

The God's Story Project (TGSP)
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[Due to the highly sensitive location and nature, we are limited on details for this story] Followers of Islam see Ramadan as a time for fasting, prayer, reflection and community as Muzlms attempt to gain favor with God by ridding themselves of bad habits, wrong desires, and strive for better self control. One Simply The Story leader in West Africa found this the perfect time to reach Muzlms in his country.

One Imam accepted Christ and within days had to flee his village. He suffered loss as one family member died at the hands of angry Muzlms. However, they rejoice in their new found Saviour. Pray for the many new believers as a result of this Bible storyteller during the days of Ramadan, and the incredible doors and new countries now open to this STS leader.



Start with Five, God Gives Six!

We praise the Lord for the *God's Story* translation teams and the recording team, along with the STS instructors who just returned from Cameroon. The *God's Story* team had planned to record 5 languages. Because they finished those 5 languages earlier than expected, God gave them the opportunity to work with a 6th language team of translators. Languages of *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity* completed include Moudang, Baya, Pèrée, Yemba, and Gbaya- Yayué.



International Students Learn from The Lord

For the past 8 months, several STS instructors have been teaching Bible stories and Simply The Story to international students via zoom. The Asian students have become increasingly comfortable with the instructors and participate more and more in each story.

One instructor shared with us the following praise after a Bible story with these students. "After we stayed around and chatted, and several people mentioned that this way of learning through discussion is completely different from the [Asian] way of learning, but they really like it."



The instructor also shared about observations by students from the Bible story of Jesus on the cross. "They observed how the 2nd criminal repented in words to the other criminal (we are receiving the rewards of our deeds) then was first to speak humbly to Jesus. One of them caught an insight 'Jesus is always seeking the lost even on the cross' and how this struck her. Powerful time."

Hospital Provides Spiritual and Physical Healing

Hospital patients in S.E. Asia have been provided physical help and spiritual truth! Notice that the people are watching *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity* in the Rohingya language on the TV. Throughout the hospital patients watch *God's Story* on television, computers and tablets.

Oral Bible School Graduates Have Needs

A team just returned from Uganda after spending time with several STS Oral Bible School graduates.

One instructor reported visiting the Oral Bible Schools and graduates at 7 refugee camps. "We graduated Aylo 1, Agoju, Bidibidi and are headed to Wayangi and Eden tomorrow and Monday. We also have visited the schools in Mungula and Budri." Along with much travel and graduations, the team found time to conduct a 5 day STS training for Sunday School teachers at the training center.

We desire to give *God's Story* to every OBS graduate in his or her heart language. In one location, there were 70 graduates, but *God's Story* had been translated into the languages of only 10 of those graduates. Please pray as our leaders in Uganda and South Sudan take steps to prepare *God's Story* in the following languages, Shiluk, Neur, Dinka, Murle, Anywa, Moru, Lango, Latoka, along with others.

Indian Believers Medical Outreach

In India, a team of Christian leaders, including our leader, sponsored a medical outreach to help the community with basic medical needs. Please continue to pray for India as they struggle through the many difficulties as a result of Covid.

Pastors Respond to Simply The Story!

Recent reports from an STS instructor in Congo show tremendous excitement from the attendees of a workshop. One pastor shared this testimony. "All we knew before was that to be a good Christian is to memorize a great number of bible verses and to be able to throw them at any time to the people we share the Gospel, and then comment on them. With preaching, we have been too judgmental and we found this so difficult to do. Even then we did not know if we are doing well. But with STS, we are so surprised to see people reacting to the gospel and giving their opinions even the non-literates. People didn't use to give their attention to the BIBLE stuff were now interested in the story, they were sharing and even respond to their questions and ask for another appointment for more stories. We think that this method will help us to review the ways we do share the Word of the Bible in our churches or outside."



Bible School Turns Oral

The director of a Bible school in French speaking West Africa sent one of his leaders to attend our STS Comprehensive Leadership Training (CLT) in 2016. This man became a lead instructor and the head of this Bible school which they turned into an STS Oral Bible School (OBS). This director has seen a great change in the people who attend STS workshops and STS OBSes. He has also seen a great movement in their church planting as well. Now the director wants all of their missionaries trained in STS.

God's Story Language Premier!

We thank God for the Saxwe *God's Story* language premier! There are approximately 300,000 people who speak this language living in Benin. Although they are predominantly Christian, only 16% are evangelical.



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