

What can **ONE** Talking Bible do?



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Mission Notes from the President

Dear Talking Bible friends and prayer partners:

The Africa testimony just came in from Ethiopia. It was among many we received this week. I thought it was particularly appropriate for you to understand the impact just one Talking Bible can have on changing an entire unreached community with the Word of God. In this story, God used his spoken Word—the Talking Bible—to heal a demon-possessed person and bring 74 people to faith in Jesus Christ. Now there is a church of 235 people worshipping in an area where there was no church previously. You can see the tremendous results that can happen with hundreds of villages receiving just **ONE** Talking Bible.

One person. One Talking Bible. Who would ever have guessed that God would do that with a student returning from school with a Talking Bible? Look where they are baptizing! **Hardly enough dirty water in a hole made of a tarp and animal skins. A new believer was baptized in that messy, dirty, muddy water! Yet God washed away her sins and made her pure white in His sight through His Son Jesus.**

I wish everyone reading this message would make a gift of \$35 to place another Talking Bible. Each new believer would have their own transformation story.

Because they need to hear,



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INDIA

ONE Talking Bible. ONE lost woman. God's amazing power.

A small fishing village on the shores of the Bay of Bengal, India.

Mangamma was lost. She lived a life with bad behavior and sinful ways. She was unhappy and alone.

A friend reached out to her and gave Mangamma a Talking Bible in her language, Telugu. She listened to God's Word for the first time. As she learned about Jesus and His great love for her, she decided to follow him. She repented from a life of sin and changed her bad behavior. She became a new woman in Christ Jesus, so she picked a new name for herself, Naomi.



When we spoke with Naomi, she shared how she was “going the wrong way” before her friend gave her a Talking Bible. By listening to God's spoken Word, she found the narrow way that leads to everlasting life. Now God is making her way blameless through the repeated hearing of His Word.

Once she was lost, but now she is lighting the way for her lost friends and neighbors. As her faith and trust in the Lord grew, Naomi started to play God's Word on her Talking Bible for family, friends, and neighbors. In this way, many in her community have been reached with the Gospel. Eight people have already been baptized following her ministry with the Talking Bible.

One Talking Bible changed Naomi's life. Through His spoken Word, Jesus asked Naomi to follow Him, taught her how to live, and sent her to share this new way with her family and community.

AFRICA

In southern Ethiopia, there is much spiritual darkness.

In a village, east of Dubluk, Ethiopia, there is a Borana woman who was ill since she was a child. She was possessed by a demon for 25 years. She was often living in the forest and beside graves. Her parents were without hope. For many years, they had suffered and were not able to help her. They looked for healing in many ways, including visits to wizards (witch doctors) and tried cultural medications, but nothing had helped her.

The woman's parents did not know to pray to God for healing because there were not any Christians in this area. But God had prepared a special way for these people to hear about Him. One young man, who had left the area for school, returned and brought a Talking Bible with him.

To the villagers, it sounded like a radio, but up close, it looked different. Because the Talking Bible was new to them, a lot of people gathered around to listen to it. They were surprised that the words they heard were in their own language. The villagers were eager to hear it more and more.

One day the evangelist, who had given the Talking Bible to the student, came to the village. Through the Talking Bible they heard that Jesus healed demon possessed people, so they challenged the evangelist that if he could heal the girl they would become Christians. He told them that he could not heal her, but God could. To their astonishment, when she was prayed for, the demon in the girl screamed in a loud voice and left her. After the demon left her, she was completely healed. When they tended to her, they were all surprised by how she looked. She was acting normally. Her parents were overcome with joy.

When her parents had considered their daughter's future, they thought she would need to stay with them permanently. She was past the age when women normally marry in their culture. On the contrary, the woman was transformed, and her own beauty returned. She became part of the community again. Now she is married and has one child. *Her baptism is shown in the cover photo.*

The redeemed woman is boldly telling everyone the miracle that God did for her. Through her testimony, 74 people believed and were baptized. A church has started, and many people in the community gathered to listen the Talking Bible. Because the spoken Word is bringing truth and confirmed by healing in this village, there are now 235 people who worship together in their church. Glory be to God.



God Uses Bees!

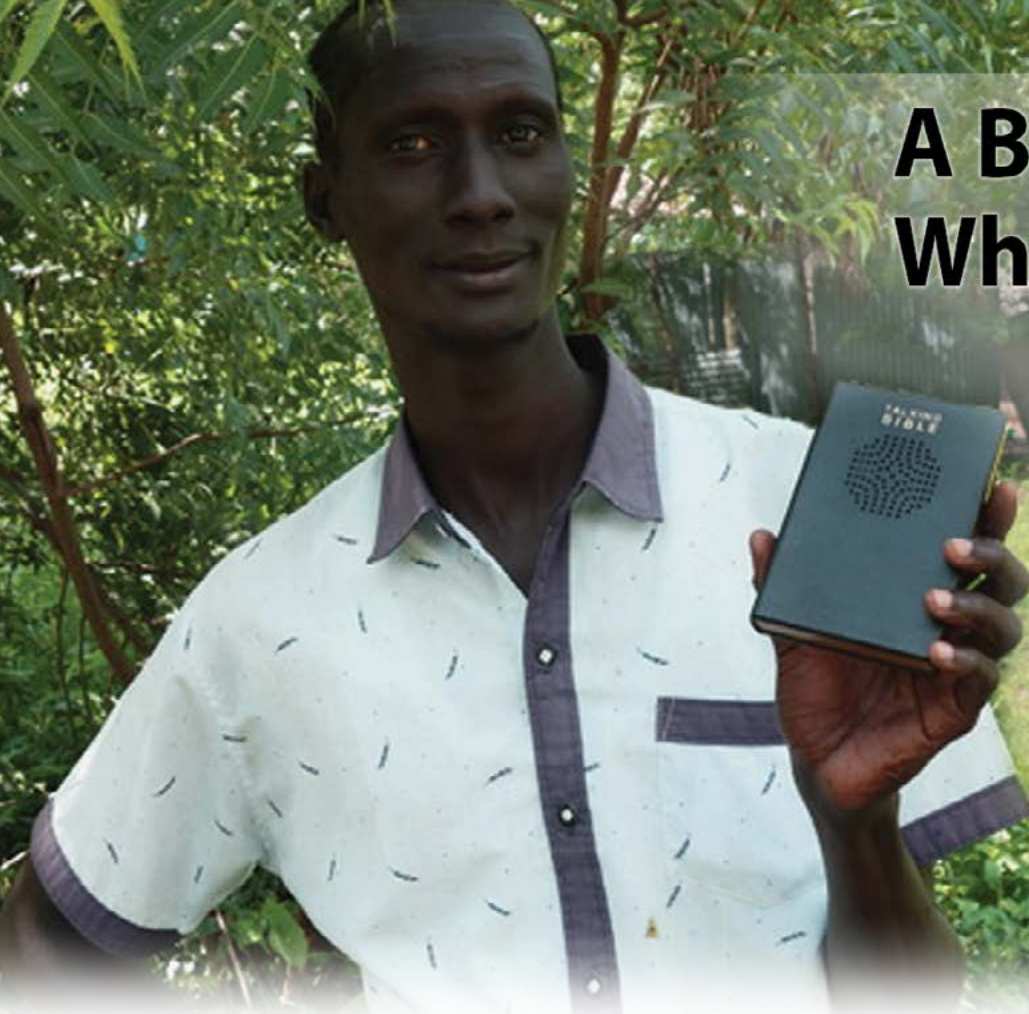
In Ethiopia, a group of men wanted to destroy the people of God in their village. The men were planning to destroy the believers, but God helped His people through bees. When the men came together to organize their attack, the bees came after them and many people were stung—some very seriously. God destroyed their plan. Glory to God.



A Bible for Those Who Can't Read



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Far from home, James and his family are blessed by a Talking Bible.

"We did not stop worshipping God when we came to the camp from our homes in South Sudan."

James was already a Christian when he and his family had to flee their home in South Sudan. Now they live in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. He grieves that the youth are turning to alcohol and chewing khat—an indigenous plant which acts like a drug—because they have no opportunities.

Frustrated by the breakdown in his community, James is encouraged and blessed since receiving a Talking Bible. "I like it because it reminds us about what we are to be doing, even when we are living away from our homes," he says. James hopes the Talking Bibles will give the idle youth a new vision and purpose.

The refugee camps in Ethiopia and South Sudan are full of people who have been displaced from their homes because of the fighting and danger. Please help send Talking Bibles to non-readers in these refugee camps. Your gift will help share God's Word with those who have lost so much.

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