

# Every Language

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NETWORK

## The Gospel Goes Out

We come into 2021 rejoicing at the way God sustained us last year and looking forward to the opportunities He will bring us as the year unfolds.

### Papua New Guinea



Merolin Gawa had the privilege of presenting GRN's ministry and resources at the CBC National Women's Convention with over 1,000 ladies attending in Hela Province late last year. Many of the ladies walked for days to attend from five different provinces.

While Merolin was speaking, news reached the convention of tribal

fighting breaking out nearby. The ladies stopped everything and prayed. Thankfully, they were safely able to return home with only small delays after the convention finished.



Merolin met 10 young people and an older lady who had walked for 7 days from a very remote place called Tinali, where there are no government services. After hearing their stories, she was touched so she sponsored them with a Saber mp3 player, solar panel, set of LLL books and a carry bag. Only one of the group, a young man, spoke the trade language, Tok Pisin. As Merolin demonstrated how to use the GRN materials, tears rolled down his cheeks.

Merolin was able to sell several other sets of materials and people responded well to her presentation and GRN resources. She was also able to introduce people to our 5fish app. Many of the younger attendees will now have our recordings on their phones.

In PNG we are taking a small step to increase our activity this year.

*Please pray for Merolin as she steps out in faith.*

### Asian Country

Although opposition to the spread of God's word exists in this nation and Christians are often persecuted, a recent newsletter from our team demonstrated that, despite this opposition, God is very much at work. Phrases such as, "God has recently given us a new move", "God provided accommodation in a very special way", "We experienced a great spiritual freedom along the way", "We could see the glory of God present among us", and, "People were encouraged", were sprinkled throughout the newsletter,

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illustrating the faith of the workers in the ministry team and the hand of God in their work.

The team's zest for ministry as it travelled to various neighbourhoods with the aim of reaching different areas with the Gospel in their own language was evident. In one area, where Christian families lived, the ministry team was able to conduct an 8-hour worship event at a national guesthouse. One hundred and twenty five people gathered to worship and focus on the word of God. In another area, the team spent two days in prayer and worship for the local area. As these events took place, the ministry team could see bridges being built, which will hopefully lead to the translation and recording of Gospel stories in the languages of the people they visited someday.

Such events and stories may challenge us. Here in Australia, where freedom of worship is a given, when did we last join in an 8-hour worship session, or spend two days in prayer and worship? Last year, in a report from Nigeria, we were told that the people who came for medical help joined in services of worship that went for many hours. How precious is God's word to people who live with the threat of having it taken away from them!

*Please continue to thank God for His work in this country and to pray for the ministry team, and for the spread of the Gospel to all people in this country.*

### **Australian Aborigines**

We have been working on re-establishing a recording ministry to Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. Covid-19 brought this to a halt last year, but this year we are hoping to send Yousif and Vivian to the Territory for

some time to engage in recording ministry in partnership with other ministries and churches. We have also planned a training course for several missionaries so they can steadily record scripture that has already been translated.

We hope to have a recordist located in the Northern Territory long term.

*Please pray for God's provision of a suitable person.*

### **Australian Studio**

Our studios are full. Just before Christmas we had one recordist working in the corridor. A project has begun to build three new studios, including a recording studio suitable for bands and groups, in our now obsolete Saber assembly area. Please pray for the team as they design, plan and construct the needed studio space.

### **Asian Country**

Our team in an Asian country hostile to the Gospel has developed a missions course that they are running in the local churches. Initially churches showed little interest, but after persevering for several years there is now a very exciting groundswell of churches wanting to do this course. Our team recently ran a three-day camp where 50 campers received training in missions where they learned of their responsibility to take the Gospel to the lost tribes in their nation.

The team would like to extend their building to make space for training courses and to provide accommodation for visitors. They are receiving visitors from rural areas quite regularly as they are going out and making friends around the country. People will often come to the city for medical appointments and treatment and

need somewhere to stay. They would also like to be able to house language helpers and other mission related visitors.

### **Australian Office**

We have been praying for new staff members for quite some time. We have been very thankful to have a few people come forward towards the end of 2020 to fill some of those places. Please pray as we seek God's will in each case. We have a few staff whose support team is lacking – please let me know if you would like to support a GRN Australia staff member or one of our workers overseas.

### **5fish and website**

Downloads of GRN materials over the internet have increased tenfold during 2020 for a variety of reasons (up to 500,000 hours in one month). We continue to distribute picture books and mp3 players, microSD cards and a variety of other media around the world.

*Please pray for people to find our recordings and for the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and minds of those who listen. Ask our Lord to grow His kingdom as GRN resources are used around the world.*

And so I look forward to 2021 with optimism and enthusiasm. I am thankful for what God is doing through GRN and for the wonderful opportunities He is giving us. I invite you to join us on this adventure: pray, give, help or join us as our Lord leads you.



*Christine Platt*  
**CEO**

# Do we spend too much money in Australia?



*GRN accountant, Wira Dharma*

We received a letter in response to the financial Report published in Every Language asking about the proportion of our total income we send overseas. If one person asks, it is safe to assume that more are wondering.

GRN is a service mission. We provide resources to evangelists, missionaries and church planters to help them make disciples. A large part of the work of GRN Australia is to serve GRN internationally by providing infrastructure and expertise. This money is spent locally and the impact is felt around the world.

The infrastructure and systems we provide include:

- every recording produced by GRN and partners around the world is sent to our Australian studio, processed, feedback sent to the recordist, and the recording prepared for online distribution
- all the computer systems that store our recordings

(programs in over 6,000 languages), pictures and other data are looked after by the Australian IT team

- the applications that make our resources available to users in formats they require are written, developed and maintained by our IT team
- the websites, mobile phone apps and media libraries that make GRN recordings available to the public and ready for distribution are all products of the Australian IT team (4 million hours of audio was downloaded during 2020)

The expertise and services we provide include:

- old recordings are remastered (updated and audio quality improved) in order to prolong their useful life
- we research and investigate the equipment and programs our people will use around the world
- we have trained and experienced recordists and technicians who provide training and support around the world
- our staff produce promotional materials, compose music and manage the websites for several of our overseas operations

- several staff members spend significant time overseas working with our national teams
- the GRN international office operates from the Australian office

We are increasing our work amongst indigenous communities in Australia and we record in our Australian studios. All of this work counts as local expenses. Our finance, administration and promotional sections are small but vital.

We have about 18 full time staff in Australia and we support about 34 people in Asia, the Pacific and Southern Africa. They work in 8 different countries and have influence in many more. Most of the people we support overseas are national workers serving in their own country, who cost considerably less than Australian staff.

We are very excited about what we do, the contribution we make, and how God is using GRN resources around the world. We do our best to be good stewards of all God entrusts to us.

If you have any questions please write to [au@globalrecordings.net](mailto:au@globalrecordings.net) or come and visit our office in Prospect – we would love to show you around.



*thank you*

Thank you for supporting Asian recording projects and the Nigerian Medical Outreach. Please pray for those who have heard the Gospel through these projects.

## **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.*

*Frank using 5fish with the taxi driver*

## **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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*Thanks to Wendy Bytheway for editing.*

If you feel led to give



## GRN Thailand

Our GRN team in Thailand is in need of a new vehicle. A vehicle is essential for the team to reach remote communities to make and distribute recordings. For the last 20 years, the team has been using their own personal vehicles, but this is not going to be effective into the future as these vehicles are no longer reliable enough for the difficult conditions. To help the Thailand team continue their valuable ministry into the future, we would like to help purchase a new vehicle for the team.

God is already at work providing for this need. So far, the team has received almost \$9,000AUD to contribute towards the cost of this vehicle.

We are hoping to raise an additional \$49,000AUD. Please continue to join with us in praying for the remaining resources to meet the cost of this vehicle.

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).

### Donate online

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### Direct Deposit

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