

## **Stories of Jesus for Low-level Readers around the World**

ProLiteracy is seeking the advice of faith-based organizations that are involved with adult education. We are exploring the possibility of re-publishing materials that incorporate the Story of Jesus, as written for adult learners by Dr. Frank Laubach. In the early days of Laubach Literacy International, Laubach traveled to more than 100 countries helping to start adult literacy campaigns and develop materials in local languages. In many of these countries, he partnered with faith-based organizations, individuals, and churches to develop materials teaching basic literacy. One of the most popular of these materials was a booklet called The Story of Jesus, designed as adult-literacy primers based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. As Laubach's ground-breaking literacy work expanded beyond faith-based communities, these successful Bible-based literacy manuals gradually fell out of print. As the successor of Frank Laubach's adult literacy mission and heritage, ProLiteracy recognizes there is a growing new generation of adult new readers worldwide who would greatly benefit from an updated version of these outstanding Christian literacy materials.

Translated into more than 30 languages, these easy-to-read books helped new readers around the world learn to read while learning about the life of Jesus Christ. The booklets use illustrations, key vocabulary words, and simple language that have been adapted for each country/language and are presented in a series of four booklets. Today, ProLiteracy has archived 55 different versions of these primers to teach reading and writing using The Story of Jesus.

In addition to Dr. Frank Laubach's literacy materials for faith-based organizations, our co-founder, Ruth Colvin also developed a resource to teach basic reading and writing called In the Beginning Was the Word. This book uses step-by-step techniques for using Biblical materials to teach students to read and write. The techniques rely on Bible stories, hymns, and other church related prose, but avoid proselytizing. Video script and reproducible handouts for trainees are also included.