

A Visit with Mrs. G

Bible Stories Alive for All the World

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An Open Door Into India

In my last letter I told you that for the last 20 years the broadcast of Bible Stories Alive (BSA) in Khmer in Cambodia has produced a response of 20,000 letters a year from children and teens. My report was out of date, and Trans World Radio (TWR) has sent us an update: the response has climbed to **70,000 letters a year!**

God has poured out His blessing on the telling of Bible Stories Alive in Khmer. Children and teens have come to believe in the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour and many more are being constantly helped to live as Christians. They listen to the program on radio and from electronic “boxes” containing earlier programs. All over the country, children and teens meet in groups to hear and discuss the program with trained local leaders. The program is custom-made for Cambodia, with a Bible story, gospel songs, and a lesson in hygiene and disease prevention.

Pray that God will pour out His blessing in the same way on the Bible stories in all the languages in which we are now engaged. Can you imagine how great the harvest will be?

In our partnership with Trans World Radio, we have now found an effective model to reach and teach children in other countries and cultures.

More good news. A very big door has opened. TWR India will soon begin to broadcast BSA in Hindi on shortwave to reach all India. Five hundred million people speak Hindi, a third of them being under 15 years old. Though Hinduism is the official religion, younger people are turning away from it and are more open to the gospel. By law there is freedom of religion in India, and Hindi offers the greatest opportunity in the world to reach and teach children about Jesus Christ. As in Khmer, Bible Stories Alive will be adapted to sound Indian. The cost of producing and distributing BSA in Hindi will be met by TWR in the Netherlands.

God is giving us the privilege of sending out the life-



transforming stories of the Bible in more and more languages. Please pray for our Board as we seek God's plan for future expansion. Thank you again for all your prayers and support. God bless you with His presence and peace in these testing times.

Your partner in this God-given mission,

Gerald Griffiths, President

P.S. My apologies for not writing to you sooner. Before I could write our spring Newsletter, our office was shut down by the restrictions of Covid-19, and we did not open again until August. At the end of August, I fell at home and fractured my left hip. The surgery was successful, and after that I was given extra treatment so I could live and work at home. I am now home, with all the help and comfort provided by my loving family. I greatly value your prayers that the Lord will enable us to complete speedily our present series, “TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS.”

Progress Report

Swahili. A third radio station is now airing the BSA program in Kenya. Before the pandemic, children joined the program live in the studio and interacted with the hosts. Now their interactions come through phone calls and text messages, and the children enjoy the Bible stories.

Boys loved the story of Gideon. James wrote, "When God told Gideon to go forth, Gideon had many soldiers, but God had His own plan that was out of the ordinary. When you focus only on your abilities, you will not win. But if you focus on God, He will help you. I have learned that having faith in God is better than trusting in man." Briton wrote, "I have learned that God has enough power to protect His people." David wrote, "If we have faith and hope in God, He is faithful to fulfil His promise. Thank you for today's lesson."

A mother and daughter listen to the program together. The daughter loves the program because, she says, "it ignites a biblical conversation" with her mom, who helps her understand what they hear.

After listening to the story of Adam and Eve, a Muslim woman said that the creation stories, "are very important because they lay the foundation for the spiritual growth of our children. The more they learn these stories, the more they get founded on the Holy Scriptures."

Muslims love Old Testament stories. Let's pray that they will come to put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Eight Languages. Progress continues in editing the English scripts and in translating and producing BSA in Mandarin, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Swahili, Somali, and Hindi. When completed, each story is placed online on TWR360, and some are also on TWR's "Speak Hope" Android app.

A Visit with Mrs. G Broadcasts, now in their 47th year, are still in demand, and are heard weekly world-wide on over 500 radio stations and on TWR360.

All this is the Lord's doing – through the prayers and donations and work of His people.



Swahili Broadcast to Honour Mrs. G

Nearly 50 years ago God gave "Mrs. G" ("G" for family listening) the vision and faith to pioneer a new way of telling Bible stories. It has captured the hearts and minds of generations of children all over the world in English and is now spreading into other languages. We now wish to honour the great work she did, by God's grace, in starting and developing Bible Stories Alive.

As a memorial project, we have chosen to fund broadcasts in Swahili. At 16, Kitty Anna Coe dedicated her life to be a missionary in Kenya, teaching children and young people the Bible and the gospel. But life took another turn, and she became a pastor's wife.

When later her radio program began, she longed to have Bible Stories Alive produced in Swahili for the children and families who only speak Swahili. But no door opened in her lifetime. Now the Swahili program is a reality and is being blessed.

The broadcasts for 2021 will cost \$15,000. If you wish to join us in thanking God for Mrs. G's ministry, please mark your gift "For Swahili".

Prayer Requests

That God will give spiritual wisdom and skill to those who edit, translate, and produce the Bible stories, and that those who listen will be brought to faith and life in Christ.

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