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Dear Friend,

There are few roads, if any, in the Kenyan bush, and the dirt tracks are more for cattle and goats than for vehicles. Signs of habitation are scarce, for drought has devastated the land. Even the sturdy acacia trees have shed their leaves.

In the middle of this remote area, there is a church. The visiting Faith Comes By Hearing missionary has no idea how the people find it in the middle of the wilderness, but they do. Seemingly from nowhere, people emerge from the bush dressed in their traditional colorful clothing.

When the host tells the people that the missionary has brought them an Audio Bible, their excitement switches on like a light bulb. And when they hear God's Word, spoken in their own language, they begin to laugh, dance and applaud with joy.

Few of these people have learned to read, so this is a marvelous opening of God's Word. Here is the Word of God spoken—not just written—in their own language. Here is the key to standing strong in their faith in an intensely challenging spiritual environment—and they celebrate!

Faith Comes By Hearing is one of Wycliffe Bible Translators' most valued partners. Wycliffe is committed to translating Scripture into the heart language of every people group on earth, and we want to see those translations impacting lives. When Wycliffe translators and their local colleagues complete a New Testament translation, a team from Faith Comes By Hearing travels to that region and works with local speakers to record an audio version of the New Testament.

The dramatic recordings are particularly appealing to people from oral cultures, and listeners are almost instantly drawn into the events and stories that make Scripture spring to life in their hearts and minds.

A young man in Ghana repeatedly hid behind a church to listen to the Audio Bible in his language and to the discussion afterward. The fourth time he did this, he was so touched by God's Word that he walked into the church and accepted Christ. His story is not uncommon. When people hear God's Word in their own language, they know God speaks to them.

Today you have the tremendous opportunity to make translated Scripture accessible, not

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only to the few people in a community who can read, but also to everyone who speaks the local language.

Will you join with us today to bring God's Word to those who need to *hear* it by helping us fund Audio Bible recordings in 18 African languages that Wycliffe and its partners have already translated? The total amount needed for these recordings is \$271,016.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to Wycliffe today. Your gift to fund Audio Bible recordings will provide access to God's Word to those who cannot read it for themselves. It will give them the opportunity to hear God speak to them and come into a vibrant relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Warmly in Christ,



Bob Creson
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P.S. To learn more about Audio Bibles, take a moment to read the enclosed pamphlet. Then prayerfully ask God how He would have you support Wycliffe's partnership in this powerful ministry and use the reply card to send your gift today. Visit our website at www.wycliffe.org/give to listen to an Audio Bible portion produced by Faith Comes By Hearing.