

# Global Recordings Network Canada

*June 2020 — GRN Update*

## **GRN ministries during Covid-19**

Country after country has been impacted by the Coronavirus. It has had a devastating impact on peoples lives, with thousands becoming ill and many losing their lives. It is a reminder to Christians of the need for people to hear the message of salvation through the Lord Christ Jesus. Millions of people still do not have the Word of God in their own language.

***“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?  
And how are they to hear without someone to preach to them?”*** *Romans 10:14*

The work of the GRN technical team has prepared us for such a moment when travel and interacting with people is restricted. While GRN workers have been confined to homes because of the virus, the message of hope through Christ Jesus continues to go out. The 5fish app and the GRN website are great tools in making the Word of God available as thousands of hours are downloaded to phones or computers.

Global Recordings Network is no exception to stay at home restrictions as many GRN workers were not able to work in the office or travel because of the Coronavirus. Some are able to work from home, while others do not have an office space or access to internet. In Kenya, Walter and James have been able to go into the office on a very reduced schedule. It has created difficulties for them as the cost of basic items have gone up and the use of public transport exposes themselves to a higher risk. Team leader, Walter Okelo, contacted two FM radio stations that are now airing



GRN audio materials. James Shikuku, has forwarded Good News scriptures to be translated which they plan on recording soon. A new outreach program has started this month called “Kaw Yesu” or Take Jesus. Walter Okelo secured permission to travel outside of Nairobi after being tested for the Coronavirus. Walter is pictured here demonstrating the GRN Flipchart while the men listen to the Bible story. This is a house to house ministry providing GRN audio in SD card format along with picture books to 200 families. Pray for the safety of our workers and that God will touch peoples’ hearts during this difficult time.

Facebook has become a useful tool in getting the Word of God out. In one such outreach to a Muslim language group, over 37,000 were exposed and over 4,000 engaged the post. GRN workers continue to explore all means in getting the message of Jesus to as many people as possible. Marian and I have handed out hundreds of 5fish cards to migrant farm workers from Mexico. On our recent vacation we were also able to hand out 75 5fish cards to workers in Cuba. Roland Heck, in the US has been using Facebook to target specific languages in given areas. He has seen encouraging results with people clicking on the link to hear the GRN messages.



David and Marian Elliott

GRN audio material is being used by many other organizations in getting the gospel out. Tim Whitehead, the director of Galcom International, shared that they recently shipped 1,600 Impax radio/audio Bibles to a refugee camp in Uganda and they arrived just in time before the border was closed. They included hundreds of hours of **Global Recordings’** teachings. God is getting his Word out despite the road blocks in meeting face to face.



## Culiacan 2020 – Mexico

Praise God for thousands of migrant workers who received the Word of God before the Coronavirus impacted Mexico. Thousands of audio recordings were distributed to migrant farm workers at the yearly Culiacan project which takes place every February.

There were 80 volunteers that made this year a success. The teams were able to visit 47 migrant worker camps to minister to the campers. The camps are made up of entire families including hundreds of children.



The use of technology has greatly increased the distribution of GRN audio materials. Through the use of portable Wi-Fi devices such as Bible Box and Raspberry, close to 8,000 audio files were downloaded to cell phones. This year they gave out over 3,000 CDs and DVDs with Bible messages on them.



Raspberry Wi-Fi

Many other out-reaches in Mexico were planned for this year. These are currently on hold as the workers now have to work from home. Pray that the materials received during the Culiacan outreach will be listened to during this time when people are under more stress.

### Dale Rickards

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Dale Rickards the former GRN USA director. He was a member of the GRN US board before becoming it's director for seven years. He passed into the presence of his Lord on May 22nd after fighting a battle with cancer over a number of months. Please pray for his wife, Valerie, and their four children and their spouses.

I had the opportunity to travel with Dale on a number of occasions for mission meetings. Through our joint effort, the work in Tanzania became a base under Kenya leadership.



### Pray for GRN Centers

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| Thailand     | France         |
| Indonesia    | Netherlands    |
| Pakistan     | United Kingdom |
| Bangladesh   | France         |
| Nepal        | Cameroon       |
| South Korea  | Switzerland    |
| Kenya        | Nigeria        |
| Sierra Leone | Philippines    |
| Togo         | Germany        |
| Brazil       | Canada         |
| Mexico       | United States  |
| Australia    |                |

Many other GRN bases of operation are not listed above. All of our centers and bases of operation have been impacted by the Coronavirus. Pray for our national missionaries as they face the new challenges because of the virus. Pray for safety, wisdom and strength during this time.



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