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Dear Friends of Galcom,

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MegaVoice Update

*...“I am the **VOICE** of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” (John 1:23 NIV- emphasis added)*

Those of us who live in highly literate societies are able to “hear” God’s voice as we prayerfully read the Bible and through it, He speaks to our hearts. Many billions around the world, however, don’t live in literacy-based cultures and so do not have this blessing that we may take for granted. Grant Lovejoy of the International Mission Board has pointed out that there are over 4,000,000,000 people today- mostly overseas- who either cannot read or who prefer to learn by oral means.

Though Dr. Lovejoy’s research is fairly new, God has obviously known and cared about this situation for a long time. His desire to reach the billions of oral learners was perhaps the main reason that He called Galcom into being almost 22 years ago. Since August 15, 1989, Galcom has produced and sent over 860,000 solar-powered Go-Ye Gospel radios to mission fields all over the world. At the same time, our sister organization, MegaVoice, has shipped over 500,000 language-specific solar audio Bibles.

Since our last MegaVoice newsletter in October of 2008, your faithful gifts have enabled us to send thousands of solar rechargeable audio Bibles to thirsty hearers around the world, and there are significant things to report:

Technology update- Design and development work is moving ahead on the exciting, new joint Galcom-MegaVoice solar-powered radio/audio Bible combo unit to be produced in Israel. And MegaVoice has recently launched a new, simpler-to-assemble, smaller solar audio player- the Envoy. This device has all the capability of the venerable Ambassador, but can be field-assembled in developing areas, creating jobs for nationals and generating significant cost savings in customs duties and fees.

Banjara People- We have adopted the Banjara Gypsies of India as a special area of ministry focus. Through your prayers and gifts, the Lord has recently enabled the completion of the audio New Testament in Banjara Gypsy, and the first 1000 new Envoy players have been shipped to India for final assembly and distribution!

Mini Bible College- Thanks to a partnering agreement with International Cooperating Ministries, both Ambassador and Envoy models can now also be loaded with the Mini Bible College in 26 languages! This is a tremendous training tool for equipping emerging, non-literate pastors and leaders.

Kingdom partnerships- We are blessed to cooperate with Gene Davis, Robert Mincks and Dr. JL Williams, among others- impacting Kenya, South Sudan and Nepal with solar audio Bibles and Gospel messages. JL Williams recently emailed: *“Dear Tom...I just returned from Sudan and Kenya last night. While in Kenya I had the joy of strategically deploying the first 20 digital solar players to the Samburu and Turkana tribes. They were absolutely thrilled to have them! I look forward to taking in MANY more on my next trip there. Now I want to order some for my upcoming trip to Nepal....JL”* Praise God for partners like this who work tirelessly to get God’s Word in oral form to the lost and desperate oral learners in remote areas.

Haiti- Haitian Pastor Robert Supreme, who labors in and around Milot village near Cap Haitien, has been particularly grateful to receive audio Bibles in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in 2010. He reports, *“The people that received them said they were their greatest possession...especially the one's that could not read. On several occasions people...waited for hours outside his property to ask for one. The people of Haiti give all that helped a big ‘Thank You’.”*

Please help send more Go-Ye radios and MegaVoice audio Bibles to other ministries around the world giving the non-literate ears to hear the Word of God. Funds specifically designated for MegaVoice go to audio Bible projects. Please continue to support us with prayer and financial gifts. To donate online, go to our website www.galcomusa.com, scroll down and click on “Make a Donation” and follow the prompts or contact our office directly.

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The new smaller, simpler Envoy solar device can now be loaded with the Mini Bible College

Galcom-sponsored Envoy players are being used to disciple the Banjara Gypsies of India



A Sudanese refugee in Kenya is ready to return to his home equipped with a solar talking Bible

Haitian men in Milot displaying their new MegaVoice solar Ambassadors in Creole



These wonderful Turkana nomads of Kenya are hearing God's words in their own language- perhaps for the first time- via a new MegaVoice



Our ministry partner Dr. JL Williams shares Nepali-language MegaVoice players destined for the mountain people with Pastor Dinesh.