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THEY HEARD IT FROM A *woman*

Scripture in a female voice
draws attention in the Gulf



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Welcome

Dear friends,

Being able to access the Bible for yourself, in the language of your heart, has an astonishing impact. **We hear stories about it every day.**

In this edition of the Bulletin, I'd love you to read about Maadesh, a farmer from Tamil Nadu who never went to school but became a student of Jesus right there in his field when he listened to the New Testament. Thanks to an audio Bible, he didn't need to know how to read to understand the Gospel and pass it on. (p8-9)

In the Arabian Gulf, women are also experiencing the Gospel transmitted to their hearts, as they hear, on social media, a female voice reading out the Scriptures in Arabic. (p4-5)

I want to thank you for your support. Those of you who donate to Biblica are funding some translation projects that mean the world to isolated, at-risk believers who are desperate for Scripture to sustain them. The story on pages 6-7 is one example.

Be encouraged by these stories, and let's pray for people around the world who feel forgotten, marginalised, or on the outside, but who matter hugely to Jesus. His Word is for them, too. With your partnership, we're making sure everyone, everywhere can access it.

Yours in Christ,

Geof Morin

President/CEO,
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They heard it from a woman



The voice of a woman has brought Good News - in a country where they have long been silenced.

All of a sudden, women scrolling through social media in this Gulf nation started hearing something new. In Arabic, a woman like them was reading out a sacred text.

These women have grown up hearing the Qur'an recited. But this was something different. This woman was reading the Bible to them.

We know that at least 37 people have started following Jesus as a result. 15 of them are local women - not foreign

workers. At least one local man came to faith through the voice of a woman, too. They were all captivated by the message of the New Testament, even though becoming a Christian could land them in prison.

In Arabic, read by a woman, for the first time

For the first time in history, Biblica has recorded the whole New Testament, and half of the Old Testament (so far) in Arabic with a female reader.

In the Gulf, Arabic is the language of Scripture and worship. We know that men take precedence in matters of religion here, and that a woman's voice is rarely heard reciting Scripture in public. That's why we decided to make this new audio Bible.

One of our partners took the New Testament recordings and created short videos for social media, with beautiful graphics displaying the verses being read. They know that many women here spend time privately searching online for belonging, purpose and truth, in a tightly-controlled society that tells them exactly what to believe and do.

An irresistible message

Through hearing these wonderful words in Arabic, read by a woman, dozens of local people and workers from other countries have come to faith in Jesus over the course of a year. For us, it's a particular joy to know that at least 15 local Gulf women have discovered new life in Christ.

That number may not sound very high, but it's huge in this context. Our partner said:

"We never thought that we would have this much impact in such a country, in one year."

Why not? In this nation, Bibles are banned, and leaving Islam is - technically - punishable by death. Women face severe restrictions on their daily lives. Nevertheless, fifteen truth-seeking women heard God's Word spoken to them, and said yes to Jesus.

It's about dignity

Strategy and technology have been part of this project, but at its heart, it's about something bigger - dignity. So many women in this region feel their voices don't matter in sacred spaces. They long to be taken seriously. Now, through our audio Bible, they hear Scripture proclaimed in a voice that sounds like their own, affirming that God speaks to them, values them, and invites them into His story.

Our recording of the Old Testament is now 51% complete. We aim to complete the whole Bible so that more women from this region hear the full sweep of God's story in a female voice.

Your support will ensure we can finish the entire audio Bible for Arabic-speaking women. Give today at:

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The progress of a secret translation

Faith shapes every part of life in this country in eastern Africa. Identity, culture and Islamic tradition are tightly bound together. Leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal.

But people still choose to follow Jesus.

These new believers are often persecuted by their own close family members who feel shamed and betrayed. On top of that, local terrorist groups enforce religious codes through violence, killing those found to have left Islam. A mere suspicion of conversion can trigger fatal consequences. The death toll of converts in this nation has risen recently, and Muslim background believers expect to be called to lay down their lives for Jesus if their faith becomes known.

Vital spiritual food

These courageous Christians, living on the edge, are desperate for the Scriptures to sustain them through hard and dangerous times. Generous Biblica supporters like you are enabling us to press on with the Makari* Bible translation. Local believers themselves have been working on the translation with our team, keen to make sure the language speaks to their community.

In August 2024, we launched the complete New Testament, distributing several hundred print copies to the secret house churches within our partner's network. The response has been extraordinary. The believers here have cherished this Scripture in their own language, saying it's easy to read and resonates with their hearts.

But owning a paper Bible can be risky. In March, one of our team went to meet local believers and bring them the Makari Bible app that they can access on a basic smartphone.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. When they learned that fellow believers from their own country were behind this work, they were delighted. They asked if the app could be disguised to look like a calculator or game app, so that it won't be discovered by the authorities or family members looking through their phone. This is something we have done with other Bible apps for believers at risk in sensitive contexts.

The translation shapes worship and Bible study

Over the last two years, we've seen the new Makari New Testament being used in house church worship, enabling



people to read and pray in the language of their hearts.

We - and they - are eagerly looking forward to completing the whole Bible so that these Christians, often isolated and in danger, can also take comfort and inspiration from the Psalms, the Prophets and the full story of God's love and redemption.

In the near future, we dream of expanding this vital translation into the first study Bible available to house churches in this region, and among diaspora communities who speak Makari. This will be a powerful tool to deepen understanding of the Bible and strengthen brave believers for generations to come.

**We have used a fictional language name to protect this very sensitive ministry*



Please Pray

For the translators working on this very sensitive project. Pray for the strong hand of God's protection over those working in secret. Pray that these Bibles bring encouragement and strength to those risking everything to follow Jesus.

It's not a radio, it's a Bible!

Maadesh* never went to school. He's a farmer in Tamil Nadu, India, and like many people in his village, he didn't get the chance to learn to read and write.

He grew up in a Hindu family, carrying the traditional identity of his community. Maadesh had heard about the Bible, seen that book held in other people's hands – the sort of people who could read – but he had never known what was in it.

One memorable day, his friend Mohan* walked into the field where Maadesh was working, carrying what looked like a small radio.

Maadesh laughed. "Why are you bringing a radio out here?" he asked.

Mohan smiled. "It's not a radio," he replied. "This is a Bible."

Maadesh looked at his old friend sceptically. Mohan sounded very confused. A Bible didn't look like this – it was a book, he knew that much. But Mohan insisted he was right, and pressed play.

The Bible was speaking

Suddenly, from the small speaker came a voice speaking very clearly in their heart language. For the first time in his life, Maadesh heard the words of the Bible – as though they were speaking to him! He stopped working to listen carefully. He didn't understand everything the voice said, but he felt something deep happen in his heart. A great peace he had never known settled over him.

When Mohan pressed stop, Maadesh wasn't laughing at him anymore. He asked him to bring this speaking Bible back again soon. Before long, the two friends were listening together regularly as they worked in the field – first out of a joint curiosity, then with hunger, and finally, with faith.

Through this Bible, Jesus had become real to them right there in that field, and called them to follow him.

Students of Jesus

Maadesh and Mohan used to feel a little insignificant, shut out of the world of books and knowledge. But now, they speak with a quiet confidence about the God who knows their names. The Christ who called uneducated farmers and fishermen to be his special students and fish for men.

And that's what the two friends started doing. They couldn't help sharing what they'd discovered. Maadesh invited men, women and children from their small community to sit and listen to the Bible with them at the end of the workday – under the village tree or in someone's home.

A little place loved by God

People who could not read began memorising Scripture, just like they did in Jesus' time. Children started learning words by listening and repeating. Elderly men and women, who never imagined they could 'learn,' can now recite Bible verses from memory.

Mohan's 'radio' has had a huge effect on his farming community. Today, people are becoming proud followers of Jesus within their own culture, in a little place where nobody had ever read the Bible before.

**Names changed to protect their identities*



Biblica works with our partner **Faith Comes By Hearing** as part of the Close the Bible Gap Alliance to release Scripture in print, audio and digital formats for the growing world-wide church. Audio Bibles are transformational for communities like Maadesh's where most people don't read, and people whose heart language is an oral (not written) one.

Try our free Study Bible App!



We believe everyone should have the resources they need to understand God's Word.

Imagine living where a study Bible costs the equivalent of £1,200, having no access to a Bible college, and no-one to help you understand difficult theological concepts.

That's the reality for millions of people who live in places where Bible access is blocked by poverty, politics, language or location. It's a particular problem for church leaders who really need these tools to deepen their understanding of Scripture and teach their congregations well.

Biblica has long published the very popular NIV Study Bible. But something different was needed for people in these places who rely on phone downloads. So our team worked hard to create a special free app that anybody can use - including you!

Available in 9 languages (and growing!), the Biblica Study Bible is a portable

digital seminary that opens doors to a deeper understanding of the Word.

The app is loaded with Biblica's trusted NIV study notes, maps, illustrations, commentary, and more. It even offers an audio Bible and helpful videos from The Bible Project and Lumo.

Download the app to your phone for free and try it out! It's available in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, English, French, Hindi, Kiswahili, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

We're really thankful to all our supporters who enable us to provide this valuable app for free. It's a huge investment in the health of the global church.

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Praying for this work makes you a partner in everything God's doing to reach and speak to people through His Word.

Please pray for our translation teams and our partners who help people access and use new Bible materials. Pray that every day many are freed and transformed through encountering Jesus in Scripture.

Give a gift

We can't do anything without funding, so giving a gift is a great way to invest in this mission. Your gift will help to translate and take God's Word to people in hard-to-reach places.

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