

# The God's Story Project –India

Data collected during **first year** after graduation from  
*Simply The Story* (STS) training in South India

## ALL Graduates are Non-literate or Preferred Oral Communicators!

*Simply The Story* (STS) Indian instructors trained people for 3 days and gave graduates (one per village) a solar-powered audio-player formatted with *God's Story*, 85 added story-told Bible stories, and a New Testament - all in their mother tongue. (Players with the content are called "Wordlights.")

Statistics below cover the first 50 STS graduates who received these players.

During a six-week period, four workshops were held in different locations.

At each workshop many villages were represented by an average of three attendees per village.

(See back of flyer for details on data collection)

### "Before" STS Workshop aka Timothy Church Planter Training (TCPT)

Average Length of Time in Ministry: **2.67 years**  
 Number of Salvations Since Beginning of Ministry: **815**  
 Number of Churches Planted Since Beginning of Ministry: **22**  
 Number of Stories Learned by Heart at Training: 10 per person

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### "After" STS Workshop

Report Period: August 2007-July 2008	Aug 2007	Sept –Oct 2007	Nov 2007 – Jan 2008	6 months Total	Feb-July 2008	1 Year Total
<b>Number of:</b>						
Different Villages Visited with WordLight	146	186	200	<b>532</b>	216	<b>748</b>
Times WordLight Played for Listeners	1,617	1,343	1,617	<b>4,577</b>	2,564	<b>7,141</b>
People Who Listened to WordLight	5,174	9,056	10,024	<b>24,254</b>	13,333	<b>37,587</b>
People Who Heard Stories Told by Memory	3,453	6,889	7,442	<b>17,784</b>	8,374	<b>26,158</b>
Believers Who Heard Stories	523	892	1,062	<b>2,477</b>	1,893	<b>4,370</b>
Listeners Who Reported Telling Stories to Others	361	900	1,179	<b>2,440</b>	1,862	<b>4,302</b>
Salvations	707	2,025	2,640	<b>5,372</b>	3,750	<b>9,122</b>
Churches Planted	18	92	108	<b>218</b>	152	<b>370</b>

Not included in the above statistics is the impact on the lives and ministries of the literates and illiterates who attended those four STS workshops, but who did not receive a solar player. Nor seen above is the quantity of people led to Jesus by those saved during this one-year period. Reports from other workshops done in India among literates, semi-literates and illiterates show that they too see a huge jump in salvations and growth from the stories learned and skills gained from this training. Urban and village, ex-pates and nationals send similar responses.

# Simply The Story One Year Report

## How Data is Gathered

Motivated literate pastors and lay people, who have attended an STS workshop, volunteer to gather non-literates and oral learners from various villages for a 3-day STS workshop. These unpaid, volunteer organizers act as registrars. (Data on reverse side was collected by 4 registrars, one each for 4 workshops held in July-August 07.)

After a workshop, registrars interviewed and collected data from 12 to 14 graduates who received a WordLight. Each graduate represented a different village. These one-page profile reports established the "before" of these church planters' effectiveness. Later, each graduate was interviewed at one month, three months, six months and one year after STS education. The usage of the solar-powered WordLight, and impact of STS skills on their ministries, was monitored in 19 categories. This data went to our country director and to The God's Story Project headquarters. Gathering this information was a daunting task for registrars, but they saw the importance of documentation. One registrar told us, "This is the hardest work I've ever done!"

Besides the statistics, the registrars collected testimonies from graduates and from those impacted by the stories.

Due to the sensitive location of these workshops, the names of the graduates, villages and language are not distributed in printed or electronic form. Upon request, a summary of the results can be obtained. All of the individual reports and spread sheets containing this comprehensive study may be viewed at TGSP headquarters.

After one year, the TGSP Director who led these workshops went back to visit in person these graduates he had trained. "They ran to me with joy. All wanted to tell me what had happened. Then we had a meeting. I told one STS story. Then they told Bible stories and asked the questions. They taught me! Oh it was a blessed time."

## Testimonies

### Evangelism--Church Planting—Discipleship

(A few of the hundreds of testimonies gathered)

"... played WordLight at **mu\_lim mosque** 12 people came to the Lord and now 35 people are gathering to worship the creator God."

"X is a housewife. She learned 10 stories whenever she get time She tells Bible Stories to others, many ladies came to the Lord through her testimony. Our Lord Jesus use every person to tell about him."

"There was a big opposition to enter the village called X, one lady name X visited our house to sale milk. we shared about Jesus, She accepted Jesus and welcomed us to enter her village. Please pray for this village."

"One Hindu teacher name X attended our prayer fellowship and learned that Jesus can heal a person like leper, later She came to the Lord, she was seeking to know true God Since 40 years. The Lord is doing miracle after miracle after miracle in these 8 villages through using Bible stories."

"Joshua was backsliden believer, He recommitted his life to Christ again through hearing the story of Prodigal son. Now He shars about Jesus to others."

"There are many nominal Christians live in X. People do not have proper Bible knowledge. S.T.S. helped them to learn more stories from the bible. Now they started to learn now the Bible. Bro. X himself [the STS graduate] was a nominal Christian. Through S.T.S. he recommitted to the Lord."

One **Hindu** women who had High fever. She shared that God healed her while she was learning the Story of Blind man, After God heald her. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Personal Saviour. Christ Jesus helped them to start **5 more churches** through using STS method."

"X People were worshipping X, They always oppose the Gospel, but one day they had fighting between low and high caste, we use this opportunity to share about Jesus. They (6) received Jesus and started to worship Him rather than X. Now worship Service is going on this village. Please pray for all the believers. We thank God for X's witness to 6 high caste family, through them many are coming to Christ."

"STS workshop helped Bro. X to Plant 2 churches. Many people witnessed that Bible stories helped us to understand the plan of God towards men..."

**Should we be surprised at these stats of 100-fold multiplication (50 graduates to 5,372 salvations) even the first 6 months? No! Folks, this is God's Word-in an understandable form!** "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11