The Sound of Jackhammers...

The location for the new studios

Any day now, we are expecting our peace in the Sydney office to be shattered by the arrival of builders. The construction of our three new studios is finally about to begin! We are thankful to God for His provision of persevering staff, supportive board, builder, certifier, the needed external experts, and finances. Also, a big 'thank you' to everyone who prayed or gave.

This project is expected to take 3-4 months to complete at a total cost of about $600,000. Since signing the contract, trouble has broken out in the Middle East and building material prices have escalated significantly; between 5-50% according to Google!

Please pray for the safe and efficient construction of these three studios at a reasonable cost, and for the provision of all materials and funds needed. Pray that these new studios might serve Him and GRN well in the years to come. Pray for many recordists to be trained and for the story of Jesus to be told and sung in many languages from these new facilities.

Many of our staff and volunteers will be affected by the noise and dust. Our computer department is directly upstairs from the action, the existing studios are adjacent, and maintenance staff are in the middle of it all. Pray for patience for those affected, and for judicious working-from-home arrangements as needed.

We look forward to inviting you to come and see it once it's finished!

Overseas Stories

Annual Outreach to Harvesters: Hermosillo, Mexico

A team of 35 people from GRN Mexico and 12 different churches travelled to Hermosillo to give mostly indigenous farm workers the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own languages. The team visited them in the fields and their camps while they were in the area harvesting crops. Hundreds heard the Gospel in languages including Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Chol, Mixtec, and Nahuatl. Dozens responded positively to what they heard. Please pray for them and for our Mexico team as they plan the next farm worker outreach.

YWAM Recordists Trained: Brazil

Our Brazilian leader/recordist and Joel Juedes, currently based in the US, recently trained a YWAM team of six people to record. YWAM is part of a world-wide Bible translation program and this training will equip them to make good recordings of scriptures as they work amongst tribal groups in Brazil.

Chonyi Recording: Kenya

James Inyama (GRN recordist) has completed recording Look, Listen and Live (LLL) 1-8 plus the Living Christ into Chonyi, a language group of 338,000 speakers. This work was done with the expectation that the recordings will boost the morale of Pastors and evangelists working within the Chonyi community

churches and will be very helpful to the old, the illiterate and the whole church who will listen more to the Word of God for salvation and redemption.

In Partnership with Samaritan's Purse: Kenya

Our Kenyan team took part in a mission with Samaritin's Purse in Malindi among the Rabai and Swahili people. Twenty sets of Look Listen and Live materials (160 LLL flipcharts) and mp3 players were distributed. It was great to meet with many church denominations: 23 Sunday School teachers, 21 pastors and 15 primary school teachers were present.

Please pray that this distribution will boost the school pastoral programs in 8 schools sponsored by these churches and also help students to understand more about the Bible and develop their relationship with God.

The Pastors and Sunday school teachers had opportunity to learn how to best use the GRN materials, interact with our people and receive materials to use in their ministry. It will help Sunday School students follow and understand the Bible stories and the word of God for salvation. It is expected that the churches who received these materials will start the Bible study classes and listening programs for their people in groups and as families.

It was amazing to introduce the 5fish App to the group and very encouraging to see 26 people loaded it onto their phones. Pray that they will share the materials widely and use them for their family bible study, with their friends at church and while fishing.

Book Stall in Birishiri of Birishiri Division: Bangladesh

The Garo Baptist Convention Annual meeting was attended by more than 52 Church Pastors, leaders and Evangelists. They were joined by participants coming from different language groups and districts. Our GRN team met with pastors and leaders, where they shared and distributed GRN Materials. More than 85 churches attended this program, about 5,200 people in total.

The GRN team set up a book stall which was visited by many people,

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including youth, who collected over 1,000 5fish leaflets and responded very enthusiastically to the 5fish app and the GRN Good News YouTube channel. They believe that this channel is very useful, especially for Sunday school teachers and young children.

They also distributed 300 Bibles (thank you Gideons), 83 copies of the Gospel of John, 40 GRN picture books and helped many people download 5fish and find our GRN You Tube channel.

Clear and Easy to Understand: Sahel Region, Africa

Missionary Dean Davis wrote: Here's a story you might appreciate.

I was in the Africa Sahel region training church planters to use digital Bible resources to make disciples. They received resources including audio Bible recordings, the Jesus Film and Global Recording Network's stories such as "Good News" and "Look, Listen and Live."

Each morning before we got started for training, on lunch breaks, and in the evenings one leader constantly had his earphones in listening to recordings we had given him on a microSD card for his phone. I asked him, "What are you listening to all the time?" He said,"I'm listening to these Bible stories." I asked him which ones, and he indicated the GRN stories. I said, "You have so many options of what you can listen to. What do you like about these stories?"

He smiled and said, "I like them because they are so clear and they make the Bible so easy to understand."

I was taken by his words because he was not a new Christian. He was the son of an imam who had given his life to Christ about 25 years before. He was a seminary graduate and a leading pastor in his area. But he was pulled to the GRN recordings in 3GP format and his local language. His response made me think of the song that says "I love to tell the story, for those who know it best, seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest."

This leader continues to share those stories phone-to-phone using the Xender app as he ministers in his war-torn country today.

Thank you so much, for sharing the essentials of the Christian Faith so clearly. Thank you for making these stories available in so many local languages and dialects. Thank you for cross-referencing all the different names for local languages and dialects. We are grateful to be able to pass on to under-resourced disciple makers the resources your team has worked so hard to develop.

Christine Platt
CEO

Alice Springs... The Prayer Shack

The Prayer Shack

David Sinden and Andre Auert headed out west to Alice Springs hoping to record several books of the Bible in a couple of Aboriginal languages: Pintupi-Luritja and Ngaanyatjarra. This was Andre's first recording trip as his year as a trainee recordist comes to an end. David went to supervise and help as the senior experienced recordist.

This trip was a team effort! Recording happened in the Prayer Shack, operated from a Christian couple's bed and breakfast. It had surprisingly good acoustics and didn't require too many mattresses

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Lavinia recording the Bible

to convert it into a suitable studio! The resident cricket did cause some consternation with its chirping. Bashing the wall would shut it up for a while.

The rest of the team comprised of GRN and AuSIL who planned the recordings. Lavinia and Cynthia are local ladies who enthusiastically provided their voices. A local Baptist church provided dinner, and the Salvation Army provided hospitality to David and Andre for the first week.

Praise God! They managed to record more than was originally planned. Andre and David now have the job of editing, which will take several months. Speakers of the languages will then be called upon to check the recordings before they are made publicly available.

Excitingly, those involved in the project are wanting to record more. Lavinia's husband would like to record conversations between mature Christian men discussing Aboriginal law and other cultural matters. Plus there is the desire to record more of the Bible.

A highlight of the trip for David and Andre was eating kangaroo tail prepared the traditional way. This meal was prepared to celebrate the end of the Pintupi-Luritja recording.

Kriol News

Several Kriol songs were added to 5fish. This caused great excitement and people reportedly listened to them all night!

Tumi Tiger is being translated into Kriol. Please pray that this project might come to fruition for the benefit of children suffering trauma.

For prayer...

There is a growing call for an established recording studio and resident recording personnel in the Northern Territory. Please pray for God's provision of the people and the facilities required. Pray too for more enthusiastic people willing and able to develop scripts, translate the Bible, and lend their voice and testimony. All to the glory of God!

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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If you feel led to give

New Studios

We are glad that plans for 3 new studios are out for tender and we will have quotes for building them very soon. This extra capacity is much needed as we often have studio work being done in the corridor. It will also prove useful for training other GRN recordists from around the world. We have highly skilled audio specialists and need more facilities so they can help our overseas recordists improve the quality of GRN's recordings around the world.

Please pray as we receive quotes from builders and seek to choose the builder who will do the best job for us at a reasonable price. We are expecting a price tag around the $300,000 mark but will have a better idea very soon. Should you feel led to give, you can do so at www.*grn.org.au/give*

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