

KR'S STORY: BIBLE SEEDS IN THE KACHHAM LANGUAGE

To keep her safe, we don't use her real name.

→ Pronounced kuh-cham

The Kachham people live in small villages in the hilly countryside of Asia. Kids there spend lots of time outside running in their family's fields, playing with sheep and goats, and selling the food they grow at local markets.

→ Like corn and beans

They also love listening to and telling stories. Just like the stories you read or hear, the stories Kachham people share are about a variety of topics: talking animals, special lakes, brave warriors, and wise farmers.

But the best stories of all, the true ones in the Bible, haven't been told much. They weren't shared in the Kachham language because they needed to be translated. That is changing. Now, Asian translators are working to make Bible stories available to their people.

→ Does that ever scare you?

KR is a 17-year-old storyteller learning to tell God's stories. At first, the young Kachham speaker was afraid to speak about God. She didn't know if friends and family members would understand or actually listen. She wondered if she would get in trouble because talking about the Bible in her country isn't always safe. The more KR has shared stories though, the more she has wanted to continue.

The words were all in a foreign language!

The young Christian gathers with other storytellers to learn translated Bible stories and then looks for opportunities to tell these stories in everyday life. KR shares how God created the world and the beautiful hills of her village. KR talks about the evil snake in the Garden of Eden and how Jesus loves us and came to save us. KR even tells a story Jesus told when He was on earth, about the farmer who planted seeds that fell on different types of soil.

→ In Matthew 13

"I keep telling these stories," says KR. "And because of that, many of my friends and relatives have heard the gospel now." She hopes the words grow in the hearts of those who listen, like the seeds that turn into the trees, flowers, and food in their community. "I am taking every opportunity to share the gospel, believing one day God will bring a great harvest into His kingdom from the Kachham people."

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- KR likes to tell stories. What stories do you and your friends or family share? What are these stories normally about?
- Why was KR afraid to tell Bible stories at first? Are you ever afraid to speak about God or the Bible? If so, why?
- God's Word can be like a seed that is planted in your heart and grows to change your life. What is one Bible story that has grown in you?
- You can be like KR and share Bible stories with others. Who is someone you can tell a story to and what story would you want to tell them?

DIG DEEPER

Can you imagine a garden or field full of the plants and fruit that has grown out of the Bible stories you've heard? Read Matthew 13:1-23. Then draw a picture of the story.

