

The God's Story Project (TGSP)  
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Dear Friend of *God's Story*,

The blessings of eight, newly completed languages of *God's Story* include Logba-Igq, Sideme-avn, Tuwili-bov for Ghana; Assamese-asm, Kom Rem-kmm, Kamta (Rajbanshi)-rkt for NE India; Harari-har for Ethiopia and Lokpa-dop for Benin. Twelve other new ones are nearing completion!

Responses to *God's Story* (GS)

News of added languages is good, but for the speakers of those languages ... it is life!

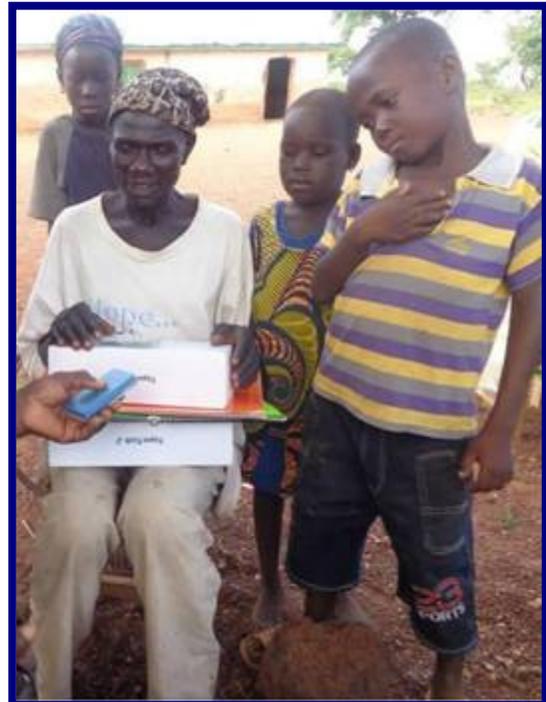
For instance, one minor language spoken in a muslim country has been viewable on the Internet for 4 years. So far this one language has had 1/2 million hits!

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**Ghana.** Notice the faces of these Dagomba people. Can you see what hearing words from God in their mother tongue means to them?  
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**Togo.** A lady reported, "This solar player is my best friend. I never leave my house without it. In one month I have listened through the whole French Bible-two times!" [Players have GS and Bible!]

Togo is not the homeland of the Fulani people. An instructor gave a MV player to some Fulani. When they listened to GS they said. "This is wonderful. They have recorded our language!!!!"

Later the instructor visited one Fulani to ask him, "what is up?" The Fulani said, "This MV changed my attitude toward my neighbor." The instructor then led him to Christ.



Now the chief of the Fulani gathers his family to listen to GS in their language.

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**Sudan.** The next 3 photos show again the impact of hearing stories from Scripture in *God's Story* in one's mother tongue. A missionary in Sudan sent the photos and wrote this about *God's Story*:

This has proven to be such a powerful tool. Today I took several of the Story Tellers out with me as I went to visit my female friends here. One woman, from the North, a M'lim ... is the 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of a man who doesn't really care for her. So she is down here trying to make a living selling tea and coffee. She is 29 and never has heard the Good News. Today I gave her one of the players and she was so happy that she showed it to all her customers that came in!

After that I visited the part of the refugee camp where we are working with a small church made up of mostly men. Many of the wives of these men don't come to church as they are still M'lim. Today I was sitting with one of my friends. I told her, "I have something I want you to listen to. I think it is your language. You might enjoy it." As soon as I started playing it, her eyes got as big as saucers. She was incredulous that this little blue box was playing her language. I had not ever seen her very happy up to this

point. But she got more and more happy as she listened to the words. When I said, "It is a gift for you", she was so overjoyed that she hugged me and kissed me. I can't wait to see how God uses it in her life.

The other women sitting around are refugees. I then pulled out one of the players and one women in particular was glued to it. She couldn't stop listening to it. She loved the words! I decided to give her one, too. She was so happy. She is also a M'lim.

This mus.lim man was glued to the story. A few days later we heard, "He is very close to the Kingdom now. The words from the player really stuck with him and he said, 'I cannot stop thinking about that.'"

I sure wish I had hundreds of these players to give out here. This is an amazing opportunity we have in reaching these people from North Sudan. We all long for them to return, when this war is finished, with the Word of God in their hands and heart. Please pray for this to become a reality.



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### *Simply The Story (STS)*

**Philippines.** We continue to pray for those in the Philippines who were devastated by the typhoon. A week before the typhoon, our amazing STS instructor (who leads workshops, plants Oral Bible Schools and tells STS stories on weekly radio programs) wrote us. "The pastor of an XXX church called me last night and told me that he changed. 'I listen to you and so do other pastors of my denomination. I noticed in your program that you never talk any doctrine. I always try to answer your questions by my doctrines, but I find my doctrines are not in the Bible.' [The denomination we called XXX is not considered by some to even be Christian.]

"My radio program encouraged him to read the Bible. He and those pastors asked me for training so they can learn how to be closer to what the Bible teaches." [Newsletter cont. on next side.]

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**Ireland.** "I used STS for my Sunday class of four. So many came that we needed a new room!"

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**Togo.** "When the village chief saw the transformation in their youth from Bible stories and the 100% success in the Oral Bible Schools, the Elders decided to give 8 acres to bless our STS work."

Pastor Timothy from AOG Lome said, "I used the PAT sample stories on the MV player and I now can tell these Bible stories, even in the USA, if I went there!"

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**SE Asia.** Our Master and PhD instructors continue to train others. We see enthusiastic responses in Singapore, Malaysia, and SE Asia. An attendee wrote, "I am graduating soon with an MDIV ... I am looking to develop more in the area of Orality and Storying." He wants to do some Th. M. work of an interdisciplinary nature with a strong minor focus on Orality/Bible Storying. "I would like to have 6-9 of the credits required to be exclusive to Orality. I am also considering thesis research or paper projects that might be in this area. I would love to be better trained in STS through 2014 as I would like to incorporate it into a business plan I am developing for our return to XXX."

Students at the prestigious Asian Theological Seminary in Manila heartily received two weeks of classes on STS. A professor there has already registered for a 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop! One grad student went to a retreat afterwards and wrote, "I can do the devotion tomorrow. I would like to test what I've learned in STS and see how it would work with a translator. I am truly excited for tomorrow."

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**India.** The principal of a Bible college wrote this letter to their supporting Mission: "With the emergence of new forms of orality, we are in need of new tools of sharing the gospel. For years our students have used STS in their practical ministry. We do teach it to our final year students one hour a week, but we all need to be well versed with storytelling, to know how to simply tell God's story. Dr. Mark, our yesteryear graduate, led us in a workshop. We are so glad to see how God has blessed him and how he in turn has become a blessing to this Bible College."

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**Reward for Boldness.** A few weeks ago, in an Indian state with non-conversion laws, 22 teams of two mingled with the crowds at a Hindu festival and told Bible stories. In one place, a team of two sat down near a family of 6 people and told the *One Leper* story to each other. The family joined in. By the time the observations in the story were being discussed, the 6 people had grown to 23!

One lady observed, "The cleansed leper did not follow Jesus' instructions. Because of that, Jesus couldn't go openly into the cities and had to go a wilderness place. But Jesus was not angry at the people. He was still considerate of them. The people all came to Him and He allowed it."

At the end of the discussion, that same Hindu lady said, "I'm 63 years old. I've been at this festival for three days and been wondering why I am here. It's a waste of time. Now I know why I am here. It was to know this story." One of the storytellers then gave an invitation to come to Jesus. All 23 knelt down and prayed to trust in Jesus!

*Lord, help us to encourage and train others, and to model the sharing of your life-giving Word wherever we go. Show us, Lord, how to help others bridge their gaps of fear and uncertainty.*

Please continue to pray for our amazing instructors and those involved in new language productions. As well, we need two people at USA headquarters, one a tech/web person and one an admin/organizer. Also, we could give an amazing opportunity to a volunteer who loves radio.

Thanks for your prayers and support,  
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