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IBS MAKES ARABIC SCRIPTURE PORTIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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The Internet is proving to be a valuable tool for spurring people in Muslim nations to download and read the Bible. The In ternational Bible Society (IBS) has placed recorded portions of Scripture in Arabic on its website. IBS officials say peopl e in Muslim countries are downloading Scriptures at record rates.

Â"If people hear GodÂ's Word in their own language and their own dialect, it has more impact,Â" says IBS spokesman D wight Anderson. Muslim believers who are technologically savvy can also download the recordings and Â"play them to a number of other friends or associates that donÂ't have the technical capability or the literacy to do that.Â"

More than 20 hours of Arabic resources are now available online. "ItÂ's our hope and prayer that people would know w here these resources are and that they would be able to use them and make them available to people they run into," A nderson said.