

21 Mehra — Asia Sensitive: Praise God that residents of a Mehra village where there is a growing group of believers decided not to turn believers in to the authorities who were traveling in the region looking for those who do not follow the majority religion. God, **may these villagers accept invitations** to join Bible study groups and experience spiritual transformation. **Break up the hard soil** of their hearts through worship and intercession with these believers.

22 Jam Ma Cluster — Cameroon: Six leaders in the Gamata, Kwanay, and Parak interchurch committees attended a training session called "Healthy Leadership". Lord, **remind** them today of what they learned. **May they diligently follow** the wise advice that was given.

23 TBTA: Lord, **thank You** for progress that Craig (TBTA's computational linguist) and Anthony (Kenyan Chuka language specialist) have made in analyzing the Chuka grammar and producing drafts of stories and Scripture texts into Chuka. God, as the book of Ruth is tested by the Chuka translation team, community, and a translation consultant, **help them to give useful feedback** to the TBTA team.

24 Nawila Old Testament — East Africa Sensitive: Praise God for the successful dubbing of the "JESUS" film into the Nawila language. Amazingly, the literacy teachers who lent their voices were willing to do this even if they do not profess Christ. Interestingly, the recording that got the most attention was the role of the demoniac. The actor said he knew what demons sound like so he could imitate them well. Jesus, we **pray for many Nawila people to come to Christ** when they see how You have power over Satan.

25 OneBook Staff: Martin, OneBook's Director of Programs, recently retired. God, **give wisdom and strength** to Lynette and Ted who are handling these responsibilities now. Please **bring** to OneBook a person who has the same values and dedication as Martin. Above all, **make Your presence clearly known** to him during this time of transition.



26 Mfumte Cluster — Cameroon: Koffa and Kwaja literacy supervisors visit the 20 literacy classes going on their communities. Traveling is dangerous in the region. Lord, **protect** Elvine and Mark. **Give them wise words** as they provide feedback to the teachers and students.

27 Jola Felupe — Guinea-Bissau: Thank you, God, for good attendance of a Jola Felupe reading club. As they read Your Word together, **may they understand** it in their heads and in their hearts.

28 Kunama Bible Engagement — Ethiopia: The Eritrean Kunama refugees have been moved to another camp on the Ethiopian border that is well protected. Access has been opened to aid workers and our national partner will soon be reaching out to this community which has been cut off from the gospel for a long time. Lord, **keep the doors open and give courage and conviction** to all who share the Kunama Scriptures and facilitate trauma healing groups with these hurting people.

29 Pana — Cameroon: There are 111 Pana people living in the diaspora who are actively participating in a WhatsApp forum that was created to share information about the language and project. Some have asked the staff to send them literacy manuals so they can teach their children. Others are asking when the New Testament dedication will take place so that they can be sure to plan a trip to the region and celebrate with the translators. **Thank you, Lord!**

30 Mankon — Cameroon: Mankon literacy teachers take great risks traveling across the community. They are grateful that fighters on both sides of the conflict respect that they are working on Mankon language development and therefore let them pass by the barricades. Lord, **continue to protect them.**

31 Ring Road Cluster — Cameroon: Koshin villages are only accessible on foot, and this has resulted in little evangelism among them. Many still perform animal sacrifices at the request of their traditional priests with hopes of making peace with the spirits of their ancestors and ensuring a bountiful harvest. Father, as oral Bible stories are now being crafted and told among them, **release** the Koshin people from their bondage to Satan's lies.

Prayer POINTS

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Lamentations 3: 22-23 (ESV)

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1 South Asia Sensitive: The director of our partner organization in South Asia said, "When the Word reaches a language community, Satan's authority is broken, and he does everything possible to thwart Bible translation activities." Satan is using the rise of fundamentalism in the majority religion to increase persecution in some of the projects. Our Scripture for this month declares that our salvation is in God, who is trustworthy and gives us strength. Father, **may the joyful song of Your salvation remove whatever fear** is affecting staff in the Donali, Birari, Nirgam, Gaba, and Rabas projects today.

2 Warka — South Asia Sensitive: When a Warka believer we call Javin received a copy of the New Testament in March, he said, "Now nobody can say that we are following a foreign religion, because the words of God are in our language! I am looking forward to the audio Bible in our language. Then those who cannot read will hear and understand it. As our children learn these truths in the NT, they will not go away from the Lord when troubles and persecution come." God, we **pray** for Javin's dreams for his people to come true.

3 Facendi — West Africa Sensitive: We **pray** with the Facendi translators for those who have converted to Christianity from another religion that is dominant in their region. God, You do not want any sheep to be lost. That is why we trust in You to **keep these believers strong and courageous. May they persevere!**



4 Birari — South Asia Sensitive: Praise God for helping the Birari project literacy facilitator prepare five health awareness books. Now Lord, please **help her find** successful ways to circulate them among Birari people.

5 Mofu-Gudur — Cameroon: Seventy-three Mofu-Gudur literacy teachers were refreshed in their basic literacy teaching skills. Lord, **fill them with joy** as they coach their people inside and outside the classroom.

6 Jam Ma Cluster — Cameroon: Proverbs 17:22 says that laughter is good medicine. What makes you smile? For Deli in the Gamata community of northern Cameroon, being able to read God's Word in her own language makes her want to dance. She said, "Thanks to the literacy program, I have learned to read and write this year. When I read the Gospel of Luke in my language, the message goes straight to my heart and my faith is strengthened." Lord, **may Deli's joy be contagiously spread** to people around her.

7 Jola Felupe — Guinea-Bissau: Praise God for a total of 35 baptisms in two Jola Felupe churches! Just before this happened, a group of church leaders attended a discipleship conference and reinforced their skills and passion for follow-up ministry. God, **may these new believers be lovingly and consistently mentored** in their faith. May the Scriptures in Jola Felupe be memorized and obeyed.

8 SURAM — Cameroon: Lord, **speak powerfully** through the Scripture. Use Research and Ministry (SURAM Cameroon) staff, led by John, as they train people this week. Workshop topics include Scripture Engagement ministry, data collection, and team building. Lord, **may all learners retain** what they are taught.

9 Kenya: Father, **give self-control** to the people of Kenya as they go to cast their ballots today for a new president and for local leaders. Prince of Peace, **bring** people of Your choice to leadership.

10 Jam Ma Cluster — Cameroon: Thank You, Lord, for the Parak believers in the capital city who purchased needed equipment for the project office. **May many others follow** their generous example.

11 Bali Old Testament — South Asia Sensitive: The Bali translators have distributed over 450 New Testaments since COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted. **Praise God!** They have also been recording the New Testament, and this month, a translation consultant is doing a quality check of the Psalms. Lord, **be a shield of spiritual protection** around everyone at this check.

12 OneBook: OneBook's development team is **praising God** for open doors with new churches and individuals, resulting in 33 new donors over the past nine months. Lord, **continue to increase** OneBook's donor base and help current donors be effective advocates.

13 Kassin — South Asia Sensitive: The Kassin New Testament is being distributed in the community, with invitations to receive a verse-of-the-day text message and to join a Bible study. Spiritual opposition to God's Word remains strong in this culture that traditionally worships household deities and lives in fear of evil spirits. God, **free the Kassin people from spiritual bondage** as they receive and believe the truth declared in the Bible.

14 Nzime Old Testament — Cameroon: A literacy program that reaches all the Nzime villages is an essential component to the success of this project. A census of the community and of current number of readers was the first step. Now the literacy staff are editing primers. Lord, **help** our national partner's literacy specialists as they equip the Nzime staff. May these dreams come true!

15 First Nations Version — Canada/USA: After the launching of the First Nations Version New Testament, there have been many requests to translate the Old Testament. A decision was made to translate the Psalms and Proverbs. A new translation council of 12 members is meeting this week to launch the project. This includes making decisions on some key terms used in these books. Creator God, **unite and direct** them through Your Spirit.

16 Cameroon: God, **encourage** the financial staff of CABTAL, OneBook's partner in Cameroon, as they work faithfully behind the scenes. Give Nadège and Anderson **good communication** with staff of 54 projects as they help create budgets and do financial reporting.

17 Mpumpong — Cameroon: The Mpumpong team has received increased technical support in order to complete final checks of their New Testament and finish the project earlier than expected. Typesetting is scheduled for October. **Praise God!** On this "final lap around rugged terrain" we **pray a hedge of spiritual protection.** God, **strengthen** the team with endurance.

18 Isu — Cameroon: God, please **help** the Isu project staff who are keyboarding the words that were collected for their dictionary. **Remind** them of their spelling rules. May this dictionary help to preserve the Isu language and increase motivation of the younger generation to speak it well.

19 Kabras — Kenya: Lord, **help** our Kenyan partner's technical advisors to find time to review and approve the publication of the Kabras folk stories, Luke Bible Study, and Jesus Messiah books.

20 Ring Road Cluster — Cameroon: The civilian conflict in the region where the four communities of the Ring Road Cluster live has brought economic decline. Many are living a hand-to-mouth existence. Most choose not to travel for fear of kidnapping or getting caught in the crossfire. Lord, **bless** those who are generously sharing even the little that they have. **Protect** innocent people from harm. May they lie down in peace as they meditate on Your promises.