



TALKING BIBLES®

Because they need to hear

## From darkness to light . . .

Mission field report from Ethiopia and south India.

Read about saved souls and changed lives.

New opportunities for engagement.



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## Fishermen's Village Baptisms

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### Machilipatnam, Andra Pradesh State

- 303 Talking Bibles placed-February, 2011.
  - 6,000 people heard the message of the gospel.
  - 60 Baptisms as of December, 2011.
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### Placing Talking Bibles with non-believers.

- Listening Bible study groups are started.
  - Pastors return weekly to answer questions about the Bible?
  - Active dialogue and prayer.
  - Jesus answers prayers.
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### Do non-readers need access to Talking Bibles?

- Despite wonderful work by gifted linguists, the fact is that 2/3 of the world's people can't read or are not inclined to read, even if they have God's Word in print.
- The solution to narrowing the Bible understanding gap is for an increasing number of "non-readers" to receive access to Talking Bibles.

**"Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"...then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:36-38**



**M** My name is Sykam Aruna. I live in the fishing village of Urlagondithippa. We are near the city of Machilipatnam on the Bay of Bengal. I am 42 and married. My husband is Hindu. Three months ago, I joined a listening Bible study group. I asked many questions about Jesus. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and was baptized on October 18, 2011. I am a new Christian. Pray the Lord will keep me strong as I seek to grow in my faith. It is not easy, but God is faithful.

**M** My name is Moggeiah. I am a welder. I thought Jesus was a low cast God. Pastor Kishore visited me four times. Then he gave me a Talking Bible. I listen to it every day....and God has done great things for me. My wife left me 2 years ago. When I sought the Lord, he found me and restored my marriage and family. My wife returned home. I now believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I will take baptism on January 1st, 2012. Thank you, my friends from the USA.



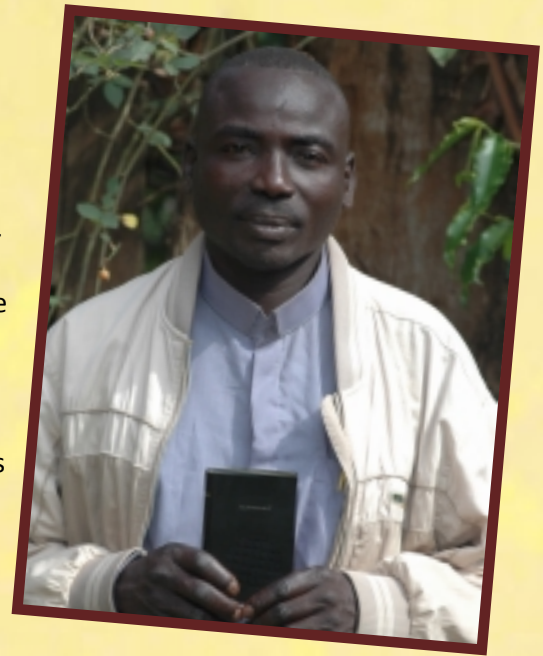
**M** My name is Nageswa Rae. I am 68 years and a fishing boat driver near the village of Machilipatnam on the Bay of Bengal. When I first received my Talking Bible, I thought it was a radio. We have so many Hindu gods to worship, it is confusing. Our Hindu gods do not respond back to us when we worship. But Jesus does respond back to us -- he answers our prayers daily. Jesus is real.

## Greetings from Tepi, Ethiopia!

I am **Pastor Jacob Shibishi**.

**T**alking Bibles has solved two problems in my ministry. 1. It makes the Bible much clearer to me because it is in my tribe's mother tongue, Majang. 2. Those in my church who do not read now have access to the Scriptures by way of the Talking Bible.

Our church now has 5 new believers plus 9 people recommitting their lives to Jesus. Talking Bibles are a tool that is easy to teach; even the most illiterate tribal people know how to use it. It is always available and works well in rough conditions.



## Majangir Tribe Outreach

### Tribe Facts

Population: 30,000  
Christians: 21,000  
Nominal believers: mix animism and witchcraft with Christianity.

### Target Zone

Tepi village, Southwest Ethiopia.  
400 Talking Bibles have been placed.  
Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

### Listening Groups have formed

Morning: 1 hour, 10-20 women.  
Afternoon: 1 hour, 10-20 men.  
Evening: 1-3 hours, 20-50 families.

### Impact of Talking Bibles

Majangir have heard the Word of God spoken to them for the first time.

They finally understand the meaning of God's Word – no one had explained it to them previously and they did not know.

They are responsible for their actions. They want to listen to God's Word.

Tribal people become believers and do outreach to their family and friends.

### Cross-cultural Impact

Barriers of mistrust and fear have been crossed because the Talking Bibles speaks God's Word to them.

Local tribes who understand Majang include: Kaffa, Sheko, and Bench.

These tribes can be included in the Majang listening Bible study groups.

Immediate impact: reduced tension. Adjacent tribes stop lying, stealing, cheating and bad behaviors.



**M**y name is Martha Zelleka. Before I listened to the Talking Bible, I was not aware of my many sins. I was a very self-centered person and full of anger and jealousy. I even got in trouble as I had committed crimes. After listening to the Talking Bible, God touched my heart and showed me that I was sinful. I have repented of my many sins and am now walking with the Lord. I no longer harm others. I listen to the Talking Bible in our village small group. Thank you for sending Talking Bibles to us.

**M**y name is Ester Cika. Many of the Majangir women and men take a Christian first name when we accept Jesus as Lord. We never had anything like the Talking Bible. Many people who called themselves Christian lived sinful lives, me included. After the Talking Bible was given to us, we began to listen. Now we understand! I repented of my sins and so have many of the people here in the village of Tepi, Ethiopia. Thank you for sending our people Talking Bibles.



## ***They Made a Difference!***

### **Homeschoolers pool their talents, raise \$2,500 for Talking Bibles**

A group of young people in North San Diego County area raised money for Talking Bibles that were distributed to Machilipatnam Fishermen village churches on the Bay of Bengal.

30 young people, ages 12 to 23, most home-schooled, participated in planning and participating in a talent show. 150 people attended and \$2,500 was received for the Talking Bibles so Hindus can hear about Jesus.

See what happens when God uses talented kids to do extraordinary things!



***She hated Christians - then she became one!  
Sykam being baptized after coming to know  
Jesus as her own personal Savior through  
listening to a Telegu Talking Bible.***

**If you have any questions or would  
like to have more information  
contact us. [dan@talkingbibles.org](mailto:dan@talkingbibles.org)**



## ***New Project for 2012***

### **Nuer Talking Bible Distribution - south Sudan**

Initially, Talking Bibles International will record the Nuer New Testament translation and make the Talking Bibles.

#### **Here's how you can help.**

- **W**e need to find a location to do the recording.
- **W**e need to find a good Nuer reader.
- **W**e need to locate two American Christians, willing to travel to Sudan to do the recording in 2012.  
Interested? **Email: [mark@talkingbibles.org](mailto:mark@talkingbibles.org)**

***Thank you! Because you cared,  
Talking Bibles are now in 39 countries.***

**This year your donations provided Talking Bibles for  
people living in:**

Ethiopia, Sudan, Malawi, Haiti, Mexico, India & Kenya

Talking Bibles International has had 21 years of experience bringing about positive, sustainable change to remote communities around the world through structured Bible listening programs. For the first time, many have had the opportunity to have a life changing experience by listening to the Talking Bible in their own language.