



Reaching the unreached who cannot read



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Agenda

- Introduction
- What do we want to achieve?
- Why do we want to do it?
- What are the problems?
- What are the Solutions?
- What testimonies do we get from the field?
- Solutions from MegaVoice
- References and resources
- Q & A



Introduction

Johan Grobler – MegaVoice
Practical approach to the problem
What is Orality
Objectives of this seminar



Objectives of this seminar

Further the Kingdom of God
Introduce the subject of Story Telling.
Provide information and give references
Discuss the use and benefits



What is Orality

"Orality" refers to reliance upon the spoken, rather than written, word for communication. Orality is an ancient phenomenon that continues to the present.

Before writing was developed, cultures passed along their cultural traditions, including their history, identity, and religion, through their **stories, proverbs, poems, songs, riddles**, etc.

These are all oral art forms; that is, they are **spoken**, sung or chanted. They were (and still are) often woven into ceremonies, dramas and rites of passage.

Purely oral societies **pass along** everything that matters from one generation to another **without** putting anything into **writing**.

They rely on the spoken word (including its sung and chanted forms). www.oralitystrategies.org/about.cfm



What do we want to achieve?

Make the Word of God available to:

ALL people

ALL languages



Why do we want to do it?

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to “Go therefore and make disciples of **all** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20 teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you.” – Matt 28:19-20



Jesus used stories

Teach Bible truths
Stimulate faith
Rebuke religious leaders
Encourage commitment
Train disciples
Evangelise



What are the problems?

- Blindness
- Illness
- Illiteracy
- Translation takes 25 years +
- Education takes time (years)



Reading

Incredibly 80% of the world cannot or does not prefer to learn from reading.

<http://simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/>

Americans' reading habits over time

The population of e-book readers is growing. In the past year, the number of those who read an e-book in the past year increased from 16% of all Americans ages 16 and older in [December 2011](#) to 23% in [November 2012](#). At the same time, the percentage of Americans who read a printed book in the previous 12 months fell from 72% of the population in 2011 to 67% in 2012.

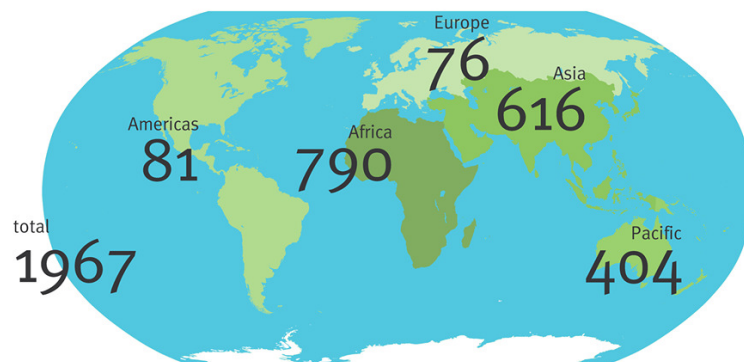
Report: [Younger Americans' Library Habits and Expectations](#)

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Languages without the Bible

Number of Languages with Likely Need of Bible Translation with No Active Program in Place

WYCLIFFE
Global Alliance

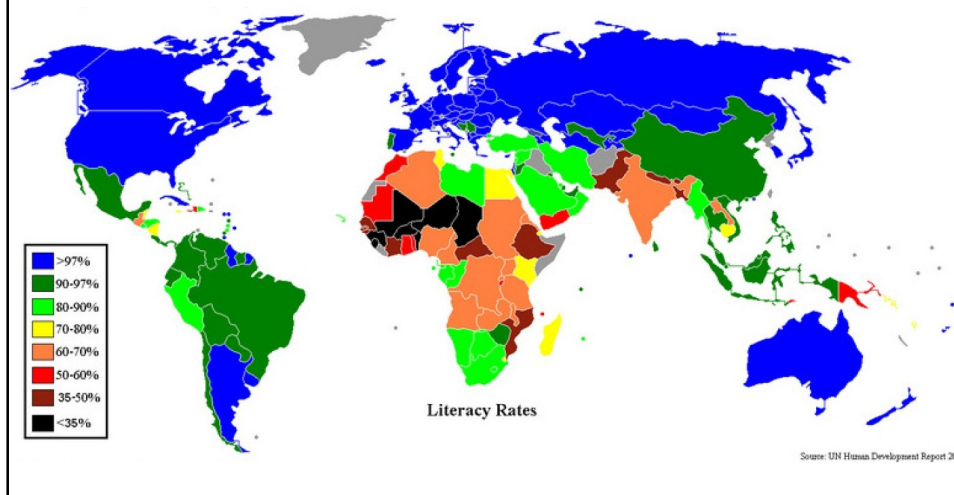


Wycliffe Global Alliance: Language & Translation statistics 2012

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Where are the Locked out?

World literacy map



What are the Solutions?

- Audio player
- Solar
- Dust
- Tamperproof
- Water
- Easy to operate
- Accessible by the Blind
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What are the Solutions?



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What testimonies do we get from the field?

- Rural India
- Kenya orphanage
- Mustang, Nepal
- This is the Victory
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Rural India

“Blessed to hear that, just last night i was listening to da MegaVoice you n p___ brought last year and planing of passing on to some contacts here. pl if possible som more i'll need here in h___ and N___. very effective among village people in indian context,they less read the tracts. love to p___ and everyone there.”

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Kenya orphanage

I got a mega voice unit from an Australian man who came to visit ...

I heard the message and this is beginning to shade light in my degrading life.

I had been a minister of the gospel since 1994 but what I went through in the hands of the senior founders of the ministry left me torn into pieces....

This mega voice unit with the message has brought change in my life.

I am uplifted and the Lord is encouraging me, I had lost hope completely, I'm looking forward to see the full restoration of my life and find a new direction.

Could you please pray for me that the Lord will help to find a home and settle.

God bless you, i pray that I may become a partner in your ministry here in Africa.

Patrice, Kenya

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Mustang, Nepal

from Pokhara 20 hour drive and about 150km walk
over 12 mountain passes to the city of Lo-Mantang

Yousuf got sick and had
to return, with tents ...

Wrong language, But
understood by the
Buddhist Monks

Meeting the king

Pray for 50 Megavoices
handed out.



This is the Victory

- Laban



My heart was already softened by listening to "This is the Victory" audio; I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and I threw away my copy of the Qur'an because I need the Bible instead. I'm so grateful to come to know the truth. It has set me free

This is the Victory

- Omar Hassan



This audio book added value in my life. I listened to all the 51 dramas and came to understand that the Muslim God and Christian God are not the same. True God sent His Son, Jesus, to atone for the sins of mankind.

This is the Victory

- Adan Haji



Let me be honest with you: the audio device turned out to be the very answer to the question I was searching for. Yes indeed, the cross is true, it's not only a symbol of shame but of victory. Jesus indeed resurrected and made it possible for me and the whole of mankind to overcome death.



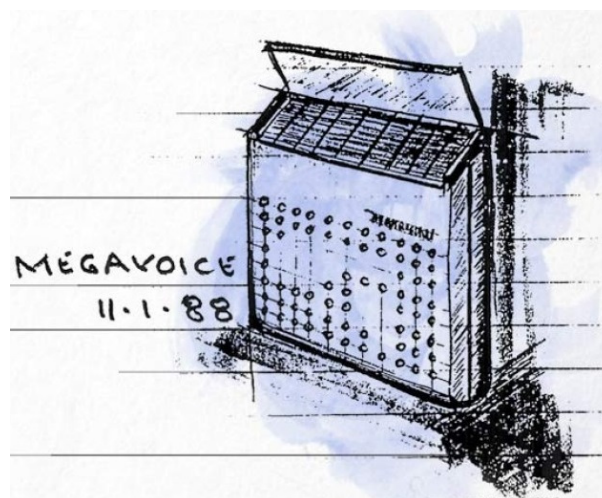
Solutions from MegaVoice

- History
- Envoy
- Envoy S and Envoy S Dual
- Story Teller
- Solar Case Speaker
- Diplomat
- Herald



MegaVoice History

- Tom and Ken
- 1988
- Tiberias
- 26 Years
- 1,000,000 Units



MegaVoice Southern Africa

- 2005
- iPod
- Kinshasa
- Lagos



Envoy

- Bible Player
- Navigate
 - Divisions
 - Books
 - Chapters
 - 15 seconds
- Speaker
- Solar
- External charger
- Durable
- Pause / bookmark



Envoy S and Envoy S Dual



- DL
- DC
- Load via USB



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Story Teller

- 20 Hours of audio
- Improved navigation
- Solar



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Wildlife Story Teller

- Traumatised Children



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Solar Case Speaker

- Group Listening
- Solar Battery
- Charge Mobile phones



Solar Case Speaker

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Diplomat

- Radio
- FM
- SW
- MW
- Bible Player
- Solar



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Herald



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Solar Lantern



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Solutions from Global Recordings

- Good News
- Look Listen & Live
- The Living Christ
- Saber



Solutions from The God's Story Project



God's Story

This message brings the main truths of the Bible in a chronological format. God's Story: From Creation to Eternity enables people from any culture to readily grasp the whole gospel. The message is usually presented in an eighteen-chapter format, runs for eighty minutes and is currently available in over 250 languages.

300 Languages Completed

**Now used on Solar-Powered Audio Players in
80 Countries**

80 minutes

Story of Jesus

The Story of Jesus, the audio version of the Jesus Film, is an account of Jesus' life as described in the Book of Luke.

The message is usually presented in a twenty-two chapter format, runs for ninety minutes and is currently available in over 400 languages.

Gospel of Luke

Sound Track of Jesus Film

90 minutes

Mini Bible College

90 Messages on the Old Testament

90 Messages on the New Testament

12 Messages on Family and Marriage



References and resources

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Story 4 All
Oral Bible Schools



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Story4All

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