



## Background and Future

### The God's Story Project (TGSP) & *Simply The Story* (STS)

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By 2011, TGSP had produced 300 language versions of *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity*. Translation of this 80-minute collection of Bible stories, Genesis to Revelation, began in 1998. Field use shows that it reaches hearts for evangelism and discipleship. These stories, in chronological order, speak to literate and non-literate people from every religious background. They should. God's stories are for everyone!

The multiple delivery methods of *God's Story* include DVD, VCD, audio CD, booklets, radio, TV and flip charts.

TGSP expanded its outreach by formatting *God's Story* and added Bible stories on Mega Voice solar-powered audio players. As Bible stories were recorded, and world partners were introduced to the discussion style teaching of stories, *Simply The Story* was birthed.

In the first five years, *Simply The Story* workshops reached people in over 80 countries! In STS, non-literate and literates alike gain skills of discovering information in Scripture through asking questions. They also learn how to teach others using questions that prompt discussion. Jesus used stories, parables, questions and discussion. Discussion is relational and verbal. Those methods still reach people today! Since 80% of the world either cannot or does not prefer to learn from reading, it is no wonder stories and discussion of Scripture are so successful.

**Question:** If someone becomes a believer in Jesus and is not literate, where would that person go to Bible school? Right! Nowhere!

But now ... praise God, *Simply The Story* Bible schools are springing up in various nations. Twelve students, hosted locally, shepherded by national STS instructors, learn Bible stories and study them oral style. No faculty - no campus - locally supported. The curriculum is six months of learning and preparing Scripture passages and stories. Schools use various schedules. Students learn awhile and practice stories in local outreaches, and then go back to their villages and minister. Then students return and learn more stories. So it may take up to twelve months to cover the whole curriculum. Students' ages average 37 years old. Graduates know over 200 stories, which they then carry everywhere in their "heart pockets." The STS oral schools are producing dynamic church planters and teachers.

**Nepal:** "In the first 6 months our STS Tamang students did four months of learning stories and spent two months back in their villages for holidays and to plant crops. While at home, these non-literates told their stories, led villagers to Jesus and planted 18 churches!" Our Nepal leader continued, "My friend, a local Nepali pastor, has reached out to the Tamang for 19 years. He told me, 'I never thought they could learn to teach the Bible.'"

**Philippines:** "We now are leading our 5<sup>th</sup> school. Some students are mountain people from very far away. The schools are doing great, as we see the students make a heart change while we go along the stories."

**India:** "While our first school was in session, the students did many practicals. They led hundreds to Jesus."

**Kenya:** "We have 30 plus schools going. Most began by "demand" of local pastors and even ladies who cooked for the men's school and then would not go home!"

To reinforce STS skills and share STS with those who cannot attend workshops, Practitioner Audio Training was added to the avenues used to teach STS in August 2010.

Locate some of the many upcoming STS workshops on lower right of STS home page.

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