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Missions and Missionaries

Reports on Simply The Story (STS)

My Bumpy Road to Orality

Read a Lausanne Paper Chronicling an Insightful & Enchanting Story of Discovery. By Larry Dinkins, Dallas Theological Seminary Graduate, PhD BIOLA, & Career Missionary

Dinkins Biography & Simply The Story

Larry Dinkins served 22 years in Thailand and is with OMF International.
North Africa: They see Love in Us

“Many times I tell them stories and they love them. Especially about the Samaritan woman whose life was transformed when she listened to Jesus and not only she, but how she brought others to Christ.

“Right now I am so encouraged because I am finding out that as soon as I share God’s word, people want to know the truth. They tell me that they see love in us which is something they don’t have.

“We are such a privileged people to have such an honor to proclaim His name.”

Lady attended one STS Workshop

Partnered with Presbyterian Frontiers Fellowship (PFF)

At the conference they sang in Arssi in their traditional style. Rukia, trained in the Bible storytelling workshops PFF sponsored in 2008, preached.

“She told a Bible story and then asked people to turn to each other and retell the story. Soon she had more than 500 people telling the Bible story and discussing it among themselves.”

[Our STS staff led numerous partnership workshops in Ethiopia]. PFF sent leaders to Kenya for training. 
Not Much Duplication …Before That is!

“I've been teaching Bible classes in SE Asia for many years and the material I used was good and solid but.... even though it was designed to be duplicatable, I didn't see much duplication.

“For one thing all of the courses required written material which meant those taking my class had to have copies of the ... and it rarely happened due to lack of continuous expensive financing for materials on my and other team members part.

“Also, the information also wasn't in their head but rather in the class notebooks so I didn't see many of the life ... as a return on the amount of time and money our team has spent to train the national leaders with these academic methods.

“In contrast I have been absolutely thrilled with the results I've seen from teaching the classes using the storytelling method.

What I've seen happen when our teams used Bible storytelling and followed with inductive questions about the story:

“Many of our national leaders shared with tears in their eyes that they had never heard God speak to them before... 

“Many of the national missionaries shared that many unbelievers are coming to the Lord through the stories.

“New believers are also immediately able to share with others. STS is very duplicatable and they are always prepared since the stories and truths are in their head and heart, not in notebooks.

MM Seattle

It is Illegal to Share About Jesus There

“We had a great trip and great two weeks trip to XXX. It is never easy being separated from our families...

“We spent most of our time doing storytelling workshops with COMPANIES serving our FRIENDS' communities in XXX.

“It is illegal to share about Jesus in this country. Storytelling is the perfect method! At first the leadership (Pastor) was hesitant to have us do the Storytelling, since they had already 'been through around 5 other Chrono-Storying seminars.'

“But by the end of our time with them, Pastor R was totally sold out on this method. We heard him share with others that they would be using this method for the next 6 months, and then would invite us back for a refresher!

“The Simply The Story method of inductive Bible study--”oral style”--has really been a treasure for workers in Service to our FRIENDS. 80-85% of the world either prefer or require stories and questions to learn.

The STS team SE Asia

Comments from a missionary in Thailand who hosted
an out of country team to lead an STS Workshop.

“February 17-21 was a very special time for the Christian Mission. God blessed us by allowing us to host the Educational Workshop.

“I was privileged to watch people who never have spoken out before take an active part in teaching the Bible. One older woman told me that this was the first time she has not fallen asleep in church.

“Dr Larry Dinkins from OMF - I met him 10 years ago when we were in Chaingmai - brought in a team of two Thai pastors, a pastor’s wife and an intern to the Christian Mission for 4 days of intense training in how to story the Bible.

“The first two days were for leaders - we had about 20 people; the second two days were for leaders to practice and others interested in learning - we had almost 40 people in attendance.

“Day 5 was a trip to a combined church service in Kuseman and there were about 100 people in attendance.

“It has been a long time since I have attended such a useful, practical and to-the-point seminar. Everyone was anxious to get back to their home churches and try it out; we will be doing the same thing here at the Christian Mission.

“Please keep this in your prayers; especially that our teens will be interested and willing to go with this. Three of them attended the seminar and appear to be very enthused about it.”

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