

The Power of God's Word



Newsletter

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."
Rom. 1:16 KJV



AFRICA:

God's Word for the Refugees

INDIA:

Reaching a Nation

*"Is not My word like a fire?"
says the Lord,
"And like a hammer
that breaks the rock in pieces?"*
Jer. 23:29 NKJV

Letter from the President of Talking Bibles:

From the refugees in Africa to the remote villages in India, the only true hope is through the power of Jesus Christ.

This power causes life-changing, complete transformation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This power comes from hearing God's Word, wrestling with what you hear, and allowing God to change your heart.

You, and the people around you, probably heard about Jesus from attending church, perhaps from a family member, a pastor, or attending a Christian summer camp as a kid. We live in a Christian society; we can turn on the radio and listen to Christian music anytime we want. We have Christian podcasts and sermons at our fingertips.



What if those resources aren't available?

There are often no churches, Christians, or Christian summer camps for kids in places like India and Africa. *So how will they know who Jesus is?*

The answer is the powerful Word of God through the Bible. When Talking Bibles are placed into these communities, something unique happens. It begins by changing one life. When they hear God's Word, they share it with their family; then it reaches their neighborhood, and, just like that, the power of God's Word spreads to an entire community.

Throughout the years, we have heard thousands of stories of how simply listening to God's Word can completely change someone's life.

That's why we do what we do at Talking Bibles. We get the Word of God out to those who need an audio Bible because they cannot read or see.

The Bible is powerful, and everyone needs it!

At Talking Bibles, our goal is to provide people with this life-changing power through God's Word, the Bible. A unique Bible, an audio Bible, communicates in their language and speaks directly to the heart.

The rest is between them and the Lord. We provide the tool; God provides the way.

No matter someone's race, ethnic background, location, or education level, **the Bible is powerful, and everyone needs it.**

Because they need to hear,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Hoekstra'.

Mark S. Hoekstra
President, Talking Bibles International

Talkingbibles.org: Talking Bibles International launched a new website! The new site will help you better understand why we do what we do. You can find ministry information, our free audio Bible listening site, and our Talking Bible partner store (TB2U) all in the same place!



AFRICA REFUGEES

People often ask, "Why do you send Bibles to the refugees? Don't they need food more than a Bible?" The answer to that question is simple: without hope many won't survive the refugee camps. And without knowing the saving grace of Jesus Christ, no one survives.



Refugees are fleeing because of violence discrimination, or persecution. **They NEED God's Word.**

Refugees are often in the same camps as those with whom they are in conflict. **They need God's guidance.**

At the Kule Refugee Camp, two volunteers use Talking Bibles to help resolve conflict and help create peace among the residents.



These volunteers are called upon to help when there is a conflict between clans.

"The people come from different places and different clans, so there are disagreements that take place. The first time we went, there was actual fighting between two groups," says one of the volunteers.

The next time the volunteers were called to a conflict, they decided to start the meeting by playing the Talking Bible.

"When we played it to a group, who were not Christians, they said, 'We are in need of this. It is speaking things we need to hear!' They even said it would be good if they carried the Talking Bible home to share with people."

The results were extraordinary! The volunteer continued, *"We listened to John chapter 3, and people said, 'Why do we kill each other when God loves us?' We also played 2 Corinthians chapter 5 and talked about reconciliation. It was a perfect time, and we left sensing God was making peace."*

The Talking Bible is speaking to the people! They now welcome foreigners and refugees from all clans. *"Through our church activities and the Talking Bible, they have sparked community dialogue that has affected how they treat each other. Now, there is less tension, and people can connect."*

Only the power of the Word of God could cause such a change!

Placing Talking Bibles into the refugee camps is vital for the survival of so many. That's why we need your help to put 5,000 Talking Bibles into East Africa: Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya.

Our goal is to invite every household in the refugee camps to hear God's Word in their language through a Talking Bible.

Want to join Talking Bibles in helping the refugees? Please email us for more information at info@talkingbibles.org. 





Imagine having a Bible in front of you, wanting to know what it says, but not being able to read it.

What if it's in a language you do not know?

What if it's too blurry to read because you have poor eyesight?

This is what millions of people face every day!

This is what Veerabadra faces. Veerabadra is uneducated and cannot read the Bible for himself.

Veerabadra could hear the scriptures on Sundays from his pastor. On other days he would ask his friends to read the Bible to him, but they were often unavailable. He wanted to hear God's Word daily and study it for himself.



VEERABADRA

Then Veerabadra received a fantastic gift from his pastor, a Talking Bible!

Veerabadra says he was amazed the first time he saw the device. He had never seen anything like it; he found the voice to be so clear he could listen verse by verse and study the Bible for himself. He feels relieved and comforted when he listens.


"By listening, I will know what is in the Bible, and then I can tell others," he explains.

Having your own access to the Word of God is essential for growing in the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

We* at Talking Bibles want **everyone** to have access to the Bible! Our goal is to provide an audio "Talking" Bible to people who cannot read or are visually impaired. **A Bible that speaks God's Word directly to them in their language.**

"Reaching A Nation" campaign is underway! We are on the path to placing a Talking Bible in every

village in India by 2033. We need your continued support and partnership as we bless India with God's Word. For more information, visit talkingbibles.org/India

We stands for Talking Bibles and YOU! Through your amazing, generous support and prayers, God's Word is provided to thousands! Your partnership is what makes this possible! Thank you!* 

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