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Indian Festivals, spiritual warfare and “Talking Bibles”

Dear Friends of the Bible,

God is moving in the coastal fishermen’s village of Machilipatnam on the Bay of Bengal.

However, traditional Hindu festivals being held represent a strong spiritual obstacle to reaching the lost with the Good News about Jesus! For centuries, Hindu fishermen have worshiped idols and performed live animal sacrifices to appease their demanding gods.



In recent weeks, unsaved Hindu fishermen have slaughtered goats, sprinkled goat’s blood on their bodies and presented animal body parts to the idols they worship.

Some of these rituals become violent, with fishermen being possessed by an evil spirit. They need to hear God’s Word!



They dance around the dead carcasses of the slain animals. It is truly a glimpse into the abyss of evil and death.

In the end, the idol worshippers are left with a sense of emptiness. Unless they are reincarnated into a higher level in the

next life, they are doomed to an endless, hopeless cycle.

Hindus worship idols in vain. None of the idols answer their prayers or sacrifices.

Left with a sense of hopelessness and despair, many unsaved Hindu fishermen are superstitious and believe evil spirits live in trees. They worship these trees in their villages so the spirits who live there will not harm them.

People living in Machilipatnam have lived in fear! Fear of what might happen to them if the gods are angered.

Now, there is great news! Finally, after years of living in fear, many people are now at peace.





For the first time, new believers are being baptized **on the same beaches** where the Hindu celebrations are being held.

Because of the Talking Bible, the lost are coming to know Jesus as their own personal Lord and Savior.

Because the Talking Bibles have been strategically placed throughout the village, **illiterate Hindus can now hear God speak to them right from the Bible!**

Church planters are placing Talking Bibles in the various Indian communities along the shores of the Bay of Bengal. Places where the devil wants people to remain unaware of Jesus.



Your \$72 gift will provide one Talking Bible.

Each Talking Bible will reach a minimum of 12-15 illiterates with the Gospel.

Because you care, God will raise up leaders.

These leaders will take on the responsibility of training and directing Bible-listening cell groups.



Will you prayerfully consider a gift today of \$72 for one Talking Bible, \$144 for two Talking Bibles, \$288 for four Talking Bibles or \$1,008 for 14 Talking Bibles? As a convenience, you can make your gift by credit card or PayPal on our secure website by going to www.talkingbibles.org.

Thank you for standing with us as together we seek to win souls for the Lord Jesus.

May the Lord richly bless you as you partner with Talking Bibles in the Great Commission. You can also communicate directly with me at my email address: mark@talkingbibles.org.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership as, together, we take the Gospel to the lost.

In Jesus,

Mark S. Hoekstra
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