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Computers Spreading Good News



Computers are vital to our studio work

Having missed my connection I found myself sitting in a hotel restaurant in Johannesburg, South Africa. It was quiet and I struck up a conversation with my waiter. He was a young man from Zimbabwe. I discovered that he spoke the Shona language.

While he was gone I opened up 5fish on my phone and downloaded the Good News in Shona. When he returned, I played the recording. I didn't have to ask him if he understood the language. His smile answered my question. He was so happy to hear his own language while he was so far from home.

I explained to him that the 5fish app was free and available from the Google Playstore. He was really excited and planned to tell all of his family back in Zimbabwe so that they could listen too!

Computers are such an essential tool for us to record the good news and then to share it;

Recording: our modern day recording machines are basically a computer which captures the audio signal from a microphone and stores it on a memory card.

Editing and Programing: our recordist then transfers the audio from the memory card onto a computer where they can edit the audio, make it sound better, remove unwanted noise (like crowing roosters), and put it together in a program.

Transport: until recently, our recordists put their finished program onto a CD or SD card and posted it to the studio in Australia or the USA. But today almost all of them can connect to the internet and send the finished product

directly to the studio in a matter of minutes. No more lost packages!

Processing: our studio receives the new program electronically. The studio technicians check the audio quality of the program and send feedback to the recordist to help them improve their skills. They then enter the new program into the database and our audio archive.

Production: automated computer systems then convert the program into a number of audio and video formats so people wanting to use the recording can access it in the format and on the device they desire.

Distribution: the recording in its various formats is made available. It can be downloaded from our websites, 5fish app or loaded onto a media library (a hard disk drive loaded with hundreds or thousands of recordings).

We have every hope that the work done and the relationships built by people using these computers have

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resulted in many thousands of people hearing God's word in the language they understand best. We pray for God's work in their hearts and minds to bring them to faith as GRN recordings are played and audio-visuals watched. Our hope is based on 72,633 hours of audio Gospel messages downloaded from GRN computer systems in 5,563 different languages and dialects last year. Romans 10:17 assures us that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Here are a couple of messages we received from our website:

Feedback from Program C22740 Mende Good News Sierre Leone: It

is absolutely wonderful to know there is an audio scripture of The Holy Bible and be able to listen to the preaching of The Holy Bible in different languages in Sierra Leone especially in Kono Language, really astonishing to me. Thank you.

Feedback from Program C81752 Bembe Good News Tanzania: The message/video has been very useful to me and other listeners. Firstly, it impressed me to hear the word of God in my own language. Besides, it has been a good tool in reaching my relatives with good news of Christ. God bless you.

We thank God for our computer systems and the people who look

after them and use them. Here in the Australian office we have some aging computer equipment that needs replacing: servers, switches, storage, computers and screens. The total cost of all this is \$44,900.

Please pray for God's provision for this equipment and prayerfully consider if you can help.



Christine Platt
CEO

Recording in Madagascar



Joel with local language helpers

For 15 years, GRN South Africa has been trying to make recordings in 12 languages spoken in Madagascar. We are so grateful to God that recordings have now been made. Translations of the GRN Good News and Look, Listen and Live scripts have been completed in several languages. Further translations in the other languages are being planned. Joel, our GRN recordist in Southern Africa, has just returned from making several recordings.

He writes: "In Antananarivo, recording on the day I arrived, we recorded the book of Acts in

Ntandroy ... After a week we headed south on a 25-hour journey, arriving in Toliara ... where we are recording Bible story sets in Ntandroy and Bara. This is just the start of more than a dozen languages that have been translated or hope to be translated in Madagascar. There are similarities between these languages and official Malagasy (most churches use official Malagasy Bibles) but it's important relationally and personally to reach out to people in their mother tongue. We have university students serve as our speakers. They come from all over Madagascar, but we have easy access to them here.



Prayer requests:

- *speed, accuracy and life in our recordings;*
- *that the people I train to record would be able to operate on their own, and find satisfaction in it;*
- *that God would give us wisdom to plan schedules, that we would understand and meet his priorities;*
- *that the lives of those involved here would be elevated and made sweeter."*

Please continue to pray for Joel and the rest of the team as they tell the story of Jesus in 12 languages in Madagascar.

Recording in Georgia



Joan and Kenny McKee¹ flew to Tbilisi, Georgia, to record in several languages including Georgian and Mingrelian. After planning the recordings for over a year it turned out to be an amazing and blessed time.

The country is beautiful with amazing mountains, lakes and wonderful scenery. Georgia is a small eastern European country of five million people. It was part of the USSR from 1921 until gaining independence again in 1991.

Pastor Charles and his wife Nina welcomed them at their church. The couple oversee and reach out to a local congregation within which are many who have escaped their own countries because of persecution. Many don't have jobs and find it difficult to survive, but this church brings them under their care. Many who attend have become Christians

since joining and have been encouraged in their new faith.

The majority of churches are Georgian Orthodox and around 80% of the population would say they were Orthodox. Most don't attend services except for special occasions. Tensions at times can run high against the evangelical churches which many call cults. Opportunities to build or expand evangelical churches is difficult because of this. The church Kenny and Joan met is very proactive in lots of different ministries and this was wonderful to see.

The church allowed Kenny and Joan to use their basement Sunday School room as their recording studio. This worked out really well. They were able to make seven new recordings in five different languages. They said it was a great thrill to record with these lovely people in their own languages. It was

also great to hear of God's faithfulness to them.

Another highlight during their time in Georgia was visiting a local village where the Church runs a kid's club two days a week. The poverty is evident, but the people are so welcoming and generous with their hospitality. Kenny and Joan loved meeting them all and were sad to say goodbye to the many friends they made. They hope to visit again in the future to do more recordings. Praise the Lord for taking Kenny and Joan there and home again safely and for all the lovely people they got to meet. Pray too that the recordings will prove useful in outreach and building up the church.

¹Kenny is the GRN UK Director



Update from Myanmar

A team of four from Australia travelled to Chin state where they participated in a church conference. Nellie, Mavis and Bridgett helped with the children's program and introduced them to GRN recordings and picture books. Frank was a keynote speaker and he and our Myanmar team visited surrounding churches to present the ministry of GRN and encourage them to use our recordings in their outreach.



Update from The Philippines

Our GRN team travelled to Mindoro Island where they have recorded several of the indigenous languages spoken on that island. They are now working on the editing and programming of those recordings. The recordings will be checked in readiness for a distribution outreach program planned for early next year.

Tumi Tiger



A new and improved Tumi Tiger has been developed in partnership with Megavoice. Tumi is a toy tiger with a pouch that holds a portable mp3 player containing audio recordings. The recordings are in English and designed for traumatised children. Tumi is delightful, speaks for four hours and addresses several causes of trauma. She also befriends the child and tells them about God. Tumi could be a useful resource for churches and other Christian

organisations who may come into contact with children in trauma situations.

We currently have 8 of the old version of Tumi (with the players) for purchase at a special price of \$50.00 plus postage and handling.

Go to www.tumitiger.com for more details. Could your church have a Tumi at the ready, waiting for a child in need?



Update from our recording teams

Bangladesh and Pakistan: our teams have been recording in a couple of languages and have been out on several distribution trips.



Update from Australia and Kenya

Yousif (Australia) and Walter (Kenya) have visited refugee camps in Uganda. They have distributed Sabers and picture charts and trained church leaders in their use. Yousif is also recording in several languages spoken in the camps.

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.

Our Mission

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audio-visual materials in every language.

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If you feel led to give



New Computers

Our computer systems are vital to the ministry of GRN. The recording process requires computers, processing the new recordings and putting them into an accessible form requires computers, and distributing the finished product also requires computers.

GRN Australia has some aging computer equipment that needs replacing, including: storage servers, desktop and laptop computers, switches, monitors and network equipment.

The total cost of replacing our computer equipment is \$44,900. Please pray that God will provide the funds needed for GRN to replace its aging computer equipment.

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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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