

The God's Story Project / *Simply the Story*
Praise & Prayer Report **March–May #2 of 2010**

Dear Friends of God's Story,

Many events for which we praise God are in this report and prayer is needed ... as always!

Nepal: "The GODs story is the greatest tool to reach the urban and rural people of Nepal. It has been watched from the remote village to the Prime Minister's office in the capital. I am in the far west Nepal, training few leaders for STS where there was no church, now there are 11 churches. Praise the Lord.

"These fellowships are due to the connection with local stations broadcasting Christian programs and we are providing follow up materials i.e. God's Story Video CD. Every month we are sending more than 400 CDs to remote areas.

"We, along with the radio groups, have received numbers of letter telling that they have started house groups as the result of radio program. They are the ones saved and meeting in what they call "Jesus Clubs." These new believers live remote and have no believers nearby. They love the stories. One man walked two days to learn more about Jesus."

Panama and Non-Literate Tribals STS leader in Ireland: "The training opportunities and demand for Bible storytelling continues without break. YWAM in Panama invited me to lead a workshop there. It was exciting to lead that "jungle STS", training of some sixteen people in that country. Six of them were from four indigenous Panamanian tribes, and there was even a 100% Mohawk Indian from Canada learning with us!

"It never ceases to amaze me how this STS training is **so** cross-cultural and **so** applicable to **any** people group I have met so far! We had people, who are not used to thinking critically, not only doing that by the end of 5 days but also putting together some powerful and incisive observation and application questions by the end of the course. "

Haiti: Over 1,000 donated solar audio players formatted with *God's Story* in Haitian Creole and French made their way to earthquake victims in Haiti. Most were transported there on one of the Friendships' vessels. The players, and scores of *God's Story* DVDs, were distributed by Christians as they gave aid and ministered to the Haitians.

"We have used the mega voices like they were gold. We have given quite a few out to older people that do not speak any English. Just this week we (the Mennonite ladies and myself) met some older ladies on donkeys up in the mountains and we were able to give them one each.

"We have given some to visiting teams that are going into remote areas as well and they have found that they are great.

"I also give them to any police officer that stops me on the road. We show them how they work each time and the local pastor in Simonette uses his one quite a lot to play in between Sunday school and church."



Note interest on orphans' faces

USA: Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa- Close to 200 attended a two-weekend STS workshop. This was a blessed time with very hands-on lovers of God's Word. Since *God's Story* premiered in that very church, it felt like a homecoming to us!

A highly educated man at the Costa Mesa workshop had been saved late in life. He wrote "I have seen....and have subsequently listened to *God's Story* several times. *God's Story* and STS are two of those things that beg the question, "What took us so long?" This is how God's word got to us in the first place, and it is obviously how He intended us to receive it.....personally.

"I totally loved meeting you and your staff. Though the experience was brutal for someone who lives out on the far reaches of the literacy tail of the population, it was incredibly eye opening. It is purity and it is truth."

In Costa Mesa, one seasoned children's worker with 40 plus years of experience told us, "I am absolutely in awe of this incredible method of imparting God's Word...I've used STS in the after school program with children from secular school and they remembered and retold stories from 4 weeks back and made personal applications!"

From Bible Translator in Thailand: We just heard that during the devotion time for the XXX language translation team, that they are practicing telling stories! From time to time their church used to have a Wed evening prayer meeting, but that wasn't happening for about the past year. After your workshop here, they started up again, and have focused on practicing story telling, using your methods. This could be a great boost to them beginning to use the XXX Scriptures more personally.

USA: A lady who bought *God's Story* in 2001 told us she has used GS all these years with new their member's class at church. "New members come in knowing hardly anything, and *God's Story* is easy to watch, simple for them to understand, and covers the basic principles of the Bible."

In South East Asia in restricted county: "Greetings in Jesus name. Thank you for every thing especially for your prayer support. We used STS method and the Mega Voice. On April 13 - 17, we conduct a camp and there are 170 people were attended. And we make a small group too. Moreover, we play the Mega Voice for them to listen the Story again and again.

"In each group 4/5 people asked the questions. There were 13 people accepted Christ and took baptism by God grace. We thank you for those who are helping, donating these tools for the Kingdom of God. My the Lord bless you abundantly. Constantly remember in prayer for us, we need the DVD player and 3 Mega Voice more.

Lausanne: We ask prayer for our Africa Director, Bramuel Musya. Bramuel has been invited to be the plenary speaker for oral strategies at the upcoming Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Cape Town South Africa. This young leader has arranged the production of numerous languages of *God's Story* in Africa and planted STS in over 20 countries of Africa.

Ethiopia An Amazing Workshop: Above 90% are oral communicators. The pastor who set it up has 332 churches in 7 villages in the region. All of them are Oromo speakers (though different dialects). These are his words;

"I have been impacted by the STS. Before I was telling stories, but not like the way you have trained us. Our community is an oral one and they pass information to each other in story forms. STS is very ideal for us.



"I want to request that you help us in this kind workshop in other places we have planted churches.

"You just gave us 12 of the audio players with God's Story. So each will be shared among 27 churches. Please help us the way you can" Pastor D

One group comprised of government workers and students attended from 5:00 am to 7:45 am and then from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. A different group came during the day from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

[Now that is a dedicated staff!]

Age made no difference. Over 100 Years Old!

"These two old ladies in Ethiopia could not be left out. The one on the left is above 100 years. It was amazing as she retold the story of Abram in Egypt. Though she could not remember the names of places, she told the stories with such accuracy.

"She said, 'I did not go to school any time of my life. I knew Jesus loves me, but I did not know how to tell others about him. Thank you preacher for showing us about stories. Now I will tell others His stories before I die.'"

"As they received players, they had this to say. 'Women in our community are not educated, especially those old like us. Men just marry our girls and they don't want to educate them.

"We talk about many things as women in the markets and at home when we meet. Now that we can hear God speak to us in our language, we will be telling His story. In fact we have already started telling the stories to our families before even the preacher goes back to his homeland. This 'radio' speaks to me the word of God. It is god speaking to me and to us."

"We will tell the stories of Jesus. Please come many times and teach us more stories."

TGSP USA: We need prayer as our Hemet headquarters is the narrow part of the funnel. We have some donated computers (awesome IMAX) on desks in our "expanded" office building. The computers await God's appointed people to come join us. Need help in shipping. Requires basic computer skill and a person who loves seeing details are right.

TGSP USA cont... Other opportunities could be layout, art, data entry, letter writing, phone vision casting of TGSP and STS, recording, cleaning of recordings, assorted office admin skills or web site design/management experience. Most needs at headquarters require basic to advanced computer experience.



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We offer no pay and lots of work...and the daily delightful experience of peering through our office periscope with wonder at how God is using *God's Story* and *Simply The Story* around the world.

Workshops: Since Feb, God opened the door to plant STS for the first time in Niger, Panama and Lesotho, and multiple workshops took place in 12 different countries including 3 locations in USA. Upcoming workshops are scheduled in the next few months for the new countries of Turkey, Israel and South Africa. (These are workshops led by our first tier leaders. Beyond that, who knows how many trainings will take place.)

Up coming workshops to be held In July in Running Springs, CA and in September [right after the International Orality Network in GA near Atlanta](#) and in Grand Rapids area in September and November. KY and MO pending for the end of 2010. Hemet, CA is set for January 2011. *See web site or contact office for details on USA workshops.*

STS Bible schools have increased to twelve, ten now in session. This 6-months course requires no faculty or facility, and students, mostly non-literate, learn 100-200 Bible stories. For poor or non-readers this puts the Bible within reach, and into hearts. Discussions on starting two schools in USA are ongoing.

Nepal: [After 4 months of school] "We have started an oral Bible school in Mudabas Nawalparasi with 12 students in it, These 12 students have learnt 125 stories in total and have started at least 18 new fellowship during their study time.

"In their own words, 'Bible is more conversational, where GOD talked to the People or people talk to GOD like we talk in family.' They never attended any Bible school and have now learnt stories and can share with others from the word of GOD and bring them to the fold."

New Practitioners Audio Training (PAT) is being tested: So far there is GREAT excitement from those who have tried it. This is yet another way to train people in STS.

It seems that no matter how many workshops we lead, we cannot keep up with the interest! We are extremely thankful that STS workshops are running on their own and being led by national leaders in multiple countries but, for example, in Africa, our director estimates that they are responding to 10% of the requests for workshops.

Considering most workshops are staffed and financially supported by locals, this is extremely exciting. Local ownership is part of our DNA!

So now, to try to keep up with the requests in learning STS, we have designed this new audio training as yet another way to hand off a powerful style of preparing and sharing Scripture. CD of sample stories available for \$10 plus Shipping & Handling

We thank God for your prayer and support.

In His service,

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