

The Gods Story Project Praise & Prayer Report #6 of 2008 Aug/Sept

Dear Friends of *God's Story*,

My very kind husband just comment today (as I prepare to leave USA again), "You have been gone 1/3 of this year!" "Yes, it has been a lot," I responded. After calculating, we realized that the "gone from home time" was 1/2 of this year! So, to start we ask especially for prayer for all of the families who keep the home going while instructors go train all over the world.

Andrea is already on the road till Nov 15th. She is in Asia, headed soon for Mongolia. The response in this very big county to STS was, "We can take this back with us to our villages? This will work. Most of our people cannot read." Response from theologians who attended, "This brings life to the Word."

We are in the midst of 50 STS workshops in 25 countries in a 10 week time span. Most workshops are led by nationals who have learned the process. (STS was 2 years old this Sept!) We estimate now that about 25,000 in India are using STS style teaching in their ministries. I leave in a few days to be gone until Nov 9th. My part is co-leading 5-day workshops in 3 locations in the Philippines and then vision casting to leaders in the Middle East and in Hong Kong. HK is a gathering of 400 leaders in the cell and house church network. By God's grace, He will enable us to introduce more people to *God's Story* and cast the vision to learn Simply The Story.

If you have not seen the 3 minute *Why & Why* DVD of *Simply the Story* that we just produced, you can see it and down load it on wwwSimplyTheStory.com It contains just a few of the amazing stats from the "One Year Report." Imagine 50 illiterate church planters, who were trained in STS, went from leading 815 to Jesus in 2 1/2 years, to leading 9,122 to Jesus in one year! Report soon to be posted on STS web site. See there also how a Wycliffe translator describes the STS experience.

Developing Christlike Characters: One Westerner working full time in India first discovered STS last Nov. Now he sends us reports from their over 50 Indian field evangelists. In short he summarizes... "We're finding that the groups that we're doing STS with are really growing spiritually. They've got a new excitement about God's Word and they're developing Christlike character." He also wrote..."By the way, while I was on home assignment, I took the opportunity to demonstrate the STS method in the evening service of an Indian church that meets in Austin and in a Sunday School class of Hyde Park Baptist Church. In both places I shared the story of King Asa (2 Chron 16). In both places people said to me, 'We should teach like this all the time.'"

God's Story in Myanmar: Cyclone Curse Reversed "A pastor told that before the Nargis Cyclone in Myanmar he is working there at that time he has only 10 members. But after the Disaster he continues to share Gospel using with GS Mega Voice. (They called small Radio). Pastor went out and plays GS with Mega Voice to one famous **Astrology** man house. In that area he foretell for so many people what will be for their future. When Astrology man saw the Mega Voice and listen the God's Story he was so surprise and they were listening the God's Story. And now he changed his life and tore his books and which he belief everything burn in the fires and he took baptism moreover including wife and daughter. Many people were surprised to him. After that he (who is astrology before) carry the Mega Voice and play GS to other and through that there are two (2) ladies also accepted Christ and took baptism. Praise the Lord.

"Not only that Pastor is using the Mega Voice and sharing the God's Story as well ministering to the people. So in this time he took baptism for 28 people. Still there are many more waiting for baptism. Now around 50 people worshiping together every Sunday service."

Update... "Before Astrology man is doing evangelism work now. He is bring people in the house of the Lord. Pastor told me this morning that this week he baptized 14 people again at night 9:30 PM. I gave him DVD player, God's Story VCD and Mega Voice to use there. I believe that God will do miracle in that place. So, I would you continue to pray for that. Especially the newly converted people to have strong faith in God."

God's Story

in..... South America: "A short time ago we gave some of the mega voices to animistic Mapuches in the Andes that we thought might use them for evangelism. At first I told them the story of Nathan the Prophet that you had in your storying materials, and suggested that they use these stories to "confront" the non-believers. One man was a new believer that had never been discipled, because he lives so far away and there is no church where he lives. My pastor friend, Daniel, had shown him the



STS Instructor Richard, trekking through fields to lead a workshop in Uganda. The two instructors called this place.

Jesus film and he and his wife prayed to receive Jesus. But, after listening to *God's Story* in Mapudungun for a month he said, "Now I understand that God is the God of nature, and that nature isn't god." And he began to play the GS for others in his community, including the Chief who has been quite anti-Christianity.

"Another woman took the player on horseback across a large valley where her blind father lives. There is no electricity nor a road to get there, but God found a way. He was so interested in the story that he invited his neighbors to the house to listen to "the little machine" when his daughter came back. I don't know much more than that yet. I would like to visit but, the place is buried under snow for the winter."

in.....Mali West Africa. God's Word Attracts Everyone! "I gave some hand-held solar players with "God's Story" and recorded Bible stories were given to non-literates there. Some have just recently been saved and others are still Muslim....

"These new believers take the recorders everywhere they go and play them. They play them until the charge is gone, and then they set them in the sun and start over. They share them and pass them around. They know the stories. It is amazing."

in.....Closed Country Closes Eyes Open Hearts "I felt led to take one of the solar powered units to a seminar I was giving a seminar in a country operating under a dictatorship. To my surprise, right next to the front rows was sitting a young blind man. I got really excited, and handed him the device [MegaVoice solar-powered audio player with a New Testament, Jesus Film and God's Story on it.]. I explained to him what it was, and showed him its use. He got so blessed, the whole family came to the seminar next day, and several received the Lord. On Sunday afternoon, we met the Sunday School teacher that teaches the adult class where this young man goes to church. He told us that during the questions period, this young man knew all the answers. Everyone in the class, including his teacher, was extremely surprised! They were surprised because the young blind man is not able to read a Bible. But he had been listening and could now answer the questions others could not. Praise the Lord."

Simply the Story

in.....West Africa, 6 Year Prayer: In 2002 some leaders in a French speaking country of West Africa investigated the idea of using storytelling. They got some exposure, but wanted more detailed help. Then a few years later they saved their money to fly in a man from Europe to train them in Bible storytelling. They eager learners hosted him for a week. So, for a week he presented the apologetics of why they needed to use oral strategies and why use of story is vital... but he did not teach them how! Our Africa director just completed an STS workshop in that country. These leaders told him that this STS training finally answered the prayer of their hearts. "We can do this! We understand this way of learning a story and of digging for treasure and of using wise questions to allow others to discover as we have just done." The ownership and replicability is what they wanted. The power of God's Word, in a package they can open and can give to others, is now their hands.

in.....USA Needs Simply The Story Too! [We trained 70 people just outside Dallas Two weeks ago. Attendees ran from Fuller Professors, overseas seminarians, pastors and missionaries to teenagers. The endorsements and blessings were most exciting. Multiple seminarians saying, we have missed these treasures. We now have a fresh way to listen to God's Word. [Following are testimonies mailed to us just a few days afterwards.]

Teacher of 85 Ladies: "I just returned from the 5-day conference in Dallas and continue to feel the impact of the power of God's word and all that I learned. It was a privilege to sit under your leadership. I am hoping to tell the story in the next week when I teach a lesson on repentance to the ladies in my Bible study."

with....Bible Study Fellowship Leader: "I have also had the opportunity to share my STS experience with several at our church and with several of my BSF leaders. I told the Shunammite woman story to them during our Fri a.m. breakfast where we meet after our 5:30 a.m. leaders meeting each week. My Teaching Leader was there, and she was very taken with the whole method. We told stories to our college class for the last 2 Sundays, and gave them a basic walk through of the method as well. Several of our college students are interested in attending a workshop to learn to do this in preparation for summer mission trips. One young man said today that he has always wanted to be able to help on mission trips, but he is not very good at doing VBS types of things. But, he said, I can tell a story, and ask questions."

in.....Workplace With Friends : "I felt the need to pray for my girlfriend during a meeting. I stared at my shoe to pray, because I thought if I close my eyes, people would think I was sleeping. About half an hour after I got back to my desk, my friend sent an email, asking me to call because she was at home having a meltdown. She has spent the past year battling for custody for her children...I went over, listened to her, and as I was getting ready to go back to work, I felt the urge to tell her a story. I told her the story in Luke about the persistent widow. Before I could even ask the first question, she said "My children are important enough to go to God every day." From there, we continued our discussion, and she prayed to receive Christ for the first time – EVER!! I have been waiting for this day for 13 years, and she has finally agreed that her way is ineffective, and she would like to try things God's way. How cool is that????"

Blessings, Dorothy A. Miller

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