

AN OPPORTUNITY for non-readers TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

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*The Story of RAJU;
A Believer from
Andhra Pradesh*

How Talking Bibles
help *Non-Readers*
grow in their faith



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Dear friend of Talking Bibles,

It happened again! Just yesterday, I was talking with a young man from Kenya. As soon as he saw the Talking Bible, he felt compelled to tell me about his mother. “She needs one of those,” he exclaimed.

His mother can't read, so whenever she wants to spend time with God's Word, she has to call one of her grandchildren. Only a couple of the grandchildren can read and they are out playing or working in the fields. They don't have time. At night it's dark. There is no electricity in her village. “So how will she learn and grow in her faith without a Bible?” he said. The good news is **she can learn by listening to a Talking Bible.**

Octavio, an old Yanomamö man who has recently become blind was given a Talking Bible in his language. He said, “When I listen, it's like I am hearing God himself or an angel telling about all that God first did! The sacrifices that people had to kill because of their sin, and then Jesus came and he became the real sacrifice for me.” Octavio can now give a clear testimony of his salvation. He now knows what it means to be a child of God.

That is what makes this ministry unique. Non-readers struggle to grow in their faith if they don't have regular access to the scripture. A Talking Bible gives non-readers an opportunity to learn about God's love and Jesus' teachings. It gives them the ability to share God with others.

The Talking Bible is a usable Bible for everyone who can't read and in their own language!



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Cover Story - RAJU

At 70 years old, Raju is an elder in his church and community of Kotha Pusalamarru, a small fishing pond village near the eastern coast of India's Pradesh state. He and his whole family have been Christians for 40 years; his son David is also an elder in the church in their village. But despite his strong faith and the support of his family, Raju is also illiterate and uneducated.

*“Sometimes it felt like I couldn't get information about Jesus,” Raju said.
“Without any Bible I can't have any personal knowledge of Him.”*

Five years ago, that all changed for Raju when he received a Bible designed specifically for him: a Talking Bible. Now, he is able to put his Bible in his pocket and listen to it with family and friends. Now, he has a lot of knowledge of Jesus. And just like the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well, Raju recognizes the power of living water and he tells his whole community about it.



“I learned many things from the Talking Bible, then I went out and shared in the village with my friends. The knowledge helps me share with others. I play the Talking Bible for them and they are very interested to listen.”

Pastor David, Raju's son, says that about 70 members have been baptized and added to the church as a result of his father's passion for evangelism. They are currently adding more space onto their building to accommodate everyone.

When asked if he had any prayer requests, Raju said, *“Ask God to continue blessing me with health so I can continue evangelizing.”* 


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Placing Talking Bibles



An area is chosen for
Placement of the .



Local leaders are **Trained**
on *proper distribution*
and use of the .



s are given out to the non-readers
who will **Listen & Share**
God's Word with others.



**Families, Friends, Neighbors,
& Co-Workers**
all listen to the .



Pastors and Evangelists
Visit the listeners,
Answer questions,
Shepherd new believers,
& **Baptize** new Christians.



New Christians
join or form a 
Church.



One day at coffee time in her village, someone brought a Talking Bible. Apiew listened intently. Others were excited as well. They began to listen every chance they had.

They listen to the Talking Bible in church. They listen in each other's homes. They listen at coffee time. Many times each week they gather to listen.

Apiew describes how she feels while she listens,

*“When it is turned on,
I want to be near it.
It creates joy and
happiness.”*

Apiew attended church before the village had a Talking Bible, but praying and worshipping were her only ways to get involved. No one could read. Now they listen to the Talking Bible during church and everyone can hear.

All the listeners in the group are growing in their faith. Some neighbors have joined and several are now believers.

*“We are really knowing
God and joyful that God
loves the world and the
people in it.”* Apiew says.

What an amazing testimony of how a Talking Bible Listening Group can change a whole community!



A Bible for Those Who Can't Read



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Growing deeper in faith by listening to God's Word

Elizabeth can't read. She never had the opportunity to go to school. Though she is a pastor's wife and knows a lot about God, she can't read the Bible for herself. Most of the women in her town can't read either.

To the non-reader, the ability to listen to the Bible is so special. Elizabeth says having to depend on others to read it to you is difficult. She and the other women are so thankful to have a Talking Bible to use whenever they want. They hear the message for themselves, and they can discuss it together with each sharing their understanding.

Elizabeth and the other women know God more intimately and are growing deeper in their faith thanks to the Talking Bible. Please, sponsor a Talking Bible or Talking Bible Listening Group and help share God's Word with non-readers around the world.

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