Telling the story of Jesus...

On the third Tuesday of February I (Christine Platt) had the joy of kicking off our monthly online prayer events for 2026. I always enjoy the meetings, but this one was particularly full of good news!

Arizona - USA

Graham Schabel spent two months in our USA office, where his

computer expertise and practical skills were just as appreciated as his kind and servant hearted presence. Graham was joined by his wife and son for the second month of his stay. It was a great visit which has helped develop relationships between our two offices.

Students playing the Babel game

Geoff Wong also headed to the US office after Christmas. Along with the Schabels he had the opportunity to attend Urbana and help the US office man a stand. Urbana is a missionary conference held every three years. It is attended by about 7,000 young adults and 50 mission agencies.

Our USA team saw Urbana as an important event as they seek new staff and supporters. They were super encouraged by the conversations they had and the participants' level of engagement. Australia's other major contribution to Urbana was the Babel language guessing game developed by our computer programmers.

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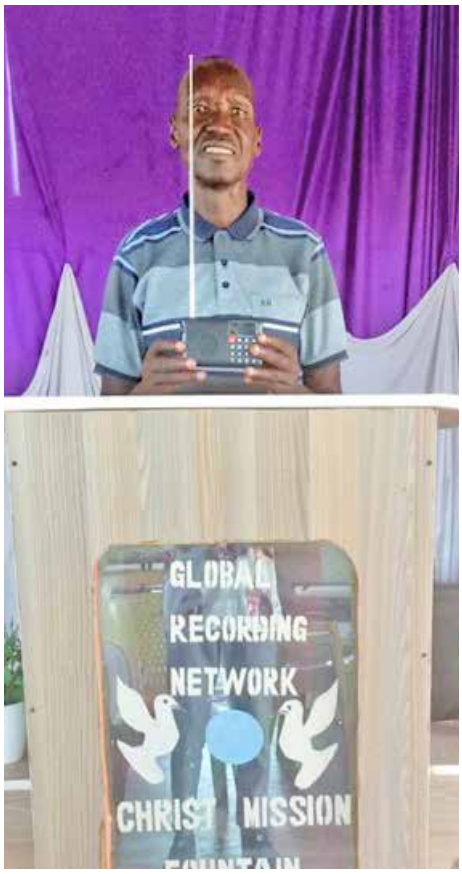
Turkana – Kenya

We have recently discovered the Global Recording Network Church pastored by Pastor Kakalel! Recordings were made in the Turkana language during the late 80s and early 90s. Pastor Kakalel used them as he started a church that was named in our honour. And we knew nothing about it until recently!



David Angango

Then a couple of years ago David Angango, the Programs Manager from Good News Radio 90.1FM in Kenya, contacted us to ask permission to broadcast our Turkana recordings. Of course we were pleased to give it!

David reported in Feb 2026: "As often happens, technical problems made our start erratic. We have stabilised and wish to report that the content you availed to us is of the only kind available among the Turkana today. In fact, your content stands out in ministry. We thank God for you."

They used GRN's recordings extensively on their community radio station in Lokichar, the heartland of the Turkana speakers. Through this, David met individuals who were involved in the recordings way back in 1990s and there was tremendous joy that the recordings are being utilised in this manner! When made, the region didn't have FM radio stations. Now, there is greater access to the content and a desire to make fresh recordings.

Our Kenya team at work

SweatCon

The South Western Sydney Evangelism and Training Conference is a strategic event we attend each January to introduce attendees to 5fish and GRN more generally. These are people being trained to reach out to their neighbours with the Gospel in an area where many languages are spoken – a key group of people for GRN's ministry.

We are thankful to the MCs for telling people about 5fish and then for an evening interview where I (Christine) had opportunity to explain more about our ministry overall and how they could use 5fish with people they bump into when they are out and about.

Miracles from Benin, Africa

Healing of a young man sick for four years

A young man who had been ill for four years was presented to our GRN team. According to his father, the illness began on the day he obtained his high school diploma as the top student at his school. Upon returning home, while filled with joy, he felt a violent shock on the right side of his body, as if struck by a stone, and he collapsed.

He was taken to the hospital but showed no improvement despite medical care. His father testified that he had exhausted all his financial resources.

Our team shared the Gospel with him using the Good News recording, based on Ephesians 4:11–16, which reminds us that Christ gives strength to every part of the body. After prayer, they left the house.

A few minutes later, his father called them back; the young man had stood up on his own, regained his strength, and no longer felt any pain.

Conversion and deliverance of a man

Our team visited a couple and played GRN recordings using a solar powered mp3 player. The father was deeply touched. He testified that he had not slept at night for nearly a year. To protect himself and his family, the father had consulted a fetish priest who buried a fetish (object with spiritual powers) in front of his bedroom door, because at different times his wife, his children, or he himself would fall ill.

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After listening to the messages, he decided to abandon the fetish and give his life to Jesus Christ. His wife, for now, refused to commit.

The following morning, the man returned to testify that he had slept deeply throughout the night, a sleep he had not experienced for a long time.

Chris Mason recording in Darwin

Nigeria – too dangerous to name!
Our team made contact with a tribe living in an area that is too dangerous to visit. They worked together to translate and record the good news in their language. Once the editing and programming was complete some brothers from this tribe visited our office. Waiting for them were the new GRN recordings and some scripture loaded onto solar powered mp3 players and microSD cards, along with the GRN picture books and 5fish cards.

The brothers were trained in how to use the materials and sent off with their precious cargo. The materials will be distributed through house-to-house visits, family networks, trusted community and Church relationships, ensuring safety and minimal attention while maximizing reach. This approach proves effective in an environment where open evangelistic activities expose believers and listeners to danger.

Please pray for these brothers and for those who will hear the good news through the materials they will distribute.

Aboriginal Recording Program
We are thankful that Chris Mason was able to spend a week in Darwin recording scripture in three languages at Nungalingya College in partnership with AuSIL and the Bible Society.

Janette, our volunteer, continues to work on making contact and planning recording opportunities. Praise God that during April, our recordists, David Sinden and André Auert, have planned a visit to Alice Springs to record scripture in two languages.

Please pray for the ongoing development of our Australian indigenous languages ministry. We would love to have recording staff living in aboriginal areas.

Kerala, India
We are thankful that the Kumbhar recording of Look, Listen and Live 1-8 has been complete and there is a plan to use these recordings in an outreach program in April.

We are excited to be beginning to record another Kerala language in partnership with the same local ministry to reach another group they are ministering to.

Nyaw, Thailand
GRN recordists, Lot and Boi, went to Nakhon Phanom Province to follow up the Nyaw people. They visited Nyaw Christians and a local Nyaw evangelist they had met earlier. This evangelist told them that two Nyaw people who listened to the Nyaw recordings on an mp3 player they had sent had accepted Christ. These were people he had regularly shared with, but they had not yet responded to God's word. After listening to the recordings in their own language, they understood and decided to open their hearts to Jesus. This testimony was very encouraging, especially for Mr. Sathaporn, their ministry partner who is the speaker on the Nyaw recordings. In the past, he had felt discouraged and uncertain about making more recordings in Nyaw. Our Thai team and Mr. Sathaporn learned a lesson from this: as God's workers, we are responsible to do our assigned tasks well. The results and the timing are in God's hands.

Recording Plans
In Southern Africa teams of oral Bible translators are recording their translations and sending them over the internet to Dalene Joubert in our South Africa office. Dalene processes them and sends them to the Global Studio for inclusion in 5fish. The people are always very anxious to find their recordings on 5fish and to be able to share them with family and friends.

Our Kenyan team are planning a recording and research trip to Uganda where they hope to record two languages and prepare the way for future recording projects. They also hope to visit an area where the recordings have been distributed by

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GRN's ILT meeting

local churches to find out how they have been received by the people.

Pakistan and the Philippines are both working on recording projects in partnership with local Christian groups. Please pray for them as travel is perilous and situations can change suddenly.

International Leadership Team (ILT)

As a member of this team, I travel overseas to a meeting twice yearly. As I write war has broken out in the Middle East and I have tickets to travel to Kenya via Qatar in a week's time. I am thankful that I am not currently overseas and my problems are minor compared to the people of Iran.

However, my plans are now up in the air and I have no idea how this is going to play out. When you receive this I might be in Kenya or I might not! *Please pray for the ILT. We have the responsibility to lead GRN to tell the story of Jesus in every language as effectively and well as we can. This is quite a challenge in a world that seems to be increasingly unstable and difficult to navigate.*

We have offices located in 40 odd countries around the world. That is a lot of different cultures and languages spoken. *Please do pray for our people as we seek to serve God, the language groups spoken in our own and neighbouring countries, and each other.*

If you would like to join our monthly prayer group, please contact our office and we'll send you the zoom link. It is a joy to pray with like minded people each month.

Christine Platt
CEO

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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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 middle 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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