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Dear Mission Partners,

Good news! The Tonga Talking Bible is ready!

Now there is a new people group in Africa that will have the Good News of the Gospel that brings hope and life.

People who are able to speak and hear Tonga, in the Northern part of Malawi will be able to hear God speaking to them in their mother tongue.

In late October 2009, Talking Bibles partnered with Y-Malawi to train a recording team from Malawi to use our back pack recording studio system. Hamilton Yassin, who is from Malawi, came to Escondido for training along with Pastor Carlos, who serves with Y-Malawi. Hamilton later returned to Malawi with two (2) back pack recording studios. He trained two additional African colleagues in recording techniques. A number of native Tonga speakers were auditioned and a narrator selected. Together the team spent long hours recording a Bible narration of the entire Tonga New Testament. With the editing and production work completed, the recording was sent to Talking Bibles.

We received the Tonga audio New Testament last week. The materials have now been formatted into Talking Bible. New Tonga Talking Bibles are now being prepared. They will be hand carried back to Malawi by short term mission teams traveling to Malawi with the Y-Malawi organization. We praise God for the opportunity to help the Tonga people have access to the Bible through the new Tonga Talking Bible.

Please rejoice with us and give praise to God that this stage of the Tonga Talking Bible project has been completed successfully.

It will be exciting to see how God works in the lives of the people who listen to His Word and open their hearts to Him.

Greetings too from our family! The children, Olivia, Victoria and Julia, are doing well again after a 'bout with colds. They are as happy as ever, for which we give thanks and praise to God.

Thank you for your partnership with Dori and me as we serve with Talking Bibles International. We appreciate your support and prayers.

Because they need to hear,

Paul and Dori Hoekstra,  
Partners-in-Mission  
Talking Bibles

PS I have a full six (6) page report on the Tonga Talking Bible Project which has been drafted by Y-Malawi. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will be happy to forward a copy to you for your perusal.