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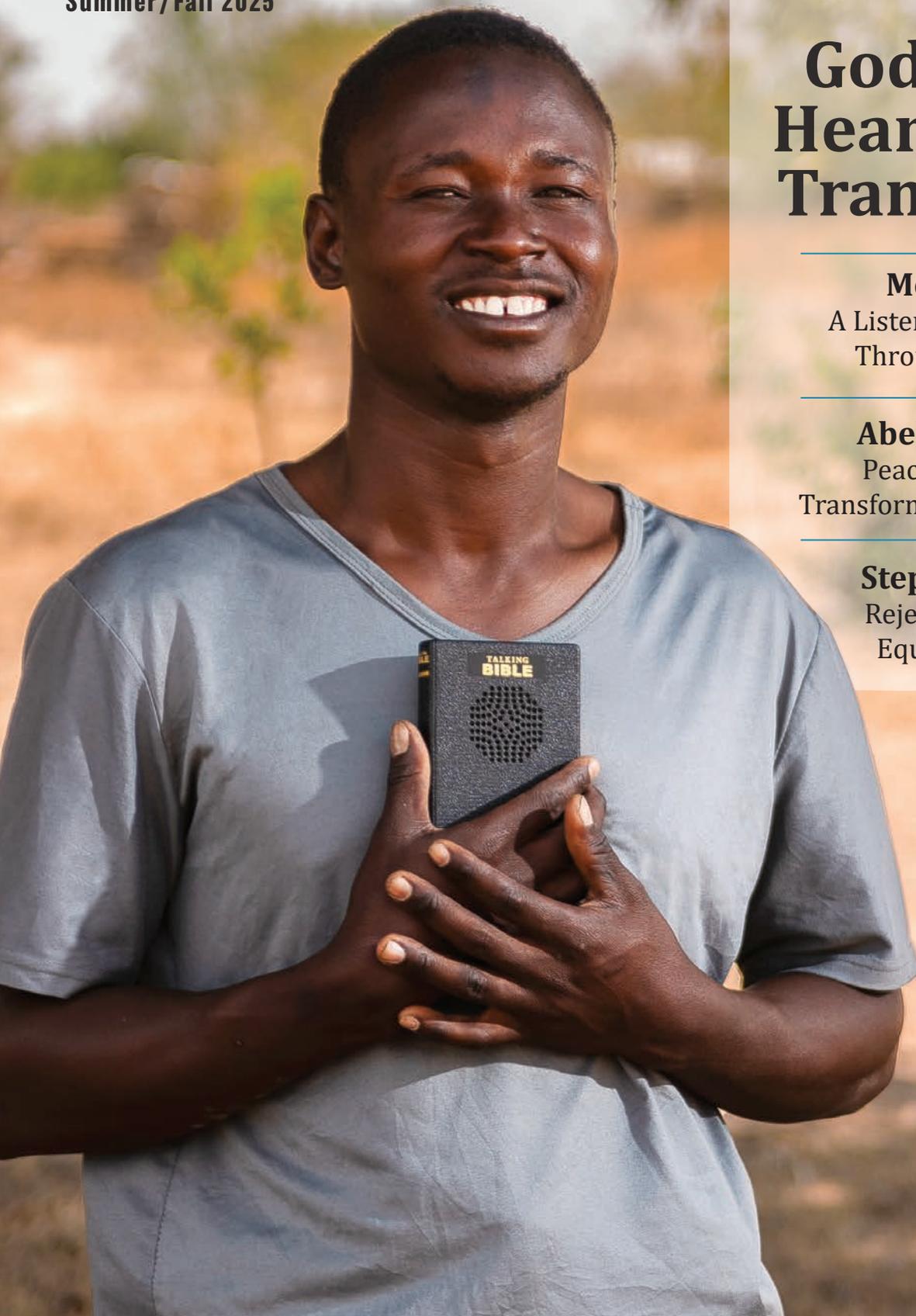
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

GOD'S WORD HEARD, LIVES TRANSFORMED

Dear Friend of the Bible,

Across the world, from the mountains of Ethiopia to villages in India, people are hearing God's Word for the very first time—and their **lives are being transformed**.

Abebech, a young woman in Ethiopia, used her Talking Bible to bring peace into a home marked by conflict. Her once-hostile father now encourages her to go to church. Her brother—once far from faith—gave his life to Christ after just a month of listening to Scripture.

In India, **Stephen** lost everything when he chose to follow Jesus—his home, his family, his security. But his faith only grew stronger. With the help of a Talking Bible, he now leads a prayer group where even non-readers are engaging with the book of Acts, sharing what they've heard, and applying it to their lives.

Recently, I heard about an elderly man who had never held a Bible because he couldn't read. But when a Talking Bible was placed in his hands and he heard God's Word in his own language for the first time, tears streamed down his face. *"Now I know who Jesus is," he said.*

These stories are not rare—they're happening again and again, **because of your partnership**.

For millions of non-readers, the Talking Bible is more than a tool—it's **a lifeline to hope, truth, and salvation**.

Thank you for helping us bring God's Word to those who can't read it—but can hear it, believe it, and be **changed forever**.

In Christ,



Paul D. Hoekstra
President, Talking Bibles International

ABEBECH'S STORY:

PEACE IN HER HOME, TRANSFORMATION IN HER VILLAGE

Abebech's life has been touched by the power of God's Word, and through the Talking Bible, she is seeing **incredible changes in her family and community**.

Abebech, who came to Christ five years ago, received her Talking Bible two years ago. She began using it to bring peace into her home—especially with her father, who was often angry and difficult.

"I use it mostly for my father because he always fights with us, his children. So, I pray for him, and he becomes calm," she shares.

Over time, the atmosphere in her house changed. Her father, who once opposed church, now encourages her to go. **Her brother**, who had distanced himself from faith, **gave his life to Christ** after listening to the Talking Bible for just one month.

After long days working on the farm, Abebech plays the Talking Bible for a small group gathered near her home. Through these simple listening sessions, several people have already come to Christ. Many others are hungry to hear more and are asking for their own Talking Bibles.

Abebech is witnessing the power of God's Word in action. One by one, lives are being changed.

"I want everyone to hear," she says. "When they hear, they believe." 





MOSI'S STORY:

A LISTENING GROUP GROWS THROUGH GOD'S WORD

“God has power—big power,” says Mosi, a farmer and animal keeper who leads a small church group in rural Tanzania.

For years, Mosi struggled to engage the few members of his group. They met faithfully twice a week to read Scripture and pray, but without many readers and without strong participation, **growth felt impossible**.

Then, thanks to donor support, **Talking Bibles** became available in his region. Mosi was given one to use in his group—and **everything changed**.

What began as a struggling gathering quickly grew into a **vibrant Listening Group**. Today, nearly **30 people come regularly to hear God's Word**—many of whom were not members of the church before.

When not using the Talking Bible in meetings, Mosi keeps it at home so his wife can listen. Only after hearing Scripture for herself did she begin to attend the Listening Group and grow in faith alongside him.

Throughout the week, people are drawn to Mosi's home—neighbors, friends, and fellow villagers—eager to hear the Talking Bible for themselves. These unplanned visits have become powerful moments for Mosi to share God's love, encourage returning to church, and welcome new seekers into the faith community.

Mosi sees clearly how much the audio Bible is changing lives. *“When they hear the Talking Bible,” he says, “they understand and pay attention in a way they couldn't before.”*

For those who can't read, the Talking Bible is a powerful way to hear God's truth—and because of it, a once-small rural group has grown into a **thriving community of faith**. 



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STEPHEN'S STORY: REJECTED BY FAMILY, EQUIPPED BY GOD

Stephen never imagined how much his life would change when a group of women in his village began sharing the message of Jesus with him.

As they told him about Christ, Stephen became deeply aware of the sinful patterns in his life. Convicted, he began attending church—and soon gave his life to Christ.

But following Jesus came at a high cost.

Rejected by Family

After his baptism, Stephen's high-caste parents were furious.

They disowned him, casting him out of the family home with nothing but the clothes on his back. Alone and rejected, Stephen moved to the city, taking on difficult jobs just to survive.

Still, he remained faithful. His suffering only strengthened his desire to share the Gospel.

Yet he faced one major challenge: **access to God's Word.**

Stephen had no Bible of his own, and most of the people he disciplined couldn't read. Whenever they gathered, they depended on others to read aloud—but that wasn't always possible.

Stephen longed for a way **everyone** could hear Scripture for themselves.

Equipped by God

A kind family welcomed Stephen into their home and opened their space for weekly prayer and worship. Around the same time, Stephen received a **Talking Bible—a gift that would transform his ministry.**

He began listening to Scripture as he prepared his messages. But he didn't stop there. Each week, he passes the Talking Bible to someone in the prayer group who cannot read, giving them specific passages to listen to throughout the week. When they gather on Sundays, they share what they heard—and how it changed them.



Stephen now shares the Gospel using a Talking Bible.

Now, the group is journeying through the book of Acts. Even those who never went to school can recall the stories, retell them, and apply them to their lives.

A Hope for Many

Stephen's hope is simple but powerful: *"I hope to receive more Talking Bibles soon so I can share this blessing with more people."*

Stephen's story is a powerful reminder. When people have access to God's Word, especially in audio, everything can change. 📖

You can help share God's Word!

People like Stephen and those he disciplines are hungry to hear God's Word but need access.

Your gift helps put **Talking Bibles** in their hands. **Donate Now!**



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