



TRANSLATORS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

PRAYER BULLETIN

Praises and prayer requests of TAP Family for the month of May, 2023



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TAP's 40th Anniversary

"It is said that the average life span of a honey bee is just 40 days, from egg to adult. In its entire life (only about 40 days), a honey bee will visit at least a thousand flowers to collect nectar and produce just 1 teaspoon of honey. Just 1 teaspoon in its entire life time! TAP has been around in the Philippines for not 40 days, but 40 years, producing something much sweeter than honey, something more precious than gold - the Eternal Word of God translated into the heart language of the people."

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103 NIV)

An excerpt from the welcome address of Ptr. Joseph Villaflor, TAP's Executive Director

ALL PRAISE & GLORY TO OUR FATHER!

***Ask** the Lord of the Harvest to send in more laborers and volunteers in the ministry of bible translation which involves language education and development, language survey, ethno-arts, multi-media, and oral bible translation.

***Seek** the Lord's blessings for our translation projects facing financial challenges. May the hand of the Lord bring those language workers and their respective language communities comfort and the needed provisions on time.

***Knock** on the gates of heaven for the protection of our workers in the field so they won't be harmed by some 'unfriendly' community dwellers. May the respective Local Government Units (LGU) where they are assigned be friendly to their cause of making accessible God's WORD in the language of their hearts. May the stakeholders uphold the work that has been started in their speech communities and may it bring genuine transformation.

Claim verse: *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* Matt. 7:7 NIV

Inati Oral Bible Translation in Negros Occ.

Insurgency problems have caused residents of Negros Occidental, where one of our Oral Bible Translation (OBT) projects is located, have series of experiences of combat between forces of the government and the insurgents. Let us pray for lasting peace of mind for the affected residents of Negros Occidental and that they would be totally freed from being caught in the middle of these opposing forces. Pray for the Translation Facilitator, the whole Team and their families that they will be covered by God's blanket of protection. Also pray as the Team moves to another place, a bit farther than the usual site of combat. Pray for favor from their town Mayor, who promised to help in their rent expense.

NT Recording in Guina-ang Kalinga

Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) recording of the whole New Testament in Guina-ang Kalinga is on-going. Pray that all may go well, for good health of voice actors and everyone in the team. Pray for safe trip for Marie from Pasig to Bagabag, then with Essa to Tabuk on May 12.

Ayta Ambala NT Translation

Mercy Ramos, the Project Facilitator of this translation project went home to be with her Maker. Pray for the scheduled meeting of the Executive Director and the Scripture Engagement Director with the mother tongue translators on May 10 in Pampanga.

The Journey is a missions simulation activity that takes you from your comfort zone and into a foreign land where no one speaks your language, no one does things the way you do and no one thinks the way you think.

(1) Pray for the TAP team members who have responded to the invitation of Makati Gospel Church (MGC) to facilitate The Journey on June 17.

(2) Pray for the ongoing preparations, the unity of the team and the scheduled meeting of representatives from TAP & Makati Gospel Church on May 10.

(3) May the Lord of the harvest speak to the participants regarding their respective roles in accomplishing the Great Commission either as a goer, a sender, an intercessor, or a welcomer, as a response to the mission of God.

Any prayer requests?

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or you may call 0917-863000**

Praises from the Language Education And Development (LEAD) Team

- challenging but fun and fruitful Orthography Development workshop for the Finallig, Liniyas, and Kenachakran language groups in the Mountain Province;
- safe travel from Manila which took 12 hours to reach Barlig and another 12 hours back to Manila;

Prayer Requests from the LEAD Team

Heritage Language Learning for Binukignon

on May 22 – 26 in Binalbagan, Negros Occidental

- * the Lord's guidance as we develop language learning lessons for this workshop;
- * protection from all forms of harm;
- * traveling mercies for LEAD team from Manila and from Bacolod, and for all the participants;
- * financial provision to be able to facilitate this activity; we are expecting 15 participants.

BUGKALOT ORTHOGRAHY DEVELOPMENT

- Please pray for the virtual meeting with the different stakeholders for the Bugkalot Orthography Development: TAP Language Development team, Sangay ng Salita at Gramatika of Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, Bugkalot OT Bible Translation team, UP Linguistics Department (Language Documentation), & DepED IPed Quirino on May 10.
- Pray for guidance as they tackle the following matters: who they are and what are their projects re: Bugkalot and goals for the language (community), sharing of approaches and best practices, Q & A, leveling of expectations from the partnership and each other, and calendaring of ensuing activities (schedules).