

Global Recordings Network Canada

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Country Reports from GRN Council

How are they to hear without a preacher? At the GRN council meeting in Thailand this past November GRN directors from each country shared how they are enabling the gospel to be preached to unreached peoples.

Togo: *John Cockerel*, the team leader shared that they worked with missionaries and church planters in the northern part of the country for the past three years. They were able to make recordings which were distributed as well as played on the local radio station. Three churches were planted through this project.

“... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

Nigeria: Our brothers here work in the north and travel into dangerous territory whenever they go out to record or distribute recordings. They travel to remote areas taking the light of the Gospel with them and leaving the good news behind so the people can listen.



“For everyone that calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

Cameroon: The Boko Haram is moving into this nation bringing terror and death with it. *Joseph* shared that the team is part of a project to evangelise the north and to meet darkness with light. They are recording messages in appropriate languages and resourcing, the evangelists.

Kenya: *Walter Okelo*, the newest GRN director at the council meeting shared about the many recordings made and distributed over the previous four years. A follow-up trip made earlier in the year highlighted the benefit that churches have experienced after using GRN materials.

Mexico: *Jesus Loyo* told us about a large team of volunteers that run outreaches to indigenous people who travel the country harvesting crops. They have developed teams who lead outreach programs that evangelise the migrant workers and distribute recordings in well over 100 different languages. Over the years the teams have heard of many coming to faith and churches being planted in remote villages.

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

Romans 10: 14

Philippines: *Jurian and Maryann* co-shared their time to talk about the recording made in tribal groups. Two groups decided they wanted to start a church during the translation and recording process. Since then the team has been invited to meet with other tribal groups, who generally prefer no outside contact, and recording has started.

And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Romans 10: 14 –15

South Africa: The Bushmen oral Bible translators of Namibia and Botswana are doing a great job of recording the Scriptures they are translating.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

We are reminded in the book of Romans of the need for people to hear the Word of God. In GRN, we believe it is important for people to hear the Good News in their heart language in order to have maximum impact on their lives. Our dedicated teams of national missionaries are doing just that. They go the extra mile by recording the Word for those who may not be able to read it or even have it written in their own language.

Kenya 2020 Recording Plans

The **Kenya office** has compiled a list of eight languages that are in need of recordings. The list is spread across five east Africa countries. The average cost per language is \$7,500 giving a total of \$60,000. The following are short descriptions of the language groups



Kabras people live on the Kenya/Uganda boarder and number 323,00. The language is called Lukabras. The interest in GRN materials was a result of the Kenya Director, Walter Okelo, visiting the area on a follow– up trip for another language group. Pastors from the area are requesting GRN materials for evangelistic purposes. Pastors are eager for GRN materials as many people are unable to read. The pastors are ready to help with the recordings.

Toposa East is a South Sudan language group which is made up of three language dialects that need recording. A missionary working with this group is wanting to see this language recorded for outreach.

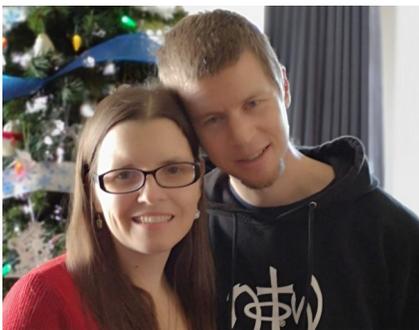
Lariim/Narim is another South Sudan language. It is a smaller language group of 7,200 people. They are mostly found in refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda. Language helpers are available and missionaries working with this people group are wanting to help.

Karamojong is larger language group in Uganda (822,000). Pastors are requesting GRN audio material for outreach and discipleship. The Karmojong are patoralists who are nomadic who are steeped in tradition. The GRN materials will be able to stay with them as they move from place to place.

Jiddu speakers are Somalian people who number 42,000 people. It is a more difficult language to record. Missionaries are eager to help and distribute the recordings.

Muchiga in Tanzania are primarily an Islamic group with 97,000 people. Further research needs to done prior to doing the recordings. **Hadzabe** is a very small language group in Tanzania.

Keiyo of Kenya are in need of evangelistic materials. Language helpers are available and churches are eager to partner with GRN.



Kevin and Ruth Horan are currently serving in the GRN U.S. office. **Kevin** is an IT specialist who has developed many helpful programs for GRN, while **Ruth** as the Studio Manager, makes sure the GRN audio files are accurately tracked. This includes older recordings that are in the continued stages of digitizing so they can be made available on the GRN web page and on the 5fish app. The sale of the US office and move to another state will result in some changes going forward. Kevin and Ruth would appreciate prayer as they consider their future ministry.



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