

BLIND WITH A DESIRE TO READ THE BIBLE; THE SOLAR RADIO GAVE HIM HOPE



Caleb is a young man of 16 years. He is partially blind. He is not able to read the bible. His whole desire was to be able to read the bible for himself. Perhaps if he was in a town, his parents may have taken him to a braille school. But he comes from very poor parents who live in the interior rural part of Mt. Elgon. I am sure; the parents too, were ignorant of how to help the young man achieve his desire to have a bible and to seek for the truth.

2 months ago, when I had gone to minister in Mt. Elgon, I met Caleb and when I saw that he was visually impaired, I chose to give him the “mini missionary” solar power radio and audio bible in Kiswahili with others who were in the Church.

This past Sunday I was invited to minister in this Church again and Caleb was there seated quietly and paying keen attention to the preaching. Little did I know that he had a testimony which would impact my life. At the end of the service, the programmer asked him to come forward and tell the Church what God had put in his heart. He was brought to the alter and after coughing shyly, he said “my dream to read the bible for myself has come true through listening to the Swahili audio bible”. He went on; I have listened to the whole book of Genesis and hidden it in my heart. I want to recite to you the second Chapter of Genesis. He then began and recited word for word the whole chapter.

When he was finished, I saw many people in the church removing hand kerchiefs to wipe away tears. I guess everyone was asking themselves that If Caleb who is blind can recite a whole chapter when they, who have eyes, cannot read and hide God’s word in their hearts; not even a few verses!

When he finished reciting, I asked him what the secret was. He told me that he could have hidden several books in his heart, were it not that my mother also takes the radio to listen. I gave him an extra radio for himself.

I thought we had finished and he was going to sit down, but no, Caleb was not done yet. He took a chicken under the seat and came back. He announced to the Church that he wanted to bless me because of the solar power radio that has greatly changed his life. I could not hold back my tears. He comes from a poor family and for him to donate the chicken is like the woman who said to Elijah in I Kings 17:12 "... As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die".

I wanted to share this with you, because you are part of the friends and partners that have prayerfully supported the ministries of Faith Radio and Imani Ministries. What you have done is not in vain. God is touching and bringing lives to Himself through your prayers and giving.