Octogenarians get Savvy about the Story app

A few months ago, some elderly women in my church asked me to help them understand better how the Story Publisher app works. So, a "Get Savvy" sack luncheon was organized and we met together. For 90 minutes, a dozen beautiful white heads circled the Story app open on a smart phone and together we let our fingertips and voices walk through the process of orally translating and publishing a short Bible story video. The ladies did great! And they were very impressed with the tool that God has developed to help reach his lost tribes. It was a blessing

to watch faces light up as these weak-in-body but strong-in-spirit ladies understood the power of the Story app to spread Messiah's redemption story to the I000s of language communities still waiting. Best of all, they prayed, asking the Lord of all the earth to give wings to the SP app, to spread his Word like a wildfire, to share the Treasure of Heaven and to bring freedom to the many who are still held captive by the lies of the evil one.

Share the Treasure! Spread the Fire!



They also asked me what a typical work day looked like for me. That was more complicated to explain. Every week, from my home office in Texas, I virtually pop over to multiple countries (e.g. Brazil, Uganda, Nepal, Indonesia) to facilitate the development of story resources into various Gateway languages and to train Story app users. I also zoom with software engineers to discuss enhancements and design issues for the Story app and also for the upcoming Honey Bee app.

Train Story app
users and trainersNetwork with partners-
communications,
presentations, prayerThere is a lot of networking and logistics that need to be done
with the various partners and volunteers who are involved. It is
amazing to me – truly a work of the Holy Spirit and answersto prayer -- all the people from all over the world that He has brought along to cross paths as partners in this endeavor.Jesus does not send us out alone to share his message with the world. He goes with us and helps us.



oral **story** translation app to publish Bible videos oral **Scripture** translation app to publish audio Scriptures



Both of these translation tools with their template resources are unrestricted and free for anybody to use, regardless of organizational affiliation or denomination. They are designed to accommodate the challenges and abilities of minimally trained local language translators and communities to own and sustain a Bible translation program. They can be used in tandem with each other, in isolation, or in cooperation with other strategies.

Tech Team Advantage (a technical missionary support agency) has been super helpful in managing and developing the software for us. We are over \$20,000 in their debt. Go to <u>techteam.org</u> if you would like to further partner with this endeavor and help reduce this debt. Mark your gift to go toward "SPadv and HoneyBee".

Reaching In-dia!



Logistics and provisions are coming together! In June, point-man Prem was able to secure a training venue in a safe area of In-dia where we can host 150 people in September. I have also now booked tickets and applied for a tourist visa. Ask the Lord to enable my visa and entrance into In-dia to be granted. Lord of the harvest, prosper your Word through the **Reach In-dia endeavors**! (Is. 55:11). Strengthen Prem and give him wisdom as he coordinates and invites representatives from area tribes. Raise up dedicated people from each tribe and open the way for them to get training to use the SP app.

Right now, and in the next few months, a cadre of In-dians are working hard to complete Story app resources in several state languages. So far, we have funds to bring in story translators from 25 language communities. We would like to introduce twice that many Bibleless language communities to the Story Publisher app so that these language communities

can themselves translate and publish a Bible panorama in video form. Lord, we are asking you to make this blitz training model successful and sustainable -- something that can be repeated until all the language communities are reached. Spread your Word like wildfire and make it bountifully fruitful everywhere it goes (2 Thes. 3:1).

"My Word is a fire," declares the LORD.

Go here to donate and introduce God's Word via the Story app to more In-dian tribes in their language. Note "for Reaching In-dia" in the comment section.

Plans are to do an August online training of 20+ SP mentors who can help to train the tribal representatives from at the 1week workshop in September. Our Rock and ever-present Helper, make our way successful in training the SP app mentors. Raise up mentors and help internet connections to be stable. Thank you for those who have contributed to getting resources into the state languages of this densely populated nation. Encourage them in this work and teach them even as they translate the stories.

Other Prayer and Newsbytes

- The IndoI000 fellowship has hit an "administrative" roadblock in organizing to train the first wave of Story app users in multiple languages. Lord of the harvest, send your Spirit to facilitate cooperation between organizations and overcome this roadblock. Raise up Indonesian leadership to stand in the gap. Open a way to send out "young apostles" to bring in your ripe harvest (Luke 10:2). Put your Spirit in them, encourage them and protect them from the evil one. Grant them unity and your deep joy as they go. Set them apart in your truth (John 17.11-19). Build your Church in Indo!
- Several years ago, in a virtual training, Dr. Mary Kobimbo, a church leader, learned how to use the Story Publisher app to translate and publish Bible videos for her language community in Kenya. Now she is teaching at a Seminary here in the States and utilizing the SP app to teach translation to an eclectic, international group of students. I love that! Jesus, equip each laborer with your Word for every good work they will do. Teach, correct, encourage and protect them (2 Tim. 3:16-27).

Thank you for sharing the Treasure, spreading the Fire!





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