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Rejoice in Difficult Times

As I think about 2020, James 4:13-17 comes to mind:

'Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.' (NIV)

I am thankful for the opportunity we have had, thanks to generous donations, to help our GRN families around the world. Many have faced high inflation, difficulty getting around safely, and the challenge of working from home. It has been a privilege to stand with them in prayer and practical support.

It has been exciting to see recording and distribution opportunities appear. More than half a million hours of recordings have been downloaded in some months and

the overall increase in downloads has been of an order of magnitude. New recordings have been made in several countries across Africa and Asia, and research visits have been carried out in others. Some of this has been with unreached people groups in hostile locations.

One exciting development in an Asian country is a Christian community interested in a missions course which introduces the church to their responsibility to reach the lost tribes living in their nation. A few years ago churches had no interest in this course; a few weeks ago our team had 50 people attend a three-day mission camp. Praise God!

Here in Australia our responsibility for GRN internationally in the areas of studio and computer systems has increased significantly. We are seeking more trainee recordists, studio staff and a software developer. We are also planning the construction of three new studios.

We were thankful to be able to hold a hybrid AGM, with a quorum in the



GRN's hybrid AGM

building and others joining us online. The meeting was successful and we were excited to introduce two new board interns who will join the board, with voice but no vote, for an initial period of 12 months.

We have taken advantage of the relative quiet to complete some much needed maintenance and improvements around the office. We are very thankful for God's ongoing provision of all we need

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and for our many partners in the Gospel. We do indeed covet your prayerful support. I commend the Nigerian Medical Outreach project to you.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Let us rejoice that we have such good news to tell and such a wonderful Saviour to worship!



Christine Platt
CEO

God Makes New Ways in Thailand

In Luke 24:47 Jesus says, "They (the scriptures) say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven". During 2020 in Thailand, God has continued to bless the GRN Thailand (GRNT) ministry by enabling workers to reach individuals and communities who haven't heard the scriptures before, or people who need access to scriptures to nurture their Christian faith.



In early 2020, GRNT staff travelled to Mien village in Nan Province, to meet with three Christians visiting from the USA. The team leader, a Mien who had gone to the USA as a refugee 30 years before, now visits China, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia regularly sharing God's love with the Mien people. At the meeting, the GRNT staff introduced the work of GRN, gave the US team three MP3 players with recordings in Mien to be shared with Mien people in Laos and Vietnam, and introduced the 5fish app.

The next month, a GRNT team visited Chieng Khong in Chiangrai Province to meet with some Lamet people and a ministry partner team

skilled in cultural research. Together they were seeking how best to help the Lamet people know Jesus in culturally suitable ways, particularly through Lamet songs and music. This was their first meeting together and a second one was planned.



Not long after this meeting, a Lahu farmer-salesman led a small group from GRNT to a Lahu village in a valley they had never visited. Mae Tho Village, Wiang Pa Pao district, comprises 11 households and is accessed via a steep, hazardous, dirt and gravel road. Despite their isolation, all the villagers are known as Christians and they even have a young pastor. The group distributed to the villagers MP3 players with Lahu recordings, clothes, toys and other items. The Lahu people gave a small donation towards the MP3 players. Most of the villagers are illiterate and have little Bible knowledge. They enjoyed hearing the scriptures in their own language and asked the team to visit again to teach them God's word.

Individuals have also continued to be reached. GRNT workers visited a man in hospital and at home, following his serious motorbike

accident linked to alcohol abuse. People thought he would not survive, but today, despite being unable to use his arm and leg on one side, he now believes in God, has stopped drinking and listens to an MP3 player with the scriptures on it, every day.

Finally, an unusual way in which God enabled the spread of His word in 2020 came during the school summer break. The GRNT hand wind players, the Tape Talks, had been in storage for over 10 years as they have been replaced by CDs, DVDs and MP3 players. Mathee, one of the worker's sons, knew that the younger Thai generation tends to be interested in old items, so he was given permission to post information about the Tape Talks on a website for antique enthusiasts. Many people responded and purchased them. But that wasn't the end of the story. The buyers were curious about the tapes, and their questions led to sharing information about the source and purpose of the recordings. Some went on to buy MP3 players and scripture recordings for themselves.

Praise God for these wonderful opportunities to reach more and more people with His word.

Medical Outreach in Nigeria



In Nigeria an exciting project is underway. A group of workers from GRN Nigeria, led by the Rev Kish Hai Bai, and a medical team led by Dr Joshua Gyede Giyan, are working together with the aim of healing people both physically and spiritually. In doing this they are following in the footsteps of Jesus, their Saviour, who, when he was here on earth, was known as the great healer: healing bodies, minds and souls. When he healed a paralysed man, Jesus said, "Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." (Luke 5:23-24 NLT) Similarly, this Nigerian project aims to glorify God by offering healing just as Jesus did – physically and spiritually.

Recently a promotional video* about this GRN Medical Outreach in Nigeria was produced. Its two main messages are:

- Through medicine, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached so that people will receive healing of body and spirit.
- Money does not satisfy people but helping people to heal and find God will make them happy.

The brainchild of Rev Kish Bai, he started the medical outreach only a few years ago. In his local

community he saw many people suffering with malaria along with a high incidence of glaucoma, tumours, ulcers and other diseases. He realised the provision of medical help could break down cultural barriers and allow the Gospel to reach people who otherwise might be resistant to God's word. He planned for the outreach to occur between 23-30 December. As he was planning this, God was leading Dr Giyan to Rev Kish Bai's work. During an internet search, Dr Giyan came across a recording his father had made for GRN some years ago. He recognised his father's voice and was surprised to hear him reading Bible passages in his own dialect. Rev Kish Bai and Dr Giyan met and later began the outreach. At first, not many people came, but now there are queues of local adults and children, daily from 23 - 30 December, each year.

Dr Giyan, a family physician who is also a strong Christian with a passion for outreach, was not only able to provide his own skills, but also his hospital to be used for surgery. Two additional surgeons, a nurse (his sister), and a pharmacist also joined the endeavour. Rev Kish Bai and his team hold church services full of music, prayer and Bible teaching for the people in hospital for surgery, thus continuing GRN's work of reaching people with God's word in their own language and dialect.

The service is free of charge to all who need it, but of course, GRN and the medical team rely on support from Christians around the world. Rev Kish Bai states in the video that if God touches you to give with cash donations, medicines, food, service and especially prayer, your gift would be very much appreciated.

Please email: au@globalrecordings.net for details if you wish to support this work in any way, or complete and return the attached tear-off slip.

****GRN Nigeria Medical Outreach video, go to:***

<https://youtu.be/aOLs301mrXA>

This video contains graphic footage of medical procedures.

Finance Highlights

We praise God once again for His provision for the mission through the 2019-20 financial year. We also thank God for many faithful and generous supporters that have been prompted to contribute to this ministry.

The second half of the financial year was very challenging, with COVID-19 significantly affecting the operations

of the mission. The revenue was impacted by an overall 18% drop in General Donations and a 11% reduction in Donations for Staff. The effect of this was offset by the revenue from government support programs.

Bequests also reduced to an average level when compared to the higher levels of the last two years.

Expenditure during COVID-19 period dropped as travel and several

recording trips were postponed. The government job keeper program resulted in an increase in Staff Support payments and helped them through the crisis.

The net result was a deficit of just over \$103,000.

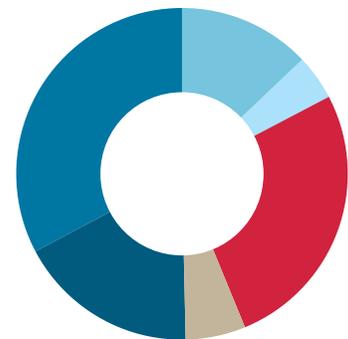
The Lord provided everything that was needed, sometimes in surprising ways. We continue to look to the Lord for His provision for the ministry of GRN, in Australia and around the world.

INCOME 2020

INCOME	This Year \$,000	Last Year \$,000
Sales	40	45
General Donations	213	261
Bequests	68	410
Donations for Staff	439	490
Donations for Overseas	92	117
Govt. Support Programs	291	
Investments	535	535
TOTAL INCOME	1678	1858

EXPENSES

Cost of Sales	49	106
Local Operations	146	184
Property & Equipment	274	288
Staff Support	968	866
Overseas Support	344	452
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	1781	1896
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(103)	(38)



- 13% General Donations
- 4% Bequests
- 27% Donations for Staff
- 6% Donations for Overseas
- 32% Investments
- 18% Government Support

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If you feel led to give



Nigeria Medical Outreach

Despite the difficulties created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the GRN Nigeria team is still planning to hold its annual Medical Outreach in December 2020. The medical services are provided by qualified doctors and other medical staff free of charge to all who are in need.

However, medicines, medical supplies and food are needed. Also, the GRN Nigeria team has need for flipcharts and mp3 players to distribute the Gospel to local people in their languages and dialects.

GRN Australia is hoping to send \$7,000 to cover all these costs. Please pray for the GRN Nigeria Medical Outreach, that many people would receive physical healing, and that they would also hear the Gospel in their own language and come to know Jesus, the ultimate Healer.

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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