

STORY BIBLE TEAMS

A Story Bible team is a church planting team staffed by two national believers. Team members are familiar with the language and customs where they minister. They are trained and supervised to produce, distribute, and use a Story Bible. A Story Bible is a recorded collection of key chronological Bible stories told person to person. It dwells primarily in the hearts of people who internalize then retell the stories in a natural way to others. However, distribution of the stories can also occur in media projects.

The training of a Story Bible Team occurs “just in time” in separate modules as needed. “Just in time” training allows several important things to happen:

1. Knowledge is given as field experience demands it.
2. Pastoral care can be given in a secure environment.
3. Prompt completion of time sensitive goals can be obtained.

The team is purposeful in their relationships because every relationship is a ministry opportunity. When the team meets with anyone, they seek to share their faith by telling Bible stories. They are also seeking to establish a listening audience for the Bible stories in each neighborhood, village, or town of the unreached people group.

A three year media project can produce a rapid, indigenously led, and self-sustaining church planting movement. It provides Story Bibles to 100 indigenous listening groups formed and taught by a team of Christian nationals. A listening group may start with single listener. If each group grows to 100 listeners, that's a potential listening audience of 10,000 people! These groups are trained by the team for evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and rapid indigenous church planting. Each person in the listening group can hear, tell, and discuss the Bible stories with the people in their communities. As these stories will pass from person to person God will deeply impact and transform their communities.

The team will travel repeatedly throughout an area to follow up with each audience. Each audience will become a preaching and teaching point that uses Bible stories. The team will train and encourage listeners to learn and share the stories with others and then invite them to join their listening audience. The team trains the audiences for evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and rapid indigenous church planting. Each audience will hear, learn, discuss, and retell the Bible stories to the people in their communities. They can easily reproduce these stories from person to person as they deeply impact and transform their communities.

Each audience will be a model that can reproduce into other groups. Before people have even professed faith in Christ, they are already observing how Christian leaders conduct themselves. This provides a base for explicit leadership instruction that will come after people have trusted Christ.

Story Bibles impart culturally relevant Bible stories that will be retold for generations, all the while serving as a benchmark to preserve story accuracy.

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