Canberra or Bust!

We are very thankful for our partnership with AFES (Australian fellowship of Evangelical Students). For several years now we have made a visit to their annual National Training Event, which is usually held in Canberra. The students go to be equipped for ministry, for good Bible teaching and for fun. We are invited to expose students to cross cultural mission and the many and varied opportunities they have to serve God.

Geoff Wong is in charge! He plans our Act Now stall which is designed to be interactive and enable students to engage and get involved then and there. And he organises the team and all the logistics.

This year we had our language guessing game, Babel, which challenges students to identify the language they hear in headphones from a list of possible choices. This game helps students realise the number of languages spoken in the world and just how different they are. There is a leaderboard and it becomes fiercely competitive.

We took Carrom Boards – a game much like Snooker but played by flicking wooden discs on a square board with a hole in each corner. Carrom is very popular in the sub-continent, the very area where our recording project was to occur. We were looking for 300 students to give $5 each and 150 students to commit to praying for this recording project.

We also took our mobile studio. Instead of our usual collection of record and cassette players, we set up a video camera so students could leave a message of encouragement to Christian university students in other countries with IFES groups (International Fellowship of International Students).

The Cardtalk remained a firm favourite and students were invariably amazed to hear sound generated by a record and a piece of cardboard. We took a few other

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playback devices, current and obsolete. Tumi Tiger even made an appearance.

We had a team of six go down. Two of our team, Tim and Xavia, found out about GRN through NTE. Geoff organised us all. Andre Auert proved a gun at reversing a trailer. David Sinden managed to figure out the video equipment. I was the oldest team member by at least 25 years! We got set up in a few hours and then enjoyed dinner at a noodle house. It was great.

The next day it was on. The students came and we played and we talked. Competition was fierce on the language guessing game. Carrom proved popular and was a great opportunity for some deeper conversations. The Cardtalk demonstrated God's amazing creativity and the inspiration He gives His children. Students entered the studio and made videos encouraging fellow students in far flung places.

As always we enjoyed fellowship with people from the other organisations present and kept a close eye on their chocolates and other snacks. The book stall was busy. Do these students read or do they just collect books?

We talked to hundreds of students. Many were keen and interested to hear about GRN. Many were considering their future and it's a privilege to talk to them as they consider how God is leading them. There were about 2,200 students attending along with hundreds of staff workers. There was a significant international contingent and it's always a joy to let them hear God's word in their own language – 5fish is wonderful for that!

Give thanks for this amazing event and the opportunity GRN has to be there. Please pray for the students, for AFES, for the other missions as we all seek to serve God and make disciples of all nations.

Christine Platt
CEO

What do we make?

We have been telling the story of Jesus in every language since 1939, when our founder Joy Ridderhoff believed that about 300 languages were spoken in the world. Today we have over 6,500 language varieties recorded and believe there are over 12,000 varieties spoken world wide all available on our website.

The Cardtalk remains a hit when we go out visiting. Young and old are fascinated when they see a piece of corrugated cardboard getting sound out of a record. They can see God's hand when they hear that millions of people have heard God's word on a similar device in years gone by.

We are very thankful to be able to show how well designed tools from yesterday coupled with today's technology allows us to continue equipping the church with evangelistic and disciple making resources.

Recordings

Fundamental to GRN's ministry is our recordings. We seek to serve the church by providing good, biblically accurate messages, that convey God's word in culturally appropriate language. That listeners might come to faith as they hear God's word in their own language. We seek to provide enough material in a language so that the people might be established in their faith.

5fish

This is our wonderful App that gives you access to all our recordings, Jesus Film Suite, audio-Bibles and some other 3rd party content on your device. It is free, available in your browser (5fish.org) and your App store. We created it so you can access God's word in every language – you will never be lost for words again!

Good News and Look, Listen and Live (LLL) Pictures

These pictures were developed from the 1980s with painstaking research and field trials. Forty years later we are still printing thousands of the books each year and they also feature in a lot of digital media. The pictures were designed for people not used to books and reading. They have stood the test of time. For some a Good News picture book is their Bible, as each picture reminds them of a Bible story and the basics of Christian living. The LLL gives an overview of the Bible, helping people put it all together.

Solar Powered mp3 Players

Lots of people make them. We distribute MegaVoice ones. But they are great in situations where people have limited access to electricity or the internet. They allow people in remote places to hear God's word, and go really well with our picture books! You can even have an audio Bible at home – stick it under your pillow at night or use it in your car.

Sunday School Materials

Our Sunday School materials have been available for decades and provided reliable material using our picture books. Recently an app was developed – which has gone viral! The lessons have been translated into several languages, most recently Tagalog in the Philippines. The Tagalog materials have been enthusiastically received in several communities.

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Tumi Tiger

Tumi is a wonderful tool for kids (and some adults) who have suffered trauma, have ADHD or autism. Tumi speaks English, Afrikaans and Ukrainian. Tumi speaks for 4 hours and has helped thousands of children in need of a friend and some wise godly counsel.

Colin the Cub

Colin is at the other end of the spectrum. Colin is designed for people with advanced Alzheimer's disease. He provides recreation: not completion but companionship, assistance (being there) and comfort. Colin has proven a great comfort to many in South Africa.

The Future

What's next? A good question! Please pray for us as we explore. Sam the sheep is under development to teach children Christian doctrine. Trauma is a growing area of interest. Video and animation seem to be likely, and AI (Artificial Intelligence) could well make that much easier to do.

A bequest can change lives

Like many mission organisations, we can benefit greatly when friends make a final gift that continues to bless the ministries they have generously supported in life. Once you have made proper and primary provision for family and friends this can be a very effective way to go on making a difference to the church on earth when you have joined the church in glory! If you would like to consider this option in your Will please contact the GRN office on 02 9899 2211 or we have some information on our website: www.globalrecordings.net/au-bequests.

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Our Vision
That people might hear and understand God's Word in their heart language, especially those who are oral communicators and those who do not have Scriptures in a form they can access.

Our Mission
In partnership with the church, to effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ by means of culturally appropriate audio and audio-visual materials in every language.

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New Studios

We are grateful to have engaged a builder to build 3 new studios inside our existing office space. This extra capacity is much needed as we often have recordists doing studio work in the corridors. It will also prove useful when we bring in recordists from around the world for training so they can do an even better job of telling the story of Jesus in the languages spoken in their countries and regions.

Construction will start in the first half of 2026 and will take approximately 3-4 months. The studios will cost approximately $600,000. Praise God that we are already halfway to raising the funds needed. Pray as we ask God to provide the remaining 50% of the funds.

Find more information on our website: *grn.org.au/new-recording-studios.*

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