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# Prayer POINTS



**"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."**

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

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- 1 Kassin — South Asia Sensitive:** The Kassin New Testament was dedicated a week ago. **Praise God! Help** the church leaders to distribute these books widely and use them wisely as they instruct and comfort their parishioners. **Thank You** that this Word will bring lasting changes in these people's lives.
- 2 Mofu-Gudur — Cameroon:** The Mofu-Gudur New Testament and all the quality-checked Old Testament books are now available on a Scripture App. The project staff are all taking time this month to share this app and encourage their friends and neighbours to use it for their spiritual discovery and growth. **Give them boldness** Lord. May they share out of personal joy of the strength they have found in the instructions and promises of Your Word in their language.
- 3 Isu — Cameroon:** We join our hearts with the Isu translation team today, Lord, as we plead with you to **help the family of Julius** (the project coordinator) raise the funds that are required to fly his child for treatment out of the country. Even greater glory to You, Lord, would be Your miraculous healing of this little boy. Lord, **have mercy.**
- 4 Balanta — Guinea-Bissau:** Grade 2 students in the Balanta bilingual school that was built by their parents are very happy because their grade level is being taught in this school for the first time. They are busy learning from their teacher, Armando. **Praise God** that they don't have to walk 3 kms beside a dangerous road to get to the nearest public school. Lord, **bles Armando and his students with good health and successful learning.**
- 5 Gurija — South Asia Sensitive:** As soon as the Gurija alphabet chart and literacy primer were published, the project's literacy facilitator started a class with the help of a local volunteer. Father, **may these students quickly learn to read and write** their language.

**6 OneBook:** Instead of (or in addition to) sending gifts to their friends and loved ones at Christmas, many OneBook donors sponsored the printing of a New Testament and sent their friend or loved one a gift tag with information about OneBook. Holy Spirit, **tug on the hearts** of these friends and loved ones. May they catch the spirit of this gift and sponsor more publishing.

**7 Sengwer Cherangany — Kenya:** Now that the Sengwer Cherangany people have access to the Gospel of Luke in their language, the community's eagerness for more Scripture is growing. This month the translators are working with a consultant to quality-check the book of Acts. Lord, through Your Word, **build the church among this people, both in number and in spiritual maturity.**

**8 Worldwide:** In church services around the world today the Word of God is being "planted". We think especially of all the people in the fifty-one communities that have translated the Word of God into their heart language in partnership with OneBook. Take this Word, Lord, and **water it. Bring fruit from it** for Your glory.



**9 Cameroon:** CABTAL, OneBook's Cameroonian partner organization, working with another Bible Translation partner, is interviewing candidates for a Scripture Engagement Research and Ministry team coordinator role this week. God, **give them wisdom and unity** in choosing the best person to lead this outreach.

**10 OneBook:** Father, as some members of the OneBook board finish their term of service, **lead them** to someone who can replace them and carry on their vision.

**11 Jam Ma Cluster – Cameroon:** Kodji, Dominique and Jonathan coordinate the work of the staff in the Gamata, Kwanay and Parak projects. Father, **may they listen well to You and the workers. Help them to make wise decisions.** Keep them from giving up in the face of challenges. Protect them from illness and spiritual attack.

**12 Donali – South Asia Sensitive:** A month ago, there was unrest in the village of the Donali mother-tongue translators. Villagers were threatening harm to Sathvik and Reehan if they do not stop this work. God, we continue to **pray for deliverance and victory in this situation.**

**13 Waata – East Africa Sensitive:** God, **help Harifa, Reuben, and Gabriel, the Waata translators, to focus on details** as they complete the final checks (spelling, punctuation, proper names) before typesetting of their New Testament begins. As they use public transportation to travel back and forth to the project office each day, **give them opportunities** to talk to other Waata people about their work and may these conversations lead people to You.

**14 Mankon – Cameroon:** The Mankon project staff **praise You, God,** for preserving their lives and families through the dangers of the civil crisis that surrounds them. As they travel in the community, continue to **keep them alert.** While they are working, **give them peace and keep them safe** from attack.

**15 Birari — South Asia Sensitive:** Twelve new Birari Scripture-based songs are now being sung in churches where Birari believers attend. Holy Spirit, **bring these lyrics to their minds** as they face challenges of life in a nation where their expression of faith in you is threatened. May these songs **cast away their fears.**

**16 Nzime Old Testament — Cameroon:** Father, the Nzime people have been growing in their faith through reading the New Testament in their language. As the community now begins a NT revision and Old Testament translation, **unite the staff and build their skills. Give them a good relationship** with the person that OneBook's partner, CABTAL, has assigned to facilitate the project.

**17 OneBook Staff:** Lord, **guide** someone of Your choice to join OneBook's development team and please continue to **give health and strength** to Ted, Jerry, Marvin and Sarah. **Make their efforts fruitful.**

**18 Ring Road Cluster — Cameroon:** The Ring Road Cluster project has just begun. It will transform lives in four language communities in northwest Cameroon. God, **bless Sidney**, the project facilitator, as he builds relationships with community leaders and project staff. **Help him to bring all worries to You and to take every opportunity to pray** for the people he is serving.

**19 OneBook Staff:** God, with thanksgiving we lift up Ted Seres as he gives leadership to OneBook and casts the vision to Canadian church leaders. **Anoint Him, reveal Your ways to him and protect his mind, body and spirit from harm.**

**20 Hapuma — South Asia Sensitive:** Lord, please **give Hapuma translators Sanjib and Mitran success** in their advanced translation training program this year and **help them to pass on their new skills and knowledge** to the other translators, Kadhir and Mahil. As they dig into the meaning of Your Words, **give them joy and renew** their commitment to translation ministry.

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## 21 CABTAL Consultant Capacity Building — Cameroon:

Lord, You have gifted Dr. Aslo, Mr. Kawalindama and Mr. Meh with exegetical understanding and consultancy skills. As they complete their certification as translation consultants in Cameroon's Capacity Building program, please **help their families to support them.**

22 Nirgam — South Asia Sensitive: Lord, we prayed for You to direct Kavan and Yami, the Nirgam project facilitators, to people capable and committed to learning how to translate Scripture into their language. **Thank You** for leading them to Akash and Ishaan. As Kavan and Yami learn Nirgam from them and, in turn, help them grow in their faith and in their translation skills, **bless this working relationship.**

23 Mpumpong — Cameroon: There are over 50 Mpumpong people currently doing online literacy classes in WhatsApp groups. Lord, **motivate them and help them to build their skills. Guide the literacy teacher** in overcoming any technical or learning challenges that arise.

24 Guinea-Bissau: OneBook's partner in Guinea-Bissau, ITA, has built a capable team of administrators over the past 12 years under the wise and winning leadership of Pastor Miguel. Djessica is their new accountant. Father, **help her to remember and apply** what she has been trained to do. **Encourage and provide for** Daisy, the previous accountant, who had to leave the country to seek medical care for her young daughter.

25 Facendi — West Africa Sensitive: The Facendi translators are adapting their translation of the Gospel of Luke to the "JESUS" film script, eager for their people to be able to see and hear the truth about Jesus, who is not just a prophet, but our Saviour. Lord, we **pray for a good working relationship** with the partner organization that is doing the dubbing. We **pray for qualified and committed people** to eagerly participate in the recording of this film.



**26 Warka — South Asia Sensitive:** Besides distributing the Warka New Testaments and App and doing a recording of the entire book, the team is focusing this year on recruiting and training two new people to translate Genesis and the Psalms. God, **help them overcome many obstacles. Keep them motivated and healthy.** We look to You for a harvest of spiritual fruit among Warka people.

**27 Kenya:** We **pray** for Jackson, OneBook's Kenyan partner's funding officer. God, **bless him** today with Your presence and good connection with project staff.

**28 Mmen — Cameroon:** The Mmen New Testament was recently typeset and is now at the printers. Lord, **may the community leaders use the knowledge they acquired** in a Scripture Engagement and Mobilization workshop to prepare their people for the arrival of Your Word.

**29 Ring Road Cluster – Cameroon:** Last month four people from each of the Laimbue, Mendankwe, Koshin and Njen communities were trained to craft Bible stories in their language and tell them to their people. **Anoint them**, Lord, with powerful communication skills. **Open doors** for many opportunities to challenge and inspire their people with Your Words in their language. **Protect them** while travelling in dangerous regions.

**30 Mfumte Cluster – Cameroon:** This week the Koffa and Kwaja communities are collecting words to add to their dictionaries. **Give them joy**, Lord, as they discover the richness of their languages. **Help them to accurately manipulate the dictionary software and give them encouragement** as they spend time together studying Your Word in their languages.

**31 Jam Ma Cluster – Cameroon:** OneBook projects employ people who have not yet confessed Jesus but are eager to develop their language. We ask You, Father, to **reveal Yourself** to Mubeen today. He is the supervisor of the literacy program in the Parak project who practices another religion but was delighted to see the Gospel of Luke, the first book published in his language. God, **may Mubeen pick up that book and may its truth accomplish the purpose You intend.**



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