

# THE TESTIMONY

*BTL's monthly brief of God's great deeds among His people*



Hafare Arabolya seated outside his house holding the Rendille audio Bible

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## Will you teach us about Jesus?

*by Pastor David Gargule*

One hot afternoon in Korr, Rendille, I received a call from an unknown number but the voice was familiar. After the usual Rendille greetings, I noted that I was speaking with Hafare Arabolya to whom I had given a copy of the Rendille audio Bible and showed the Jesus film at his animal's camp. On that particular day, he had called to appreciate the visit that I had paid to him and for the gift of the Rendille audio Bible.

Not long after that call, I decided to visit Hafare once again. When I got to his home, we sat down in the shade, together with his other family members. He excitedly told me that they knew I told stories about Jesus.

"Will you teach us about Jesus?" they inquired in unison.

"We have heard some stories about Jesus on the radio," they said, referring to the Rendille audio Bible which I had a few weeks before given to him. People in our village want to know more. We want more of these radios to teach us when you are not visiting with us. Come to our home often and teach us about this wonderful person called Jesus."



**The Rendille translation team, Joshua Galimogle (left), Nick Swanepoel, (center) and Laban Eysinkkee (right) during the dedication of the Rendille New Testament on 18th August 2018**

The interactions that I had with Hafare and his family raised more zeal in me to tell more of Jesus. It reminded me of the Gospel of Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come". The gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached to all so that Jesus can be worshiped in every language and in every nation. No single language can adequately express His worth; it will take people from every language on earth singing the name of Jesus before the choir of heaven can be complete.

## More and More of Jesus

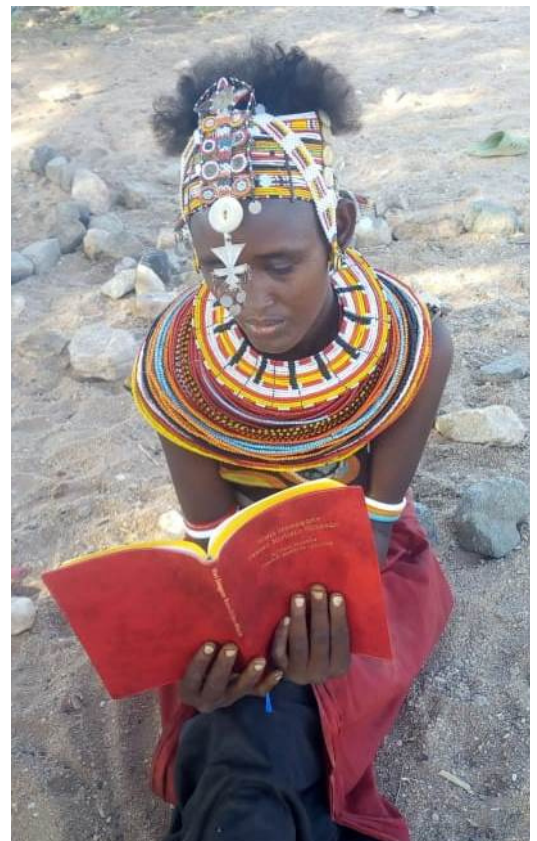
Two years ago, Bukeyo Garawahle enrolled for the Tirrim Literacy Programme with the intention of learning how to read and write in the Rendille language.

"I was excited to learn how to write numbers and also to write my name in my language. At the time of my enrollment, the Rendille New Testament had just been dedicated but I could not read it."

As the classes progressed, my desire to learn how to read grew the more as I really longed to read this Holy Book in my own language and to know Jesus more personally.

Bukeyo graduated from the literacy class last month, which marked two years since the launch and dedication of the Rendille New Testament. She was gifted a copy of the New Testament as a reward for completing her classes successfully. "I cannot imagine that I can now read God's word in my own language! This is a precious Book to me. Jesus is everything to me. I am eager to share my new faith in the village."

#RendilleNewTestamentAt2years



**Bukeyo reading her Rendille New Testament**

**"But as for me, how good is it to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do." Psalm 73:28**



# Marakwet Audio Bible is my Pastor

Teresia Rotich is an elderly lady from the Marakwet community. She usually holds a personal worship service every Sunday outside her house. One day, Rev. Paul Kanda a BTL translator from the community decided to pay her a visit at her home. During this visit Rev. Kanda realized that it had been difficult for Teresia to attend the usual Sunday services because she had been ailing. He also noted that for the past five years, she had been struggling to sing her favorite hymns and read the Scriptures due to her failing eyesight as a result of ageing.



Teresia Rotich (left) during a Sunday service fellowship at her home



Marakwet ladies excitedly peruse through the Book of Genesis in their language during its dedication

It is for these reasons that Rev. Kanda presented her with the Marakwet audio Bible. Upon receiving the audio Bible, she was very grateful to God and to BTL. In her own words, listening to the audio Bible made her feel like she was attending church every day; the Marakwet audio Bible was like her pastor speaking to her.

Since then, other elderly Marakwet ladies from her neighborhood join her to listen to the audio Bible at the Sunday service outside her home.

Together with these audio Bibles, the Marakwet team has been distributing the Book of Genesis in the Marakwet language which was completed and dedicated not long ago to aid the women to study God's word together during their group meetings.

**"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."**

**Romans 10:17 ESV**

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