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Something New

Something good has come out of COVID! I have wanted to establish some GRN prayer meetings for years and it never quite came together. After a year of online meetings it came to me – an online prayer meeting!

We started planning last year, but thought it wise to wait until the New Year to begin. The fourth Tuesday of the month beginning in February. And so, it came to pass. People registered, they joined us on Zoom, and we prayed.

The first meeting had a focus on our studio team, the situation in Myanmar, we gave thanks for some outreach events with distribution of GRN recordings, had a guest appearance from Geoff Wong (GRN software tester/church engagement) and finished off praying for the Australian church.

We set our creative studio people the task of producing a video to encourage people to join us. They did an excellent job. I am excited to see what they have done. Please do take the time to watch it online:



<https://globalrecordings.net/en/monthly-online-prayer>

After watching that, how could you not want to join us in prayer? Please contact us for a Zoom link and I look forward to praying with you on the 27th April.

Another project that is taking shape after years of thinking, talking, stopping and starting is the development of an App for our recordists. We need an App that will allow our recordists to enter their data offline and then be

incorporated into the main database when they have internet connection.

For the technical people out there, the App will be written using JavaScript, so we are looking for one or more developers with good JavaScript skills. Please ask God to send us suitable people whether or not you have any idea what that means!

This project will require lots of communication with our recordists around the world. Thankfully our recent experience with online meetings should make that a lot easier. We are all a lot more accustomed to communicating with people on the other side of the world.

Please pray for good communication.

The App cannot be any better than the information we glean from recordists on what they need. We hope the App will help with language research, script selection, finding existing recordings and potentially much more.

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Another exciting thing is that we are starting to receive invitations to visit churches. It is wonderful to be able to come and share in person some of the wonderful things God is doing

in the world. It is encouraging to hear what God is doing around the world. If you would like a visit from someone at GRN, please contact the office and we'll see what we can do.



Christine Platt
CEO

To the Maasai



Kenya lies on the east coast of Africa. Late last year, a GRN team set out from its capital, Nairobi, on a 90km trip to visit the Maasai people in a place called Tinga Village. Their aim was to share God's word and distribute GRN resources to 37 pastors and church leaders from many different church denominations across the area.

On arrival, they participated in a church service. The speaker's theme was, "A Time of Desperation". During the service, it became clear that there were two layers to this desperation. There was desperation and hopelessness due to the extent of the Covid-19 virus, but also, there was a desperation to seek and do God's will despite the virus: a desperation to trust God in the face of danger and to continue to listen to God's calling to go and preach the good news to everyone in the world (Mark 16:15). What a great message!

Following the speaker, the team from Nairobi explained the work of GRN and how its work was allowing many different language groups to be reached with the story of salvation through Jesus. Sets of materials containing nine books of Biblical stories from Genesis to Revelation were distributed. As the

pastors received and appreciated these resources, a new theme for the day began to emerge. The pastors had a theme for the year, 2020. It was "The Divine Achievement and Accomplishment". The pastors celebrated that, this day, due to the visit of the GRN team, the year's theme had at last been achieved!

The GRN resources distributed that day were particularly suitable for reaching illiterate and semi-literate people in their own language. This was particularly relevant to the needs of the Maasai people. Many had not gone to school and the majority of workers worked on farms and in the fields. One farmer, when giving his testimony, said, "most of us don't like school and we love our animals".



As well as sets of books, resources distributed to the pastors included the 5fish app and picture books with audio messages. These were aimed at allowing the Maasai people to listen to stories about Jesus while they are out working in the fields. One older man exclaimed, "This radio will be my Jesus, and the grandchildren will use this to learn more about the Bible and God!" It was estimated that the

resources distributed that day would allow approximately 2,230 people to be reached. Of course, the pastors requested more resources in the future so that the needs of ALL the churches in the area could be met.



As the GRN team returned home to Nairobi, they made several stops along the way to interact with the friendly Maasai people. Good News flipcharts were given out and the Maasai people listened to Biblical stories in their own language coming from the radios. The team even left a Saber player at a watering point to tell the Look, Listen and Live stories and the Words of Life messages as people came to draw water.

The GRN Kenya team is dedicating this year, 2021, to prayer and evangelism. Their prayer is that the Maasai pastors will be encouraged and that many communities will receive the Gospel with the help of GRN resources. Their prayer is also that people will continue to give so that more materials in the Maasai language will be made available.



GRN Monthly Online Prayer Event

Would you or your church like to pray for GRN with other people? If so, join us online each month:

- Date:** *the 4th Tuesday of each month
(next dates 27th April and 26th May)*
- Time:** *7.30pm to 8.30pm AEST*
- Location:** *online - contact us at: au@globalrecordings.net
for details on how to join*
- Cost:** *Free*

We hope this monthly prayer session will be a way for you to walk alongside GRN through prayer. It will be an opportunity to join in giving thanks for GRN's current joys and bringing ministry needs before God's throne. We will pray for work in Australia and around the world. For more information, email us or go to: <https://globalrecordings.net/en/monthly-online-prayer>



Good News from Thailand

In Thailand, God's word is continuing to reach out to, and impact on the lives of, many people. To understand the work of GRNT, one has simply to read its mission statement:

In dependence upon God, through prayer, GRN Thailand, in partnership with local churches and like-minded organisations, seeks to provide and distribute culturally appropriate evangelism and discipleship materials which communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the mother tongues of the peoples of Thailand and beyond, giving priority to oral communicators and unreached people groups.

Foundation", it is easy to see the faithfulness of the GRNT team in upholding every aspect of their mission statement as they serve God daily.



Their **dependence upon God, through prayer ... in partnership with local churches and like-minded organisations** can be seen in some of their experiences from 2020. During 2020, 1,000 new MP3 players were needed so that the orders coming in from missionaries, pastors and evangelists, along with the needs of GRNT's own outreach trips, could be met. Previous supplies had been funded by a South Korean supporter, but, because of Covid-19, he could only fund half of the current order. **In dependence upon**

God, GRNT agreed to cover the cost of the remainder. In September, the 1,000 MP3 players arrived, fully paid for. Friends of GRNT staff member, Joshua, had covered the outstanding amount! What did the GRNT workers do? They responded **through prayer**, praising God and praying that He would use every player to share His love and truth. Praise God for the partnership of the South Korean supporter and the friends of Joshua!



Another example of local cooperation through **partnership with local churches and like-minded organisations**, also occurred last September. On a visit to two Mpi villages, GRNT workers were joined by Jak, a member of the



GRNT staff Lot in a Nyaw village

Reading through the latest GRNT newsletter, "Sounds of Language

local church's outreach team in Phrae which was one of the Mpi villages visited. Jak turned out to be a sensitive and gifted evangelist. For many years the GRNT team had tried unsuccessfully to share the message of God's love with their main contact in Phrae, a Buddhist priest. When Jak became involved, God opened the monk's heart and she was able to graciously unfold the Gospel to him.



The distribution of **culturally appropriate evangelism and discipleship materials which communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the mother tongues of the peoples of Thailand and beyond, giving priority to oral communicators and unreached people groups** happens continuously at GRNT. MP3 players are loaded with God's

messages in different languages and dialects. The Mpi people were one such language group. For over a decade, they had remained **unreached** and resistant despite a number of visits from GRNT teams, until, eventually, God made "a way" through the ministry of Jak.

Another largely **unreached people group** is the Nyaw people in Northeast Thailand. Towards the end of 2020, two GRNT workers, Lot and Boy, were able to take MP3 players loaded with Nyaw recordings, to Nakhon Phanom Province and visit several villages over a period of days. During the trip, they had to be careful not to antagonise wary unbelievers. But they were blessed when they were able to give an MP3 player to a retired teacher who had a thirst to know God, but until that visit, had never known what to do about it.

Another story, also from Northern Thailand, relates how another **unreached** group has gradually become "reached". A local Christian family had been using GRN materials to share God's word with a small tribal group of about 500 people for the past 10 years. During

these 10 years, the number of believers increased from 4 to 84 and many of these believers were planning to be baptised before the end of 2020.



GRNT also partners with organisations working in neighbouring countries, finding GRNT materials are useful to these groups. This is one instance of their work going **beyond** the borders of Thailand.

Praise God for the faithfulness of GRNT in implementing every word, phrase and sentence of its mission statement. Please continue to pray for these workers and the people who receive God's message through them, and, if you can, support their work financially.

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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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 \$11,000AUD to contribute towards the cost of this vehicle.

We are hoping to raise an additional \$47,000AUD. 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.

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