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Spreading the Gospel through Social Media

Our team in West Africa has established a Facebook community. Dado, a girl from North Benin, joined this community. Her parents did not know the Lord but she gave her life to Jesus. One day when she was in the field with her mother, her mother began to have severe stomach pain. Dado asked her, "Do you want me to pray to Jesus to heal you?" Her mother hesitated for a while then finally agreed. Dado knelt down and prayed in the name of Jesus for the healing of her mother. Then she asked her mum to say Amen, which she did. Less than 2 minutes later, the mother stood up. She was no longer in pain, she was healed. Then addressing her daughter she said, "I was against you going to church, from today I no longer oppose. I even want you to have a Christian husband". Other family members learned of Dado's mother's intentions. They now want to force Dado to marry a man who does not know the Lord Jesus. Please pray for Dado and her family.

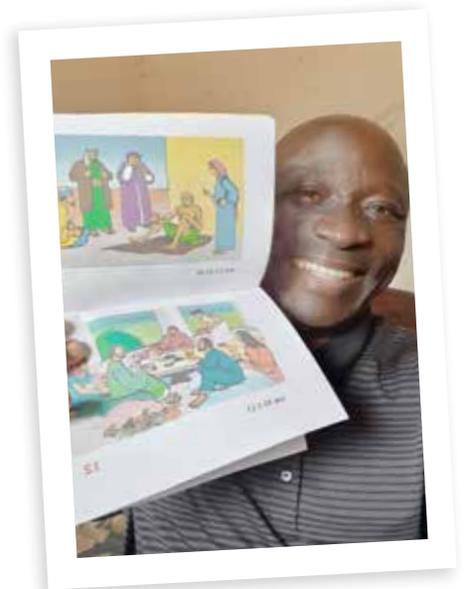
These past few weeks have been a time of reading reports and catching up on what our offices have been

doing around the world. Different uses of technology to get God's word out there keep on appearing. I thank God for His capable and creative children.

Another report from West Africa tells of our people using Whatsapp, a messenger service on mobile phones, to send out our recordings to key people in a language group. They can easily share the recordings with their friends and family. It's a great way to get our recordings shared amongst speakers of a particular language.

Several GRN centres in the Americas and Asia have received training in preparing social media posts (memes and videos) which point people to Gospel recordings in their own language. They have also been trained in how to get those posts onto the phones of the people they are trying to reach. Many thousands of people have listened to the good news through social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. And again these recordings are easily shared amongst friends.

One enterprising team in Asia has been posting GRN audio visuals on You Tube. Again, thousands of people have heard the good news through this activity. These posts and videos generate comments which provide an opportunity to answer questions and interact with interested people.



Umbari in the DR Congo

And then we have our good friend Umbari in the DR Congo. He wanted some mp3 players and picture books, but it was just prohibitively expensive to send them. It turns out

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that he was able to buy cheap mp3 players in the market and had access to a photocopier machine. We were able to send him some money. He has bought some mp3 players, which he will load himself, and he had some picture books printed. We wait to hear more.

At a time when we cannot function as we normally do, it is encouraging to see our people around the world telling the story of Jesus in new and creative ways. Please pray for continuing creativity and innovation and for people to join us in the

kingdom of light as they hear God's word through GRN recordings.



Christine Platt
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GRN Mexico Culiacan Outreach



GRN Mexico Culiacan team

In Mexico, a GRN team of 36 people recently travelled thousands of kilometres to preach God's word. This annual trek sees missionaries reaching out to day labourers living in Culiacan's agricultural worker camps in Mexico's northwest. Culiacan is the state capital of Sinaloa. The team believes God brought them to Culiacan to preach His word in the indigenous languages of these labourers.

The workers' camps in Culiacan are often rife with depression and spiritual darkness. They are the refuges of many forgotten, abused and marginalised people, most of them untouched by the Gospel. The GRN team saw that needs were great, both financially and spiritually and so The Culiacan Project was born.

Every day, before going out into the fields, the GRN team prayed together. They beseeched God to open access to the camps, because the early days of this outreach coincided with COVID-19 restrictions. One day, they prayed according to 1 John 5:14: "And this is the confidence we have in Him, that

if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

That afternoon, the team visited at least five camps where, one after another, they were denied entry. But they pressed on. They came to a small, unlisted camp and sought permission to enter. The manager took the team leader to the camp chief who wanted to know what these missionaries wanted to gain; why they would risk their safety during a pandemic to seek out some of Culiacan's most forgotten. The leader's response was simple, "Share God's word with the people." The team was allowed to enter. God answered their prayer.



That night was a victory. More than 70 men from different parts of the country and different ethnic groups heard the Gospel. The impact of the preaching was evident in the response of one man, Juan. That night, before the evangelistic film was even over, he asked the team, "Do you know of a rehabilitation centre? I want to change my life!"

Over the next two weeks, God repeatedly answered that initial prayer. At least 33 camps were



Digital Kiosk

eventually opened up and blessed with the Gospel shared in more than 50 languages. There were 393 villages represented among the people found in the fields. Many resources on USB and micro SD memory sticks were distributed, including Bible stories, The Jesus Film, videos from the Good News audiovisual library and applications containing the Gospel of Mark or John. These items, along with a few hundred DVDs, were used to spread the message of salvation. There were more than 7,862 file downloads through kiosks and Wi-Fi access points and 18,789 Facebook interactions. It is estimated that dozens of new believers were born.

These numbers give glory to God and attest to His power to answer prayer.

Today, the publication of the 5Fish App on Facebook is continuing, along with the use of Digital Kiosks, which put Bible resources in indigenous languages onto the cell phones of day labourers.

Update from Gospel Recordings Nigeria

Towards the end of 2020, we were able to report on the wonderful medical and spiritual ministry of the Gospel Recordings team in Nigeria under the leadership of Kish Hai Bai.

We recently received a newsletter from Kish entitled, "Gospel Recordings Nigeria Booster". Why this title? Kish explains, "To boost is to support or promote an existing activity. We thank God for our founder, Joy Ridderhof, who started the ministry. Now it is left for us to promote what she started or we remain stagnant ... Any organisation that wants to move forward has to deliberately think of 'boosting'."

Previously, over six years, Kish had assisted evangelist Daniel Zagi of Haggar Foundation in his medical outreach. He discovered that this was a vibrant way to reach Muslim and pagan communities without barriers. Because of this experience, he started what he called, "The booster of Gospel Recordings (medical outreach)".

So, how has this boosting been happening recently through Gospel Recordings Nigeria?



First, God has been adding increased numbers of medical workers and counsellors and cooks to form teams. Enthusiasm is high. If invited to run an outreach program, they respond immediately. In the final months of 2020, two important outreach

programs occurred. Kish says that while more frequent outreach is the aim, outreach in the current climate is "in a hard place" and in need of much prayer.



Dr Joshua Gyede Giyan, a family physician who joined GRN for medical outreach in 2019, says, "This work is not about money. We are working together with the aim of healing people both physically and spiritually. On the last day, Jesus will say, 'Well done!'"

The two outreach programs held near the end of 2020 were visits to Nasarawa State and Plateau State. In November, a pastor invited Gospel Recordings Medical Outreach to run a program in his church in Kagbu, Nasarawa State. During this program, the team attended to 150 patients and distributed 500 CDs in the Eggon language.

In December, in Plateau State the team ran an outreach for Gus and Buji tribespeople in three communities comprising Christians, pagans and Muslims. Here, the committed medical team provided physical care, often being so busy they found little time to eat. They also offered counselling in which the issues addressed included marriage struggles, poverty, illiteracy, idleness, polygamy, family crises, alcohol and drug addiction, lack of proper hygiene, syncretism and carnality. The aim was that all who had been treated physically

would also be aided spiritually, in settling their faith in Christ before leaving the venue.

Although invaluable seeds were sown, not all counselling was immediately successful. For instance, a 22 year-old lady confessed that she didn't want to commit to Christ, despite being an active member of the church choir, because this would restrict the way she wanted to live her life. She said, "I am not ready to receive Christ now." She was counselled to withdraw from the choir until she decided for Jesus, because only then would singing in the choir become meaningful for her.

In Plateau State, the team distributed 500 CDs, attended to 585 patients and, during both outreach visits, and many people prayed to receive Christ as their Saviour. Kish's newsletter gives praise to God for the provision of funds and committed workers, for good health, safety and vehicle reliability as the teams travel around Nigeria.

The medical service is free to all in need. GRN provided medicine, GRN recordings and audio-visual materials, transport and fuel. Kish and the team send their thanks to those who contributed.

Kish particularly requests prayer for the new converts, that they would grow in Christ. Also for those who have refused Christ, for those practising syncretism, and for this year's outreach efforts. We thank God for the GRN team's commitment and faithfulness, and their desire to promote and extend their existing work in the face of hardship, that many more Nigerians will come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Outreach in The Gambia



Recently, good news arrived from The Gambia, the smallest country within mainland Africa. Bounded by Senegal and the Atlantic, this West African nation is a densely populated, predominantly Muslim country.

For the first two weeks of February 2021, in the midst of Covid-19 upheavals, the Lord opened doors to share His word through a five-town outreach to a variety of ethnic groups: the Mandinkas, Wolofs, Fulas, Manjacos and Balantas. A Christian fellowship existed in only one of the towns,

Busura, though mosques are present in all of them.

GRN Gambia partnered with Youth with a Mission and the Church of Pentecost for this outreach. The team showed nightly film screenings, visited houses and distributed resources. Around 7,000 villagers viewed The Jesus Movie in Mandinka and Mary Magdalene in Wolof. The teams shared Christ's message one-to-one in homes, answering questions and doubts in many hearts. Many people asked God to forgive their sins and accepted Jesus.

Also, the people distributed GRN recordings including 72 memory cards in four dialects and 65 MP3 commercial radios. Hearers were overjoyed to receive Bible stories in their own dialects. One woman related excitedly that while she had not been privileged to go to school, she was now able to hear God's word in her own language. The team gave 35 Good News Bibles to young people, while God's word was also shared with the nursery children at the school where the outreach team was staying. They addressed practical needs by issuing 100 mosquito nets and second-hand clothing in the towns. Finally, they prayed for sick people during home visits and around the time of screening The Jesus Movie.

We thank God for opening doors and spreading His word in The Gambia. Please uphold this ministry in prayer.

About Global Recordings Network

We exist to give everyone the opportunity to hear the story of Jesus in their own heart language.

Previous Names - Gospel Recordings and Language Recordings

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.

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GRN Thailand

Our GRN team in Thailand is in need of a new vehicle. A vehicle is essential for the team to reach remote communities to make and distribute recordings. For the last 20 years, the team has been using their own personal vehicles, but this is not going to be effective into the future as these vehicles are no longer reliable enough for the difficult conditions. To help the Thailand team continue their valuable ministry into the future, we would like to help purchase a new vehicle for the team.

God is already at work providing for this need. So far, the team has received almost \$13,680AUD to contribute towards the cost of this vehicle.

We are hoping to raise an additional \$44,320AUD. Please continue to join with us in praying for the remaining resources to meet the cost of this vehicle.

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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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