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Shining Light into Togo

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Togo is a small West African nation. Our team there is focussing upon an area with few Christians for the next year or so. The people are scared of evil spirits and often make sacrifices in an attempt to appease them. Although they want to be delivered from the fear and control of these evil spirits, even after turning to Christ, people often continue with their old practices.

A few years ago Assam* moved to the area. He is a carpenter and tentmaking missionary who serves with GRN. He sensed God's call to bring the Gospel to these people, but he had a problem; he could not speak their languages and the people could not speak his!

He found an interpreter who told him that there were no true Christians in the area. The first missionary got sick and died. His wife took over and also died. Then their two children tried to continue the work of their parents and they died too. Since then a cult came and

planted a church that doesn't preach Jesus. That's why nobody talks about Jesus there.

The repetitive deaths are mysterious. The villagers are afraid that if they come to Christ then they will suffer the same fate as the missionaries. They are afraid of the evil spirits they serve. They think they will not be protected. Those who detach themselves from the fetishes are subject to evil spiritual attacks from everywhere, especially from their own family. The devil doesn't let his prey get away easily. Assam has been clearly targeted by the enemy.

Assam finances almost all of his activities himself; an evangelist convinced that God has called him to this particular village. He works as a carpenter, saves some money, and then goes to the village. When the money is gone, he looks for a job, works again, saves as much as he can, and goes back to the village to serve the Lord.

After a year of the Lord blessing his work, Assam had the joy of seeing some of the villagers acknowledging the Lord Jesus. They want to know more about Jesus. They want to be delivered from the evil spirits that torment them. Hardened hearts, rooted in occult practices for so long, are now touched and let some light shine upon them. Joyfully,



Women and children worshipping

Assam sees a little bit of hope in them. The church is growing; most of the people had never heard about Jesus before. The cult leader became a fierce opponent and has begun persecuting the fledgling church.

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This new church is entirely composed of women and children. Men do not want to take the step of embracing a new faith, they prefer letting their wives and children go. Our team is thankful for that. Even though they rejoice to see conversions, they are concerned about the syncretism (mixing Christian and animist practices). Almost all maintain a tie with a fetish or occult practice or ritual.

They are ready to listen to the messages and go to church, yet they have a hard time letting go of some of the old practices that tie them to demons. The challenge now is to teach them to truly trust Jesus in every circumstance.

Our GRN team plans on recording Gospel messages in all the languages spoken in this region and distributing them through the

villages. The messages will proclaim the good news and touch the specific needs of different villages. Follow up visits will train pastors and evangelists in the use of GRN recordings and encourage them in their work. It is also hoped that Assam can be supported so he can pastor the church he planted full time.

**Actual name withheld for security reasons*

Shining Light into Kenya



Walter Okelo went back to West Kenya to see how the Wanga and Marama recordings had been received. He visited many different churches and denominations. The people loved the recordings and wished they had received them earlier!

One Wanga speaking pastor loaned an mp3 player and picture books to a family that never went to church and were involved in witchcraft. He asked them to listen to the message when they could and to return the player and flipchart on Sunday through their child.

To his surprise, the man, his wife and 17 year old daughter came into the church on the Saturday night during a fellowship meeting. Many in the congregation were afraid of them because of the witchcraft. They came right up to the pulpit area and knelt down. The church burst into worship songs. All of a

sudden the man shouted, "Pastor, it's time for my family to stop our behaviour and accept Jesus. We want to give Him our love and our peace too. We are also children of Israel, let Him save us now, we have no peace in our home and we are here, come and pray for us." The man fell on his stomach prostrate while his wife kept crying and rolling on the ground helplessly saying "Jesus, here I am! Jesus, here I am!" To cut a long story short, he received salvation with his wife and daughter. Today they are most supportive of the work of God and active members of the church.

This pastor thanks God for GRN materials. His prayer is that God would give GRN the strength and grace to reach as many people as possible in this world.

Pastors in West Kenya said that GRN recordings helped increase the

size of their congregations, Sunday Schools and youth groups. People love hearing God's word in their own tribal language. People, young and old, were bringing their neighbours to see the pictures and listen to the message in their mother tongue – and some have come to faith.

One Sunday School teacher said that the materials helped the children to learn because it was in their mother tongue. She also said that the children wanted to be like the mighty men in the Bible. She had noticed an improvement in their behaviour.

It is encouraging to hear of people wanting to listen, coming to faith, and becoming more like Christ as they hear the story of Jesus in their own language.

The End of an Era



Over the last few weeks we have re-evaluated the Saber II project. Progress was slow and circumstances have changed. The market is dwindling and we couldn't find enough potential customers. The result is that we will not go ahead with a new model of the Saber. We will continue to provide parts and service for existing players.

GRN Australia has been in the business of designing and manufacturing players from our

very beginning. Until now there has always been a need to produce a hand wind player so that people could hear the story of Jesus in their language. There are now so many different options out there which allow people to hear our recordings that we don't believe we need to produce our own player.

Give thanks with us for the many talented inventors and the dedicated staff and volunteers who have produced thousands upon thousands of players in the Australian office.

Please pray for 5fish, access to recordings from our website, and provision of suitable players so people can continue to access GRN recordings and audio-visual messages.



*Christine Platt
CEO*

Shining Light into Ukraine

The Ukraine has been at war with Russia for several years now and living conditions are deteriorating in the country. Humanitarian aid has been forbidden along with restrictions being placed upon all Evangelical Churches in one particular region. Many people with disabilities and children are abandoned and without help. In partnership with the Mission to Hope, our GRN team in Belgium has been working with local churches over several years to bring material and spiritual aid to people living in these very difficult conditions in this region.

They were able to provide DVDs to a sizeable deaf community of "The Living Christ" in Eastern European sign language, which is understood in all ex-Soviet Union countries. They continue to develop Christian resources in sign language. They were also able to provide GRN recordings on mp3 players to various churches which will give people greater opportunity to hear the Good News and grow in understanding and faith.

Our team were touched by the vision of their Ukrainian brothers and sisters who, in spite of their own

difficulties, fervently desire to help the poorest people who are often neglected by society: abandoned children, the deaf, the blind and those with poor eyesight and other disabilities. They seemed to hear the Lord's voice, so close to them:

"Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."
(Mat 25:40 ESV)

Shining Light into Thailand



After receiving an urgent request to go and pray for a family who had received Christ, GRN Thailand team member, Lot, traveled to Maehongson province in February with a team of Karen Sgaw ministry partners.

The GRN Motorbike Gospel Team (MGT) visited this family for the first time 4 years ago. There were no Christians in this village. Two years ago the MGT visited this family again and gave them an MP3 player with the Good News recording in Karen Sgaw. After receiving the recording, the family listened to it over and over until recently the

husband and wife decided to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

The family contacted the MGT and asked the team to go and pray for them. With this good news, Lot and the Karen team didn't waste any time, but went to visit the family. The journey was 9 hours and the team was so encouraged when they arrived and heard the couple's testimony. The couple shared that they didn't understand everything on the recording but the one thing they understood clearly, and was the cause for their decision to receive Christ, was their understanding that God is the great Creator. Previously,

they sacrificed pigs and chickens to the spirits who live in the trees and rivers, and to various demons. Now they understand that God is the Creator of all of these things and therefore He is the only one they should worship.

The MGT had a time of worship and prayer to God for this new believing couple and presented them to the church in a nearby village to look after. The team also visited other families in the couple's village who are interested in the Good News about God. Praise God for His evident work in the lives of the Karen Sgaw people in this village.

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led to give



Good News to Togo

The GRN team in Togo is making a concerted effort over the next 18 months to take the Gospel to areas of the country where there are very few Christians. The team intends to support the work of their volunteer in this area, Assam, and help to build on the foundation God has laid through his work.

We estimate this project will cost at least \$6,000AUD which will go towards some of Assam's expenses, allowing him to be more active in building relationships, as well as travel costs for the GRN Togo team to make and distribute recordings. Please pray with us that God would provide the funds so that we can take the story of Jesus to people living in the most remote parts of Togo.

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can change lives

Like many mission organisations, we can benefit greatly when friends make a final gift that continues to bless the ministries they have generously supported in life. Once you have made proper and primary provision for family and friends this can be a very effective way to go on making a difference to the church on earth when you have joined the church in glory! If you would like to consider this option in your Will please contact the GRN office on 02 9899 2211 or we have some information on our website: www.globalrecordings.net/au-bequests.

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