A Visit with Mrs. G

Bible Stories Alive for All the World

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New Listeners in Arabic

od is at work among the Muslims in the Arab world today as never before." This is what I heard a mission leader say recently at a meeting in Toronto. And he proved it by citing the research done on what he called "movements of Muslims coming to faith in Jesus Christ".

"A movement," he explained, "is a response to the gospel resulting in at least 1,000 Muslims being baptized or 100 new churches being planted over a period of 20 years."

Islam began in the 7th century, and from the 7th to the 18th century (1,100 years) there was not one single movement toward Christianity. In the 19th century there were 2 movements. In the 20th century, there were 11 movements. In the first 12 years of this century, there were **69** movements.

More Muslims have come to faith in Christ in the last 25 years than in the entire history of Muslim missions combined.

"The acceptance of the gospel by Muslims today is beyond imagination," the mission leader said. "And we must help them to grow in the faith."

Now he told us about the work of his own mission¹: "Our main focus is to **disciple new believers online** and in **class**. In our **online** ministry we have over 400 students taking our course. In our **class** ministry, during the first four years, we have conducted 40 in-class discipleship events in different parts of Africa.

"We also **equip underground church leaders** [about 150 every year] to shepherd young believers with biblical Christ-centered teaching. As far as possible, we use the effective method of training nationals to teach nationals. We spend hundreds of hours every month mentoring future

church leaders."

As I listened I thought, "We can help!" When I told this mission leader that Bible Stories Alive were now available in Arabic on the Internet, he was eager to use them as part of their Bible teaching ministry to new believers and their families.

"The acceptance of the gospel by Muslims today is beyond imagination." Our main partner, Trans World Radio Canada, is putting more and more stories in Arabic online for children and adults to listen to and download. Internet is our first step. Other means will follow.

This is our big missionary aim – to provide missions and churches, and especially children all over the world, with Bible stories in their own

language – Christ-centered Bible stories that reach hearts and lead children of all ages to faith and new life in the Lord Jesus. You'll be glad to hear that the newly edited Bible Stories Alive programs in Chinese, Arabic, Persian, Swahili, and Spanish are being well-received. Praise the Lord!

To produce Bible Stories Alive in other languages demands a lot of work and funding. But it is a **one-time cost**. Once done, the Bible stories will be available free of charge worldwide for many years to come.

Pray that the Lord will supply the funds and the workers to complete this wonderful project.

Thank you for being partners with us. God bless you.

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¹ Names withheld for security reasons.

For Praise and Prayer

rans World Radio Canada has now translated and produced audio versions of 12 Bible Stories Alive books in Arabic, 21 in Mandarin, 12 in Persian, 6 in Spanish, and 8 in Swahili. Some of these recordings include two of the original books.

Internet

Last year Mrs. G's original English programs on *TWR360.org* were listened to or downloaded 3,750 times. A listener in Malaysia is using these stories in Sunday school:

"This program is great! A number of Chinese educated children, not yet believers, are coming to our Sunday school classes with hope of improving their English! So I'm looking for ways to share the living truth with them as well as helping them improve their English... God bless your work to His glory!"

The *Spanish* program on *TWR360.org* was listened to or downloaded 1,316 times between July (when it went live) and December 2018. The first two pieces of feedback from Spanish listeners said: "Excelente!" (Excellent) and "Increíble!" (Incredible).

Radio

Here are responses to our Swahili programs:

"My children did not love going to Sunday school. I was struggling to make them attend the classes and to grow in the Word. I discovered the Bible Stories Alive program in June 2018...I am so grateful for this program as it has made my children enjoy Bible stories."

"The Bible Stories Alive program, especially the story of Adam and Eve, has really educated my church's Sunday school. I would like to thank everyone who has come to teach our children the Word of God."

"I know the program is for children, but I love the lessons. The stories are exactly the way they are in the Bible, and it feels like I am reading through the whole Bible since we began in Genesis."

From listeners to our English radio program in Malawi:

"Bible Stories Alive has taught me to tell others about Jesus."

"The Bible Stories Alive program has really changed my life and I am growing spiritually by the gospel you are sharing with us."

After the English broadcast, children retell the story on air in Chichewa, the local language.



Children who listen in the studio to the Swahili program and discuss the story.

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