

# Every Language

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## In the midst of Covid-19

We live in very interesting times! May you know God's peace and comfort in the midst of this coronavirus crisis and keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus as our lives are turned upside down. GRN continues to function in Australia. About two thirds of our people are not here. They are either staff working from home or older volunteers who are staying safe at home because of the heightened risk to their health. The rest of us continue coming into the office. Our computer systems continue to make our recordings and audio visuals available to the world. We continue to send out mp3 players and picture books. Our studios continue to process new recordings as they come in from around the world (many recordists are busy at home editing and programming their work) and giving old recordings a new lease of life.

I am very thankful that all GRN overseas staff were well at the time of writing and the majority were staying at home according to government directions. Some work from home. Some go to the office as usual. Some are just waiting it out.

We have heard no reports of emergencies amongst them.

We are concerned for our people in nations with few resources and little health care. We have people in Africa, Asia and Latin America — please pray for them. Many countries are experiencing significant inflation and shortages as people buy extra food in preparation for lock down and in the midst of uncertainty.

*The apostle James wrote in chapter two, verse 14-18: What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."*

*Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.*

As an expression of love and solidarity, we are preparing to help GRN workers and volunteers in need during this crisis. If you would like to join us and help our people at this difficult time please make a donation marked: "Covid Relief".

Our USA office is facing unexpected challenges as their move to Arizona has coincided with current events. Please pray for them as everything is more difficult with 'stay at home orders' in effect in both states.

*As you pray please also pray for revival. Pray for the good news to be proclaimed around the world. Pray for God's work in human hearts to bring conviction of sin, repentance, and saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Ask our Lord to guide people to GRN resources in their own language as they search the internet.*

*May our Lord bless you and keep you,*



Christine Platt  
CEO

# The Gospel Arrives at the Truck Stop

From GRN USA



I'm Michael DeBay and I am the lead Chaplain here at the Ontario branch of California Transport for Christ ministry. We are an international network with chapels all over the world. Our ministry is to lead truck drivers, as well as the trucking community, to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith.

Most missionaries have to leave the comforts of their home and the comforts of their countries, but in our case the world comes to us. Truck drivers are all over the United States and they never know where they're going to be from one day to the next. It's not easy for them to just pull up to a church and park and go to the service because they never know where they're going to be.

So for the last 60 years, we have taken a 53-foot trailer, converted into a unique chapel, and we hold services every night and weekends. We try to be as visible as possible. An eight-foot high illuminated cross

sits on top of this trailer, with another on the front of the trailer.

We're open every day working with truck drivers and also a lot of homeless people because that's the type of people that you'll find inside a truck stop.

We go through a 33-acre truck stop where there could be anywhere from 5 to 600 trucks. We'll walk or drive through it very carefully and get out and make contacts. We let the truckers know when we're having services and we'll ask them if they'd like to come.

You'd be surprised how somebody will say, "I'm a Muslim," and let us know in a firm way they are Muslim. But we tell everyone in a very nice loving way, "God bless you, and we don't care what you are, we're just having a church service and you're welcome to come."

I was introduced to Global Recordings Network (GRN) a couple of years ago and they have been such a help. GRN gives us the Gospel stories on CDs in different languages.

Probably 70 percent of the drivers do not speak English, or if they do, it's very broken. Now when they come in, I'll ask them, "What's your

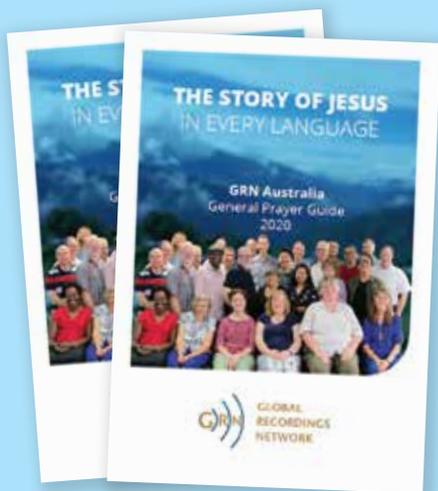
native language?" We're able to give them the Gospel in their language because of the GRN recordings and the resources, like the CDs. Every driver has a CD player. So it works out great.

Most of the languages that we have on CD are languages I'd never even heard of until now. We're just so excited to be able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people from another country where it may be against the law for them to even hear about Jesus. For example, we have a lot of people here from Saudi Arabia, believe it or not, and we have CDs in their language now.

I remember meeting two black gentlemen who had said in their broken English, "Do you have anything in our language?" I asked them if they were Christians, and they said, "Yes, we believe in Jesus. Do you have something for us? Something in our language?"

I brought them to our trailer chapel and let them go through all our CDs. They saw a CD that was labelled Good News – Swahili, Tanzania audio CD, and they were so excited. I gave each of them a copy.

Michael DeBay | Chaplain  
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## GRN Australia General Prayer Guide

GRN Australia has updated our General Prayer Guide. The guide provides details about our staff in Australia and overseas staff attached to our Australian office. It also provides information about our volunteer teams.

If you would like us to post you a copy, please send an email with your name and postal details to: [au@globalrecordings.net](mailto:au@globalrecordings.net) or phone the office on 02 9899 2211.

# Village Storyteller Tells a New Story

From GRN Thailand



GRN Thailand team at work

Listen as one of our field recordists tells the amazing story of how God used her and her husband's work to bring villagers to Christ:

"Hi, my name is Von. I joined Global Recordings Network (GRN) after I married my husband, Kerry, more than 15 years ago. I go to villages to help him with communication and translation. I also care for people in the villages because I was a nurse in my home country, so I am able to share concern about the physical and the spiritual needs of people I meet.

When Kerry and I went to survey the Yoy people, we did not know where to find them. We prayed a lot, but we couldn't find them until the last minute. Finally I met one grandpa about 80 years old who said, "I'm Yoy." Even though he was not a believer, he was so happy that we had come and that we were

interested in them. Through him, we met many people.

One man's name was Uthon [pronounced oo-ton] and he was the village storyteller for the Yoy people there. He knew that we were Christian and said, "No, I cannot help you now."

We knew that in their culture, they have a story about a man and woman in the beginning of time, so we began with scripts telling the story of creation. We prayed silently and finally, he received the script and agreed to help us. So, after a lot of struggle, he helped us tell the story in the Yoy language.

All this time, we did not know Uthon was not well. One day we came in, he saw us, but he cried. He had suffered a stroke and could not walk anymore. He told us, "Please help

me!" Again, we told him about Jesus, and he said he believed. He even said, "I believe in Jesus and also I want to serve him." We were so happy for that!

We continued to pray for him, and not long before we left one day, he could walk again! Then he started going out to the village, walking through the street, and telling others about Jesus. He helped us record Book Six of "Look, Listen, and Live" about Jesus the Saviour, Healer, and Teacher. His voice is on the recording today.

When Kerry finished the editing process, we gave Uthon the recordings and he listened every day — he turned the volume up very loud. Later his health failed again, and people told us he could not recognize anyone anymore. But when he saw my husband Kerry, wow, he did! He put his arm around Kerry's neck for a hug and smiled at him.

We believe that he was a believer when he went to be with the Lord. One day we will see him again in heaven."

## MemoryLink



MemoryLink is an easy to use hand-held audio player containing over 100 recorded hymns, choruses, Bible verses and prayers from the childhood memories of Australian seniors.

It was developed to assist ageing Christians, perhaps unable to attend regular worship, or suffering from memory loss or dementia. Research shows that memories from younger days are often retained, especially music memories, even when a person suffers dementia. They can be

reawakened using music and other material from a person's past.

These memories often provide comfort, joy and hope to people with memory loss, and give encouragement to their carers.

More information about Memory Link can be found at:

[www.memorylink.org.au](http://www.memorylink.org.au)

or by contacting 02 9484 7030

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# The Door Bell Rings!

*Dalene Joubert, GRN Southern Africa*



The door bell rings. A neighbour in crisis? Everyone scrambles to get necessities before lock down starts. I open the gate. Before me stands a woman in her late twenties. I expect she'll ask for money - that's usually the case.

"How can I help? I'm sorry; I have no cash on me today, but you have to

make haste. Do you have a home?" Tears start to run down her cheeks.

"No Ma'am, I don't want money, and I have a home. I'm helping my family. Don't you remember me?" I had to admit I couldn't remember.

"Almost a year ago I came to you, and you helped me with food, clothes and you gave me an audio Bible in a little canister. It changed me. Look at me."

She touches her face and hair. "Free of drugs. Look at me. I'm clean. I've got dignity now. God gave me dignity... I now know who I am. I am on my way home now before lock down, but I passed by and wanted to come and thank you. Thank you for helping me and giving me that Bible. If you do have old clothes you don't need any more; I can use that to help my family."

"Wait!" I said. Somewhat startled I ran back inside, thinking: 'I gave her those clothes, food and a Bible with absolutely no expectation' - feeling somewhat ashamed about that now.

I grab a piece of clothing and back outside I say: "Please be safe, and look after yourself. Thank you for coming back."

It was only back inside the house I started to really process what just happened. I remembered that face now, the old one: the despair, the hurt, the hopelessness. There was no way I could have recognised the new face I just saw. I was bowled over - it was so... significant, out of this world...

Never again will I underestimate the smallest investment I make in others.

Never again will I take lightly the liberating power of the Word of God, our Supreme Creator. If He could turn my eyes to see Him for who He really is: the Source of love, hope and restoration, He can really do it for everyone else...

## **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**

*In partnership with the church, to effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ by means of culturally appropriate audio and*

*audio-visual materials in every language.*

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*ministry. Contact us for more information, or download them for free today [www.globalrecordings.net](http://www.globalrecordings.net) [www.5fish.mobi](http://www.5fish.mobi) (mobile apps)*

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If you feel led to give



## GRN COVID Relief

Many GRN staff in Africa, Asia and Latin America are experiencing a significant increase in their cost of living as people buy extra food in preparation for the uncertainty to come.

GRN is providing additional funds to help our workers overseas meet these increased living costs during this crisis. If you feel led to give please help by making a donation to GRN, marking it 'COVID Relief' in the reference, or by ticking the 'COVID Relief' box on the reverse of this form accompanied by your payment information.

Please continue to pray for GRN staff world-wide, that God would provide for them and their families, and that they would continue being effective sharing about Jesus with those around them.

A bequest 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](http://www.globalrecordings.net/au-bequests).

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