

# Global Recordings Network Canada

## Refugee Ministry Uganda

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Children listen to GRN audio messages on Tumi the Tiger.

**Displaced** peoples are forced to leave their home countries because of war, unrest or other humanitarian crisis. Yousif, from Australia and James Shikuku, from Kenya met up in Uganda to explore the needs and opportunities to provide audio and visual materials to needy language groups that are displaced. They visited refugee camps in Uganda and found many language groups from South Sudan that need GRN materials.

Their ten hour road trip to the refugee camp was eventful as the bus was almost involved in a head on collision. The bus driver's quick reaction avoided the deadly head-on as the bus swerved off the road. Instead it ended up by the side of the road some feet below the road level. It also seemed likely to flip over but thankfully it didn't. Yousif and James were thankful to the Lord for his protection.

The first part of their trip was successful in meeting with numerous church leaders to gain valuable information and contacts that would help them as they visited the refugee camps. Yousif shared how one leader was grateful for their visit.

*He wrote an appreciation letter thanking God for making the GRN office known to them in Uganda. He appreciated the GRN gift of audio materials especially picture books. "I was looking forward to it literally with tears for over 15 years, Rev Gama says."*

The team was able to meet with 16 officials from different parts of the Bweyale Refugee Settlements Churches to share about the ministry of GRN. They gave out Saber players and micro SD cards that contained GRN recordings, along with picture books.

At the end of June, James returned to Kenya while Yousif made additional contacts in the city of Kampala. Yousif shares that a good meeting was held with administrators, teachers and students at the Greater Reach Alliance GRA – Jesus impact school of missions. Audio and audio-visual materials were distributed with Saber player, picture books and *Look, Listen & Live. Good News* scripts were also handed to the mission to be translated in Fur and Arabic Sudanese languages. He was also able to help the students and teachers download the 5fish app onto their Mobile phones, computers and laptops.



Yousif shares GRN audio material at a refugee camp.



James Shikuku demonstrates the Bible picture books to church leaders.

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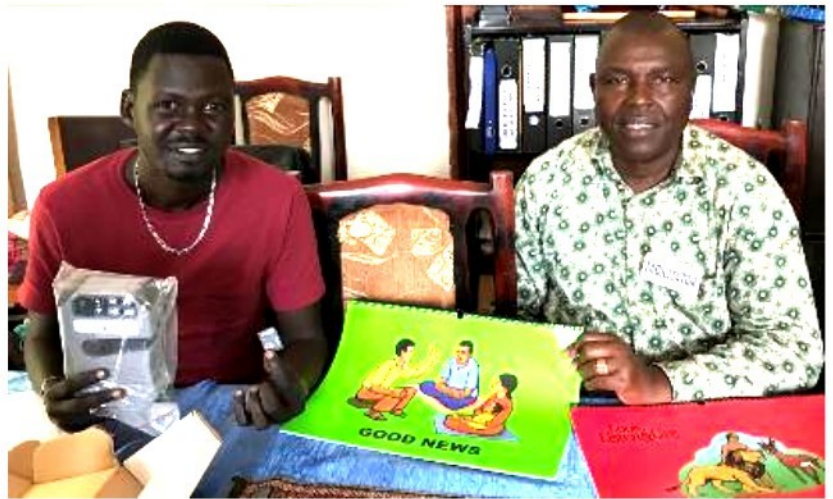
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The schools that Yousif visited had a number of South Sudanese students that were converted from Islam. In one case Yousif planned to record songs in Fur but the language helper became sick which didn't allow him to sing. On top of the sickness, he was hesitant to sing because he was afraid of being recognized by his community. He was well known in Dar Fur and was a new Christian who was converted to Christianity from Islam. By God's grace they did record eight pieces of music in Fur. They aimed to do more but his wife came in and told him to stop and said "I don't want to hear any sound of music or instruments," and she asked, "where are you taking the recordings?" Her reaction scared Yousif as he feared that she may destroy his equipment. Praise God she did not.

On nearly a daily bases they distributed GRN materials. Many partnerships were developed and some songs and music were recorded.

**Material distributed included;** 32 micro SD cards 2 GB, 10 SD cards 8 GB & 3 USB in 38 -40 languages. There were 11 Saber players distributed, as well as *Good News* and *Look, Listen & Live* picture books.



Church leaders in Uganda receive GRN audio and audio visual materials.

### Boaz & Beatrice Inyama—Retires



I have had the opportunity to visit Boaz and Beatrice in their home and have grown to appreciate them for more than being co-workers.

As of the end of September, Boaz will be retiring from GRN Kenya. His wife Beatrice, had

served many years with the ministry as well, until she suffered a stroke. Even during times of hardship she continued to have a bright smile and a joyful spirit. Praise God she has recovered greatly over the last few years. Boaz has been faithfully making sure Beatrice is getting the help she needs. Now is the time for Boaz to spend more quality time with his wife. Boaz will be missed as he has a great way of working with people. Well done good and faithful servant of God.

Their son James Shikuku (Inyama), is continuing in his father's footsteps as a GRN recordist.

*If you would like to give a one time gift of appreciation for Boaz and Beatrice, please indicate so on the donor slip.*

## GRN Banquet 2019

Mark your Calendar

**April 27, 2019**

Location: **West Highland Baptist Church**

Guest Speaker: **Godsave Ole Megiro**  
from Tanzania



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