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God at Work in the Midst of a Pandemic

As I write I am thankful for God's enabling of GRN Australia to continue serving Him here in Australia and to continue our support of several GRN centres around the world.

Some staff work from home, others come into the office and some move between office and home. Our studio, IT and administrative staff are working normally. We are keeping in touch with churches in Australia but not visiting much and recording opportunities are limited to people we can find in Sydney.

Have a look at our video:
globalrecordings.net/en/covid19-update

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are thankful for God's ongoing and faithful provision and enjoy meeting together online each day to pray. We continue to take seriously praying for the church and revival in Australia as well as for our daily work and God's use of our resources to reach people with the Gospel in over 6,000 languages and dialects.

We continue to be encouraged by news from overseas that shows God is using GRN to advance His kingdom in the world. Here are a few of the more recent stories we have heard:

India



As lockdown began, GRN made its Sunday School materials freely available. We received this email from a gentleman living in a remote part of India:

"I am writing to you with a grateful heart and appreciation while using your free download Sunday School Study Materials. During this global pandemic, the government declared a nation-wide lockdown in March, so most students, particularly below

eighth grade, returned from school and boarding to their homes.

Hundreds of kids from my village, and around my village, were left to do nothing. There was no school and not even a Bible study. My Pastor and I decided that we should at least do something for the kids by teaching them the Bible.

I came to town where an internet facility is available. I looked for free Bible study material and found yours. I downloaded and printed the lessons and returned home. We went from village to village, church to church, and met the leaders. We approached them saying that kids should be taught the Bible because during this time of stress and trial, kids need to be comforted. They need to be rooted only in the Word of God because with God there is hope.

Eleven churches happily accepted the idea and regular Sunday Schools have started since the 7th June, 2020. A total of 180 students are attending Sunday School in eleven churches. On behalf of my church I

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would like to say thank you and God bless your ministry. Praise God!
Please pray for these kids and their churches."

Nigeria



Our Nigerian team has recorded a script about COVID-19 in a couple of local languages spoken in northern Nigeria. This script educates about COVID-19 and how people can protect themselves and their families. It also tells people that they need not fear dying from the virus if they repent and follow Jesus (similar to Luke 13:1-5).

Evangelists have gone out with these recordings and the people have been very keen to listen. *Please pray for a harvest of souls and for people to understand a little more about this virus and how to keep safe.*

Togo



One day the GRN team was travelling to a village. On the way they encountered some Fulanis who were shepherding their flocks. The team thought it would be a good idea to minister to them before they continued their journey. They got

out of the car and attempted to approach them. When the Fulanis saw the team coming, they were afraid and started running away. The Fulanis constantly get into trouble because they let their flocks eat in the fields of the farmers. Many times they destroy the fields they pass through so there are often fights between the shepherds and farmers.

The team started playing the Good News in the Fulanis' language at high volume. As soon as the Fulanis heard the message in their language, they stopped running and came back to meet the team with big smiles on their faces. They listened to the message with interest. Although no one confessed Christ at that time, we are happy that a seed was sown. The Holy Spirit will do the rest to convict of sin and point to Jesus as the Saviour. *Please pray for them.*

Benin



At a gathering, a team from GRN Benin spent a night sharing the story of Jesus. 62 people expressed their interest in knowing the Lord personally and among them, a man named Amidou, caught their attention. He lived some distance away but was visiting friends. He came to the outdoor evangelism event out of curiosity. Praise God that he confessed Jesus as his Saviour and Lord. Amidou is a trader by profession.

The night he turned to the Lord, Amidou told the team that his

business was down and he was having great difficulties in his life. For him everything was over and he had lost hope. During the Gospel preaching, they told Amidou that Jesus is the Light of the world, the one who shines on all people. Therefore, all that is hidden will be revealed by His light. There is a strong belief in the area that someone is behind Amidou's misfortunes, using witchcraft to impoverish or even kill him. In many instances, this belief is proven to be true. The team prayed for Amidou before he left.

Two days after returning home, Amidou called a team member to say that he felt the presence of something in his room. Four days later he went out to buy food. Upon re-entering his room, he again felt the presence of a "force" that frightened him. When he sat on his bed, the Holy Spirit directed him to look under his bed. When he did, he saw a calabash (bottle gourd) tied by a black rope and there was a big needle tied to the gourd. It is used in witchcraft. Very surprised and frightened, he took the calabash and brought it to the GRN office where it was burned.

Later, after some investigation, one of his relatives confessed, "When I went to the village, my mum gave it to me to place under your bed because you are having all sorts of problems. Your wife and child are dead, you are in debt, always worrying, and never in peace." It turned out that the calabash was used so the witchcraft could cause him misfortunes and destruction.

After the calabash was burnt, Amidou got a call from the village where it was reported that his grandmother and stepmother confessed that they were the ones who killed his wife and child. They had planned to kill him too. The two women's plan backfired: they suffer torment continuously. They

confessed, day and night, all the harm they caused Amidou and can no longer keep quiet.

Now Amidou is released from the evil plans against him. He regrets not having received Jesus Christ early in his life. He knows the Lord protected and saved his life. He lost all of his savings, his business, his wife and child, and it would have taken very little for him to be killed. In the end he found life and

happiness in Jesus. He promptly invited the GRN team to preach the Gospel in his village. He is ready to give his testimony.

We thank the Lord for the salvation of Amidou. Please pray for him so that his faith, which will be tested, can hold. Let us pray for other people in his village so that they too will acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.



Christine Platt
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GRN Thailand Serves the Community



GRNT team loading MP3 players

Covid-19 has impacted us all in various ways. Recently, GRN Thailand (GRNT) reported that large meetings and plans scheduled to visit different groups had to be cancelled. This hasn't meant, however, that staff and volunteers have had nothing to do. In fact, they remained busy serving God and showing kindness to others in a variety of ways, including, continuing to provide recordings of God's word, working on their office building, providing face masks and

helping to provide food for those in need.

An example of how GRNT has continued to provide recordings lies in a recent order for 130 MP3 players by The Compassion Project, under the Lahu Church in Chiang Mai Province. Pastor Surachai, from Lahu Church, is GRNT's ministry partner in Fang District. The MP3 players were in the Lahu language and were needed to help children become familiar with the project in

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AFRICA



We were very thankful to be able to send \$13,125 to Africa to help our GRN workers and their families. Thank you to each one who prayed or contributed to this amount.

Inflation and a shortage of food during the COVID-19 pandemic has made life very difficult for many of our African families.

We have also sent extra funds to several of our Asian offices to help GRN staff cope with inflated prices and other COVID-19 related challenges.

I was talking to Kish, our Nigerian leader, about the challenges he and his team are facing in Jos. He spoke of there being hunger, his monthly allowance only lasting three weeks, increasing violence, robberies and kidnappings as people struggle to survive. He said that villagers are

too scared to go to their farms because Fulani herdsmen are killing them, and so they have little food. Many people are only eating one meal a day.

This story and variations of it are being heard in many African nations. GRN has workers in twenty countries throughout Africa. They were all facing challenges before COVID-19 hit. Please do pray for Africa. If you would like to contribute and help GRN families affected by COVID-19 – we are continuing to receive funds for that purpose.

their own language and importantly, to learn about trusting and following God. They were recorded by the GRNT team and delivered to Pastor Surachai.

successful repairs to the building, including the installation of roof guttering. Many readers may be able to relate to these activities as the Covid-19 lockdowns and isolation have also seen a surge in home renovations in Australia!

Finally, during the pandemic, GRNT staff and volunteers have been able to join with many agencies in donating money to buy eggs, rice and dry food and preparing and delivering the food to the needy, particularly in Chiang Mai Province. When Pastor Surachai made it known that a group of local villagers needed help, GRNT came to their aid. These villagers were casual labourers who had come from other areas, didn't have high incomes and didn't own land locally. Lot and Boy, two GRNT workers, were able to take food to these villagers who were very grateful.

Around the world, face masks have been described as "the 4th line of defence" against the virus. In Thailand they are in great demand but often difficult to access. To help solve this problem, a local government office purchased supplies of materials and set up a course which aimed to teach people how to sew face masks. Aom, the wife of Boy who is a GRNT worker, was able to attend the workshop along with representatives from many villages. Aom has a sewing machine and is a good seamstress.

So, while the provision of Gospel recordings remains the prime focus, showing kindness during Covid-19 has also become an important part of GRNT's work as the GRNT staff and volunteers continue to serve God faithfully.

After the training, the local village headman asked Aom to sew 730 masks because other villagers, who had attended the training, didn't have sewing machines! Although it was a huge job for Aom, it gave GRNT an opportunity to help their neighbours while also providing masks for GRNT office staff.

Information taken from GRNT Newsletters, April and July 2020



ABOVE: GRNT handing over food for distribution

BELOW: Aom sewing masks

In their own office, GRNT staff have had time to clean out and organise the storage area, as well as make

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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 worldwide, that God would provide for them and their families, and that they would continue being effective sharing about Jesus with those around them.

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