The Moloko team has only two more books of the New Testament to check with a translation consultant. **Praise God** for giving them dedication and for building their skills and faith during this decade of intense ministry. Lord, **protect** them during this next year as they bring the Moloko New Testament through pre-publication checking and typesetting.

13 Bali – South Asia: Lord, may Bali staff Neel, Sai, and Kumari **apply the wisdom** of the Psalms and Proverbs they recently translated. **Keep them from sin and protect them from people who deceive.** May they be good role models in their community.

14 Ring Road Cluster – Cameroon: Some elderly Laimbue speakers were invited to a word collection workshop, but they did not attend. The younger people who attended did not know many Laimbue words. After the workshop, however, they were eager to learn from their elders. Lord, we **pray** that these young people's enthusiasm will **renew the elderly speakers hope** in the future of their language and convince them to engage in the next word collection workshop so that a dictionary can be made for this language.

15 Kassin – South Asia: Kessha is a new Kassin believer who was delighted to participate in the audio recording of the New Testament in her heart language. She suffers from spiritual oppression which disturbs her sleep. Jesus, **by the power of Your name, deliver her once and for all.**

16 Kunama — Ethiopia: Project Scripture engagement workers are currently helping Kunama church and community members better understand the relationship between cultural practices and biblical ethics. Lord, **direct** them as they develop and facilitate Bible studies on these cultural topics.



17 Birari — South Asia: Birari villages are separated by many kilometres of unmaintained roads, making it nearly impossible for isolated believers to get to church or for pastors to visit them. Electricity and internet are also unreliable, making communication difficult. Father, **may Your isolated children experience Your presence today and be strengthened.**

18 Kadai — South Asia: Resistance to Christianity is high among the Kadai people, but this hasn't stopped project facilitators Veeru and his wife Nilima from moving to a town inhabited by many Kadai people. At first, Veeru was ignored. Then, he began to play with Kadai children and help them with their studies. Nilima offered to care for the sick. Slowly, God's love is breaking through and building friendships. **Thanks be to God!**

19 Mfumte Cluster — Cameroon: The Kwaja and Koffa teams have received technical help from Mark, a linguist from our national partner organization in Cameroon. He built their skills in marking the tones of their languages. Lord, **thank You** for Mark's contribution. **Bless him** in his ongoing ministry as a linguist.

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20 Nirgam — South Asia: Ishaan, one of the Nirgam translators, is caring for his father who is critically ill. Lord, **channel Your love and comfort** through Ishaan's words and actions. **Give Your peace** to this family.

21 Ring Road Cluster — Cameroon: **Thank God** along with Philip, a Bamendankwe translator. He attended a dictionary word collection workshop where he discovered the deeper meaning of many words in his language. Lord, **bring these words back to Philip's mind** while he is translating Scripture.

22 Hapuma — South Asia: God, please **help** Pastor Sanjib, his wife, and the other Hapuma translators Mahil and Mitan work in joyful harmony with church leaders as they plan the dedication ceremony and distribution of the Hapuma New Testament.



23 Rabas — South Asia: Lord, **encourage** Ayush, Mina, Teejak, Sanam, and the newly recruited translator Kumar as they reach out to the Rabas people. **Protect** them from illness and injury and **strengthen** them to follow their motto to "plant seeds where no one cares and be loud where no one speaks."

24 Consultant Capacity Building — Cameroon: Consultants David and Christian built their Hebrew language skills during a training program in the Holy Land this year. In addition to quality-checking Scripture drafts with translation teams in Cameroon, they also mentor consultants-in-training. Father, **help David and Christian to effectively pass on their passion and skills to others.**

25 Gaba — South Asia: Thank You, Lord, for all that Gaba translators Bucky and Jairaj learned at the Gospel of John workshop. As they complete the drafting and exegetical checking of this book, **give them insights that will improve the translation.**

26 Ring Road Cluster — Cameroon: Lord, we join the Koshin church leaders as they pray for their community: **God and Father, Your Word is light and truth. Speak Your Word to our people so that the ignorance and disbelief will disappear from our hearts. Let the truth in Your Word penetrate and redeem our souls from darkness into light.**

27 Jam Ma Cluster — Cameroon: Jean Baptiste, a Parak translator, was injured during an armed robbery when his computer was stolen. Although he has recovered physically, the emotional scars remain. Father, **help** Jean Baptiste to feel your comforting presence and face his fears.



28 Mpumpong – Cameroon: The Mpumpong community will dedicate their New Testament tomorrow. As representatives from CABTAL, OneBook's national partner that facilitated the project, and OneBook staff members Lynette and Julia travel to the dedication today, **ble**ss them with good weather, safety, and good health.** As the Mpumpong people prepare for the event, **unify** them. Lord, **may all the New Testaments be sold, read, shared and obeyed.****

29 Warka – South Asia: For many years, the project facilitators shared God's love and truth with their Warka landlords. There was no response until the landlords received the audio recording of the Warka New Testament. Then, they were happy to tell the translators that they had listened to almost all the "stories in Warka." Father, **open their minds to understand the truth they are hearing and soften their hearts so they may receive Your gift of salvation.**

30 Nomaande – Cameroon: God, we **pray** for each of the Nomaande Old Testament translators today, asking You to **lift** the burdens of their hearts and **empower** them in their ministry. **Bless** Roger, Richard, Simon, Timothy, Simeon, Aurelien, Daniel, and Endenguele.