

Global Recordings Network Canada

50 years 1969 – 2019

This year, the ministry of GRN Canada celebrates 50 years of sharing the Gospel of Jesus to language groups around the world. We will begin our celebration in April with the GRN Canada's annual banquet in Hamilton. Mark the date of Saturday, April 27th on your calendar.

Transition in Kenya

This year will see a change in leadership as **Winston Omenya** retires in April. He has served 17 years as the director of GRN Kenya. The ministry has systematically recorded most languages in Kenya and distributed 1,000s of recordings during his time as director. Lives have been touched with the Good News of Jesus, as a result of Winston's dedication to reach non-readers with the Gospel. He will be joining the Kenya Board for a two year term. This will help with the transition to new leadership. If you want to give a one-time donation to Winston in appreciation for 17 years of service please indicate on the donation slip.



The ministry in Kenya continues on with **Walter Okelo**, as the new team leader and **James Shikuku**, the senior recordist. These are two young men who have faithfully served the ministry for a number of years under Winston's leadership. Our prayer is that God will give them fruitful ministries with GRN Kenya. The Canadian office continues to support the ministry in East Africa through the efforts of the Kenya office. It's ministry extends far beyond the borders of Kenya. Walter has helped in the distribution of materials in Tanzania while James has done recordings. Please pray for God's continued blessing on their ministry.



Walter, Pauline with Ariella and Edith

Walter Okelo will take over the leadership in Kenya as Winston retires. I am confident that Walter will do well in serving the ministry. Pauline is a teacher who has a teaching assignment in another city a few hours away. Their goal is to find a teaching job in Nairobi, so they may have more time together. Walter will be taking a theological and leadership program in the coming months. It will better equip him for his new responsibilities.

James & Catherine Shikuku

James has served with GRN Kenya as a recordist since 2013. In this role he has helped to train other recordists and supervises recordists in Sierra Leone as well.



GRN Canada is providing support for these two families as well as recording, distribution projects and funds for the daily operation of the office. James and Walter will be taking a fund raising course which will help them raise local support. Your financial support to the ministry in Kenya enables us to provide them with a liveable income as well as continue the vital ministry in Kenya and in the nearby countries.



“The Saber has been nothing short of a Godsend.”

The elderly members of the Simba-Guarani group in Bolivia have some key challenges to hearing the gospel. Many of their generation are far from literate, and some ministries seek to reach them through the Spanish language, which many of them don't understand. Thanks to Global Recordings Network (GRN) and our partner Ethnos Canada, founded as New Tribes Mission, the Simba are finally hearing the message of the gospel—not only in their own language, but in ways that apply to their real lives.

It's the kind of teaching that must be listened to several times before it really takes root, and that is where the GRN Saber players come in. The Sabers, GRN's digital hand-crank audio players, work

as a perfect supplement to Ethnos Canada's teaching of the gospel. Once the lesson is taught the older students take the Saber players home with the lesson preloaded, so they can review it throughout the week. If a student shows real interest in the Bible and they aren't able to meet, they simply load up the Saber with the whole teaching series.

Missionaries Bill and Kathleen Mann — serve in Bolivia with Ethnos Canada among the Simba-Guarani cultural group. The influence of the Sabers in this community is undeniable. Placido is an older believer, now in his 70s, and was the first one of his community to believe in Christ about 30 years ago. Since then, he has been the primary leader of his community's church. The problem, though, is that Placido cannot read. With the help of GRN, his faith has matured. Ethnos Canada gave him a Saber player, and years later, saw the results of that gift. One evening at a dedication of the Bible in the Simba language, Placido got up to share with everyone in attendance how he is no longer trusting in anything but the blood of Jesus for his salvation. Another couple using the Saber are Camilo and Teresa who live in a community where there is no Bible teaching in their language. Teresa calls the Saber her “teacher.” Others in her community heard her listening to the lessons, they asked to borrow the player too.

The **Saber player** is a sought after item in East Africa. It is a robust mp3 player that generates it's own power by means of a hand crank. The high quality speaker is able to provide ample volume to fill a large room or to be used in the open air. Our speaker at the GRN Canada Annual banquet will be sharing how the Saber player has enabled Tanzanians to hear the Gospel. In some cases the first time in their own language.



GRN Banquet 2019

Mark your Calendar - April 27, 2019

Location: West Highland Baptist Church

Reserve a table for you and your friends.

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

- is pictured with his wife, Beatrice. A couple who are sold out on the benefits of GRN materials for non-readers in Tanzania. Come and hear how God is using GRN materials to reach those who do not read or at times do not have the Bible in their own language. Reserve your place and invite a friend.



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