

The Power of God's Word

Again and again the team in Mozambique and Malawi are witnessing Yawo men and women being transformed by God's Word. Here, team members Bek and Scott share of the growth they are experiencing after years of sowing seeds.

It was after dinner one night when the phone rang. Mussa, a man on the path of following of Jesus, wanted to talk. "Baba" he said "I've been reading this story about Elisha in the Word of God and I've got some questions. I know we're meeting tomorrow but I can't wait, can we talk about it now?"

The Global Interaction team in Mozambique and Malawi has spent many years faithfully growing into the communities in which they live, establishing relationships and sowing seeds of the Gospel. We are encouraged to see our efforts begin to bear more fruit.

Across the different locations where they are based, intercultural workers are

well regarded and have been accepted into villages, marketplaces and family groups. Many people are interested in talking of spiritual things, a number of groups are gathering to hear the Word of God, some people are seeking to follow the path of Jesus and a few are even inviting others to join them on the journey.

Mussa has seen God's power at work in his life and is now seeking greater understanding. He's grappling with how a disciple of Jesus should live and has invited others to sit with him, read the Scriptures and discover for themselves what God wants for them.

His story is just one of many.

For many months a group of men employed on a building project gathered daily to read God's Word together with Scott.



Team members Sally and Kath with a Yawo friend.



They discovered for themselves what it said and discussed the relevance and application to their lives. **When their work contracts finished, the men were eager to continue meeting each week to read the Bible.**

In a nearby village, another group gather each week to hear God’s story. They’re men of influence who have known the Global Interaction team for many years, deciding this year they wanted to hear for themselves the stories of God from creation to Jesus.

Just down the road, a group of women who have been listening to stories for many years continue to deepen their understanding of Jesus.

Over the past few years, one village chief listened to over forty stories through the Bible, at the end of which he said that he wanted Jesus to come into his life. Since then he has invited many others to join him in listening to the Word of God and following Jesus. This year he asked Global Interaction workers to go with him to two villages near his home; waiting there were new groups of people wanting to hear God’s story.

One man sees that an intercultural worker was sent by God to teach him. His sister-in-law, a spiritual authority in the village, is interested in who the Bible says that Jesus was and is.

In this season of opportunities and invitations to sit with people and share spiritual truths, it is evident that there is a

great need among the Yawo of Mozambique for people to be able to access the Scriptures for themselves. To this end, the Global Interaction team in Mozambique is in the exciting beginning stages of creating a Mozambican Ciyawo Oral Bible Translation. Translators have been selected and are beginning their training, with the aim of completing the initial stage, the book of Genesis, over the next two years.

2020 has been a year of global uncertainty, but in Mozambique and Malawi for the Global Interaction team working among the Yawo it’s also been a year of God’s continuing favour and opportunity. God’s Word is going out and people are responding. They are inviting their family and friends to join them on their spiritual journey, seeking God together.

My word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

(Isaiah 55:11)



Photo of Yawo man and child outside a village taken by C&K Beeck.