


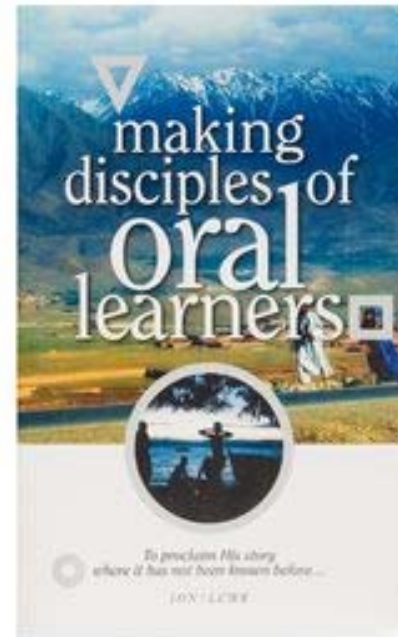


Prayer Requests

- For wisdom to know how to best apply the information gained from the Orality Conference and training.
- For the World Missions Committee as they meet and decide direction for the future.
- For the persecuted Christians from Orissa state in India. There have been wide spread attacks leaving 134 people dead, 258 churches burned and over 5000 families are hiding in the forests.
- For the upcoming trip to India and the preparation for the time before we leave. The Orality Conference was already a gift from the Lord toward this preparation.
- For the support raising and the visits to share with the congregations the ministry of the Ambassador Institute.

Ambassador INSTITUTE INQUIRY

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I am writing this from Dallas, TX where the International Orality Network is holding its annual conference. This conference is a gathering of organizations that are striving to bring God's Word to the people who use oral means instead of written words to communicate. Rural and unreached people groups are some that fall into these categories. The conference has been amazing and this will be helpful for the Ambassador Institute as we prepare to teach pastors in Uganda and India. It will also be helpful for the World Missions Committee as they consider reaching out to an unreached people group.

It was amazing to hear that even in the United States, 20% of the population is functionally illiterate and 50% prefer to learn using oral means rather than written instructions.

The Lord has also blessed this time with valuable contacts. People that are teaching courses, contacts within both India and Uganda, companies that have audio Bibles on solar powered MP3 players in multiple languages and a man that did exactly what we are trying to do in Sudan.



A group of men in Southern Sudan were given the chance to study the Bible at a seminary level. They were given the opportunity to spend 24 months in concentrated study of Bible Stories and then take an oral exam to judge their proficiency. If they passed they would get a degree from a seminary in the U.S.. As these men began, they memorized 130 stories from the Bible and learned how to teach them to others. They studied the meaning behind everything from Creation to the Revelation. They answered questions about doctrine by quoting scripture. And then came the final oral exam. Examiners were flown in from the U.S. to test these rural Sudanese men to see if they qualified for the degree based on the standards that had been set by their seminary. These men not only passed with high marks, they exceeded their U.S. contemporaries in their Bible knowledge and scriptural responses.

One thing was unique about these men... they could not read!

Oral communication and the use of a story is on the rise in the world. Stories are used by companies as they advertisement their product. The Marines use them in their strategy development, for Harvard graduates that complete their MBA, for tourists visiting historical sights and for all aspects of the entertainment industry. Not to mention that Jesus used it to teach his disciples. It is funny that it takes us so long to come back to a tool that the Bible implemented from the beginning.

Praises for God's Provision

- For the receipt of computer equipment from a company that chose to use the Ambassador Institute as their recycling company. That is allowing us the chance to bless many people with computers at a reduced price.
- For the International Orality Network and the contacts and training from these 12 days.
- For the oral seminary example from the previous page and the fact that benefit that the man who trained these men is now living in Jinja, Uganda! The same town as Nate and Rhoda Jore!
- For the encouragement it has been to visit congregations and share the ministry.
- For the completion of the first Summer Institute DVD's. The "Doctrine of Baptism" and "Highlights in American Lutheran History" are ready for sale at \$30 for the 10 hours of recorded class time. "Doctrine of the Lord's Supper" and "The Gospel of Mark" are being edited at this time.

If you have an interest in hearing more about the work of the Ambassador Institute, or would like to schedule a congregational visit contact:

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