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Tibetan Miracle

Tashi travelled from his Tibetan village, perched on the Himalayan mountains, to the city to attend Buddhist school. He left his wife and family behind and set about preparing himself to become a lama (Buddhist priest). While studying Tashi met a Christian man and started hearing the Gospel for the first time. He was confused about the different things he was learning about Buddhism and Christianity.

Buddhist school. He then volunteered to work in a Christian children's home.

In 2011 GRN entered into a partnership with the Bible Society of Australia. This allowed the GRN team to distribute large quantities of recordings and picture books. GRN had recordings in Tashi's own language. Tashi returned to his village with medicine, old clothes, and this time with GRN recordings in his village's own language along with picture books to illustrate the message.



Tibetan graves

Tashi returned to his village and was keen to share his new discovery with them. The villagers knew that he was now a Christian and would not allow him to come home. So Tashi went back the city. Some of the villagers were unable to keep their children and Tashi soon had four children living with him. It was at this point that GRN staff met Tashi. He was unable to support himself but was caring for these children. He was also going back to his village, taking clothes and medicine, and trying to take the Gospel as well – without success.

Hearing the good news in their own language, the villagers welcomed Tashi home and listened with great interest. It was the first time he had been welcomed back. The villagers gave him a place to stay. They were so keen to have their own Sabers and picture books that they traded eggs and chickens to get their own copy of the Gospel message from him.

Tashi went back to his village soon afterwards with vegetable seeds, clothes, medicine, and more recordings and picture books. Donkeys were hired for the long and arduous trek along narrow



Tibetan village

He soon met a second Christian who told the same story as the first and Tashi decided that he needed to understand Christianity. He took a two month break from his studies to investigate the Gospel more seriously. Tashi put his faith in Jesus Christ and never returned to

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mountain trails. Two donkeys lost their footing and fell off the trail – they and their loads were never seen again.

They arrived in the village and were welcomed along with their cargo. People continued to hear the good news with great interest. Soon the



Tibetan village

chief lama realised that Tashi was bringing Christianity into his village. He was angry. Tashi, along with the message, were again banished.

However, 11 young men wanted to learn more. They left the village and met with Tashi in the city for two weeks of intensive instruction in the Gospel. At the end of the time, seven wanted to be baptised. When the day of the baptisms came a strike was called in the city. There

was no way they could reach the church to be baptised. A bath was found, but it leaked, so plastic sheeting was found to line the tub. Finally all was ready and the seven young Tibetan men were baptised and the event was celebrated.

The men went home. As they approached their village they were stopped and forbidden to enter. They called their GRN friend. He didn't know what to do and so they prayed. Tashi decided that he was going back to his village and if they killed him he would die. He set off on the journey.

Two days from home he met the recently baptised men who accompanied him. When they arrived at the village, the chief lama was drunk. He pulled out his Gurkha knife (normal part of a man's clothing) and went to stab Tashi. As he swung the knife he fell off the cliff edge he was standing near. Tashi and the new Christians climbed down, rescued the drunken lama, dressed his wounds and carried him to his house. The lama's family was very impressed that they and not the other villagers came to his aid. When the chief lama came

to and understood what had happened, his heart was softened.

The recently baptised men were allowed to return to their families. The chief lama came to faith in Christ soon after this event and the entire village soon followed his lead. Today three Tibetan villages are Christian as a result of these events. The villagers are now taking the good news to a fourth village. A mission agency has helped the village construct a church building. The children's home where Tashi worked is now providing a safe place and education for more than twenty children in the city.

Tashi died a year or so ago. Leaders had been prepared in these villages and so the church continues to grow. We at GRN give thanks to God for the part He has enabled us to play in these events. Praise the Lord.



*Christine Platt
CEO*

Thank you God...



The trainers and trainees

Nine trainees completed a six week recordist training course held in Thailand late last year. They came

from Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Philippines and Thailand. We look forward to many life saving and life

transforming messages being produced by them over the coming years. It is exciting!

Elise Cooper is a trained educator. She has been working on the course curriculum, training the trainers, and producing online content for several years now. As a teacher who knows little about recording she has the challenge of enabling recordists, who know little about training, to train well.

We praise God as He has brought together a team of educators to produce the content and a team of

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trainers with a real heart to teach the trainees what they need to know. Pray for these two groups as they work together for the good of the trainees they all want to see as well prepared as they can possibly be for the work they do.



Graham Schabel with some trainees

Graham Schabel is responsible for our recordists' kits amongst other things. He spent time with nearly all the trainees before the course. He taught them how to use the new audio recorder. He made sure their computers were working well and they could access all the computer systems they need. At the training course he was able to fix any technical problems as they occurred. This enabled the course to run smoothly.

All the trainees had been on a recording trip before the course. Their directors helped them to prepare. Some trainees studied English before they came. They all took the time to do their online courses and communicate with



Hands-on training

each other and those GRN personnel who will help them in their role as recordists. They felt they knew each other and the trainers before the course, which was a real bonus.

The trainers met together in Australia a few months earlier, where they looked at the curriculum and made plans for the course. This helped the trainers to prepare their sessions and ensure that the important topics were identified and included in the course. The trainers on this course came from Kenya, UK, Australia and Thailand.

The course was held in the GRN Thai office. The Thai team were almost completely dedicated to the running of the course for the six

weeks. They provided meals, accommodation, transport, entertainment and help when needed. The Thai office had lots of work to do beforehand too. Helping the trainees and trainers obtain visas was a challenge and far from straightforward. They did an awesome job with wonderful reports being received about their hospitality.

Jon Rulison is both the Thai Director and co-ordinator of recordist training. He not only oversaw the efforts of the Thai team but he also oversaw the running of the course. His life was made even more interesting with last minute changes to the available trainers which meant late changes to the course program.

Over the six weeks of the course, the Australian GRN office prayed for the training course daily. It is so exciting to see real progress being made in an area where we have been praying and working hard for several years. Please pray with us as we pray for the trainees as they go out and record and put their training into practice. Pray too for God to use the recordings they make to bring people to faith and build God's Church.



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You are invited to join us at our family camp!

Saturday 16th March 2019
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We look forward to seeing you!

Future Church Leaders



During the first week of December last year, over 2,000 university students from around Australia and overseas descended on the Australian Capital Territory for the annual Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) National Training Event (NTE). The students came together for 5 days to study the Bible and engage with dozens of mission agencies and Bible colleges.

GRN has been part of NTE for the last 3 years and produced a display aimed at showing the students the role GRN has played over the past 80 years in modifying and inventing hand-wind audio players. Students also gave money towards recordings we plan to do later this year in 12 languages in Madagascar, and committed to pray for the process of making those recordings. Many of these

students will play a significant role in the church in Australia in years to come. It was a privilege for GRN to play a role in helping them discern God's leading in their lives. Please pray for these students as they work through how God is calling them to serve Him in the future – maybe some of them will serve with GRN!

TESTIMONY FROM INDIA

"Thank you for your translation, we are very glad to hear this kinds [sic] of stories. We are Rohingya Christian Assembly who are in India New Delhi."

TESTIMONY FROM GHANA

From a Bowiri language speaker: "I'm much excited when I listened to the audio. It's very good we read and explain the Bible in our own language for deep understanding. I thank you all for this great job."

About Global Recordings Network

We exist to give everyone the opportunity to hear the story of Jesus in their own heart language.

Previous Names - Gospel Recordings and Language Recordings

Our Vision

That people might hear and understand God's Word in their heart language, especially those who are oral communicators and those who do not have Scriptures in a form they can access.

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We continually trust God to provide the funds necessary to meet GRN's ongoing needs. We ask you to pray with us that God would continue to provide for the GRN General Fund so we can continue to complete the work He has set before us.

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