



When a plan comes together...



The recordist trainees with Jurine and Mary Ann

Sometimes a plan comes together and it seems very clear that God's hand is upon it. Recent events in the Philippines seem to fall into this category.

History

The Philippines is a nation of 115 million people living on about 2,000 inhabited islands speaking almost 200 different speech varieties. GRN has been attempting to tell the story of Jesus in the languages of this island nation since GRN founder Joy Ridderhoff recorded the first messages there in 1949. GRN Philippines has continued to pray diligently for more recording staff and for the opportunity to record in some of the more remote languages.



Leadership Matters Course (LMC)

GRN Philippines leaders, Jurine and Mary Ann, completed the Leadership Matters Course (LMC) run by the International Training Alliance last year. The LMC is a wonderful, intensive and practical two-week leadership course which has helped Jurine and Mary Ann to think strategically and to effectively communicate their plans and dreams. It also enabled them to meet a fellow student working with a remote language group, that is too sensitive to name, who can see the benefits of recordings being made for them. As a result, plans were made for Mary Ann to visit her new friend to discuss recording plans.



Team Approach

GRN assembled experienced recording personnel to discuss recording and training methods in Australia last October. Mary Ann was amongst this cohort. One outcome of this consultation is a renewed emphasis on recording in teams and enabling team members to specialise in audio, research or content. This change has come about with increasing sophistication of all aspects of the recording process and of the listeners. The job of making recordings is really too big for just one person.

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New Trainees

The Philippines team found several potential new members for their recording team. How could they assess their suitability? They ran a weeklong training course for their prospective trainees. Four students have proudly finished this course, travelling to Manila from different regions of the country. It is hoped they will eventually be able to line up recording projects in their own regions. Then the team will work together to make these recordings a reality.

Recording Project

Back to the partnership mentioned at the beginning. Mary Ann went and visited her friend working with a remote unreached people group. They consulted and decided what

should be recorded. Currently her friend is working with local speakers to translate the chosen script into the local language.



Mary Ann has asked for help from an experienced recordist in a neighbouring country to come and help. They will travel with a couple of the trainees to record God's word in this remote and unreached tribe's language.

The recording team approach is being used creatively by our Philippines team to produce this recording while training new staff without overloading Mary Ann whose leadership load is increasing.

Can you help?

Please pray for this project and our GRN Philippines team. The project is expensive as it encompasses translation, recording, distribution and evaluation. Transport and accommodation costs are also high. Could you contribute financially to this project? Total estimated cost: \$12,500.



Christine Platt
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Thriving Churches



Pastor Archie

Archie was a youth pastor, serving at the True Freedom in Christ Church in Manila. Archie had a passion for reaching the lost and taking the Gospel where it was not yet known, so he studied at Bethel Bible College in Manila, and answered God's call to move to Cambodia with his wife and daughter.

He had arranged to move to an area in Cambodia where another missionary was working, a remote place about a 16-hour drive from the capital, Phnom Penh. When Archie and his family moved there,

they did not speak the language, and there were no Christians available who could understand English or Tagalog. There was some miscommunication when he arrived, and the person he had gone to work with was not in the village. Archie was uncertain how to proceed in this situation, how he could communicate with the locals. He reached out to Frank at the GRN office in Prospect who had been his senior pastor in Manila. Wanting to make the most of the opportunities he had in Cambodia, he got hold of GRN's audio recordings in the local languages. Frank was able to send him a few mp3 Saber players loaded up with Bible stories in the local languages, as well as flipcharts with pictures that accompany the stories.

Archie started learning the main Cambodian language, Khmer, but before he could communicate in Khmer, he started gathering a group every Sunday and sharing GRN's recordings with the group. His

10-year-old daughter, Ina, would wind the mp3 saber player, he would hold the flip charts while his wife, Kathy, pointed to details in the pictures as the recordings were played. They continued in this fashion for 2 years until Archie had enough language to start teaching in Khmer.



Graciously over this time, God established the first church. They continued teaching God's word in partnership with International Teams, and today this church has

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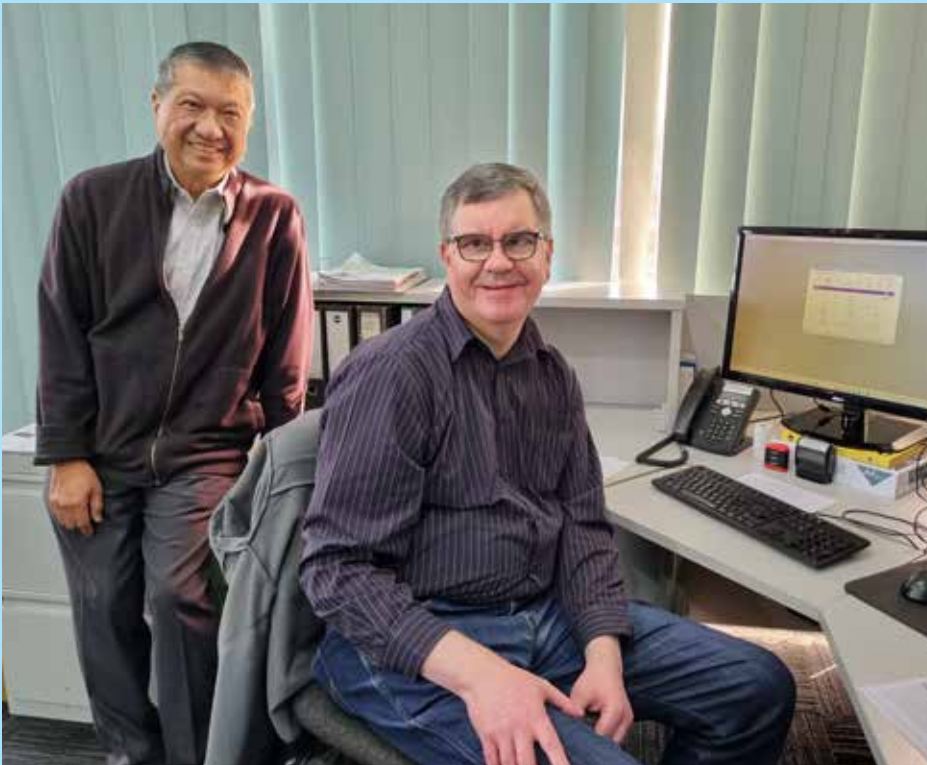
400 members. Archie pastored this church for 7 years and trained local Cambodians to lead the church.

More recently, Archie and his family have been called to a different Asian country, one we will not name for security reasons. Interestingly, he is working from the same building

where GRN established a ministry in this nation 40 years ago! Please pray with us for the many regions around the world with little Gospel witness, that God would continue to build His church as the story of Jesus goes out in every language!

Christina Thomas

Praise God for Bryce!



It gives me great joy to introduce you to Bryce Armstrong. Bryce has taken over from Wira in our finance office. We are very thankful for this answer to prayer. Bryce comes to us with many years of accounting experience under his belt. He has known about GRN all his life having grown up in the church of the then GRN CEO. Thank you to all who prayed, please rejoice with us too!

In the photo you see Wira handing over to Bryce. It is a relief for Wira to see someone taking over the reins after 15 years of faithful service. Please pray for Bryce as he gets to know us, know our systems and settles in. Pray too for Wira as he enters retirement. Wira does plan on continuing as a volunteer.



Feedback from

Nigeria, Africa

Kadara: Adunu

language

"My joy knows no bounds listening to the words of the Lord in my language. I really find these messages of utmost important because even those in the rural areas would get to hear the words of God in their native language. The Lord bless you guys richly."



Feedback from

Zambia, Africa

Lamba language

"This organization is doing a great job to preserve the Lamba language and also preach the gospel. You are great people, keep up the good work."



Feedback from Mozambique, Africa Chisena-Chichewa language

"Hi folks ! Just wanted to let you know how EXTREMELY thrilled we are to have these resources in the local languages of Mozambique. Tomorrow we leave to encourage pastors in the midst of severe tribulation due to the many displaced people fleeing the extremist insurgency in the north of the country. We have been able to purchase small portable Data projectors and were given small solar systems to run them in some of the least reached areas in the 5 Northernmost provinces of Mozambique. Your material is a crucial part of our work! Thank you so much! God bless you!"



Feedback from Ghana, Africa Ewe language

"I am a Sunday schoolteacher in a village in Ghana. Your teaching materials are very good, and it makes teaching easy and fun. Thank you."



Feedback from Papua New Guinea Magleri language

"Thank you very much Global Recordings Network. Wow! I can't believe to hear such a wonderful records to be found in this amazing website. But anyway I will accept it because of the fact that, this information had been kept before I was born in my remote Magleri Village of Namea LLG in Telefomin District West of Sepik Province in Papua New Guinea. It is my great pleasure to come across these wonderful words of God in my Magleri (Amolo) Language. I thought my village is located in the middle of the jungle and because of its remoteness, researchers and others technical officers from both Government Organisations and Non-government Organisations won't be able to reach it. You surpassed Magleri's limit of exposure and went beyond. Thank you very much for this. It is my honour to to introduce myself to you that, I am one of the younger ones who hails from the remote Magleri village."

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Philippines Recording and Training

Our team in the Philippines is planning to record the language of a remote and unreached tribe and use this project to train recently recruited staff.

The overall cost of the project is \$12,500 which includes distribution of the finished recording on the island.

Please pray for this project: for good recordings that God will use to transform those who listen, for effective training of new staff and for God's provision of resources to complete the project.

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