

The God's Story Project (TGSP)
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"Premiers and STS Trainings"

God's Story Premier and STS Workshops.

We recently premiered the Kaansa *God's Story* among the Ga people in Southwest Burkina



Faso. The church in this region has been persecuted and the church building destroyed by idol worshippers. No one can openly play videos here either. Yet, by the grace of our Lord, the people welcomed the open air showing of *God's Story*!

Along with the premier of *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity*, we conducted training in Simply The Story. One pastor of 20 years, who only understands Kaansa, cried and

cried when he heard the story of the one leper that came to Jesus kneeling and begging (Mark 1:40-45). This pastor confessed to the lead STS instructor that he is not where God wants him, and that he needs to tell others about the Lord Jesus. With wise counsel and training that equips people, the pastor said that he now knows how to share the Word of God.

The first day of this training, a drunken man came and he could barely walk. The church leaders wanted to send him away, but the STS instructors encouraged the leaders to allow him to attend the workshop. The second day, the man returned walking only with a cane. On the third day, this man walked into the training without any aid.

This healed man participated in the training, cut his hair, was given a shirt and had a shower, and was happy! He said the Word of God transformed and healed him.



More Impact from Another Premier and STS Training

Our team also premiered the Lobiri version of *God's Story* the third night of another STS workshop. Bible students participated along with other church people. In this region, our leader said, "The church does not have evangelism in their vision." The people do not share Jesus because they do not know how.

During our Simply The Story training, we teach people how to integrate God's Word into

every day conversations with people. We call this the "5 minute conversational model" which you can also learn here: wwwSimplyTheStory.org/evangelism. After teaching the attendees, we often take them on an outreach to the streets with the guidance of instructors.



At the training one man kept asking, "Should we share our stories with Christians and non-Christians or only with Christians?" He returned from the outreach super happy and kept talking, "I shared this story with a non-Christian and he wants to come to church, and he wants to give his life to Jesus. This young man wanted to hear more! Now I will share with others." God made a way for this man to understand!

The Bible school students were afraid at first to talk during regular Bible school class time. Then the students in this training shared what they learned with their pastors. What these students knew about Scripture amazed the pastors so much, they asked the students to return and share more Bible stories.



The director of the Bible school was astonished by the way the students were open to the Word and told our instructor, "I saw the impact of the training on my students. They don't sleep. They talk about what they have learned from the story." The students are talking about the Word of God more easily than before.

Two Births on the Same Day, a Mom and a Son.

UPDATE to story shared in 2020. The Kulango narrator received a solar player with *God's Story* for his mother last November. This widow kept listening to the Bible stories and gave her life to Jesus the end March. On the same day the narrator's mom received Christ, the Lord gave the narrator and his wife a newborn son!!

Seeds Planted and Watered.

In one place where people celebrate the Festival of Masks (Fêtes des Masques) and worship ancestors, there is no mosque, one Catholic church that's closed, and one evangelical church. Our leader gave a solar player with *God's Story* to the director's mom. When she played the solar player, everyone wanted to listen.

The narrator received an SD card and played it in his computer. A sea of people came to listen because it was in their language.

Spiritual Wellness among Refugees

Last Christmas, a team of STS trainers conducted a workshop for Sunday school teachers. The team recently returned to continue the training with some of these teachers. The teachers share how what they learned affected them when teaching Sunday school.

1. Children can be born again and receive the Lord Jesus.
2. How to work with different ages.
3. How to form a Sunday school.
4. Children are amazing missionaries.

The children learned these Bible stories (accurately) and then told the stories to their parents. Many parents received Christ. It has impacted the refugees.

Our team in the country has nearly completed building the training and resource center in Adjumani. The roof has been completed! Uganda was hit hard with flooding in 2020. Many lost their homes and their way of living. The leadership has started discussing ways to help the Ugandan people, both spiritually and physically. Thank you for praying for the leaders who continue to oversee many Oral Bible Schools, STS trainings, and showing of *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity* throughout N. Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Kenya.



Growth Online

The STS online training continues to grow! We offer a practitioner training for new people, an advanced training for those wanting to improve their storytelling skills, an assistant instructor training to help those who want to become instructors in STS, and an instructor refresher training. We conduct these trainings in both English and Mandarin.

Reaching the Community

A group of people recently conducted outreach to neighborhoods in Southern California. Armed with Bible stories and supplies, many adults and children were blessed.



Items for Prayer

Our CLT, which was set to start in mid April, has been postponed. Due to an increase in Covid cases, Nairobi has been shut down and special permission is needed to travel in and out of the city. Our East Africa Director recently lost a third family member in a year, this time due to Covid. Please pray for this man and his family.



Please pray for the team working on Brazilian Portuguese subtitles. They finished the Old Testament subtitles for *God's Story*, took a break, and when they returned, all their work disappeared. They are working diligently to finish these subtitles for the Portuguese sign language version. The deaf communities are relatively unreached.

Continue to remember our brothers and sisters in Myanmar. Their country remains in shambles and many people are scared. We were able to get a first-hand update from our leaders there.

Bible Story Opportunities Everywhere

We have opportunities for people to participate in Bible stories online in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and more. We're thrilled to see how the Lord continues to bring people together over His Word. If you would like to participate in Bible stories online, please contact our office at info@SimplyTheStory.org

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