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What do I enjoy about my Job?

Christine Platt CEO

Let me share with you some of our recent encouragements...

Daniele, our GRN base leader in Italy, recently sent the following word of testimony:



"I have to tell you this incredible story. My mother is from Sardinia where they speak a minor dialect totally different from Italian. It's just another language. I asked her to listen to the recording of 5 fish in Sardinian dialect. She was emotionally shocked!! When she

was 14 and she used to live in a remote area of Sardinia with her family in a farm, a couple of missionaries visited them and gave them this very audio recording. She still remembers every word of the audio by memory, because her family have listened to it so many times! It was the first time they listened to the gospel. My mother, my 2 grandparents, one uncle and her sister became believers through it. That was the first time. That was incredible for her and it is incredible for me too. Just a little encouragement: what effect can have just an audio recording of 5 minutes when done in the heart language. Amazing. We have just discovered it!"

It is so encouraging to learn that one of our own people's family came to faith through GRN materials many years ago! And he didn't even know until recently. It is an amazing story!

At the beginning of the year we started a project to provide a new ute for our team in Thailand. They really need the vehicle and the price

tag is huge: \$59,000. We started praying and letting people know about the need. It is so exciting to see God answer our prayers and the money come in. We here in Australia and the Thai team are so thankful to God for His provision and for the generous donors who have given to make this possible.

For years our team in Pakistan has been praying for an opportunity to make recordings in Pakistani Sign Language. Our recordist's daughter is deaf, which helped provide the contacts. The Good News script has now been completed in Pakistani Sign Language. As a result of this work a sign language congregation began meeting in Lahore. The leaders of this congregation then travelled to Karachi to start a sign language congregation there too. It is so encouraging to see a recording (filming) project result in the establishment of congregations speaking (signing) that language.

Providentially the latest 5fish update makes it possible to distribute videos like the Pakistani Sign Language Good News. So when

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that recording reaches the studio it will be available to the deaf in Pakistan via 5fish! Perfect timing – praise God!

Mary Bachelor, our receptionist, received a call from a 92-year-old lady who wanted to order a MegaVoice audio-bible. Mary wrote: "Jean previously owned a player from Leading the Way with the Full Bible recording by David Suchet. Unfortunately she left it in the sun a little too long to charge it, and as a result it wouldn't work anymore. Just recently a friend of hers told her that she could buy a player from GRN.

It was so lovely to talk with Jean as she lives near Adelaide, my home town! Whenever I speak with someone from Adelaide or South Australia to take an order or change contact details, I feel like I'm being a missionary to my own people!"

I was in the studios talking to Cheryl Mason and Debby Dharma. They were both very excited because they had been able to identify the languages spoken on tapes recorded some years ago. The

recordists had not given enough information and the languages were not in the Ethnologue (a book that identifies known languages). Their perseverance and effort has seen these languages identified and the recordings made available for the first time outside of local distribution.

Our computer experts are gearing up to produce an app for our recordists to use. Technology has advanced to the point where it is possible to produce software that will work offline (in the middle of nowhere without internet) and then upload the new data and changes when the device enters civilisation and internet connection. It will be called Rekordo and will hopefully be used by our recordists by the end of the year.

We are preparing to run a recordist training course for missionaries and aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. The idea is for them to record scripture in the languages spoken in their area of work. GRN will be able to make the finished recordings available on 5fish and our website so the people can hear

them. This project will be done in partnership with about seven or eight different mission organisations.

I am enjoying the opportunity to visit churches again. I love to encourage my brothers and sisters with news of what God is doing through GRN around the world and to give them an opportunity to get involved. If your church would like a visit please let us know.

I am very thankful to work in a place where I see God's hand at work on a regular basis. These are my recent encouragements, I hope they encourage you too. We do covet your prayers. We pray daily in the office and we know that your prayers are important too. Pray that we would faithfully tell the story of Jesus in every language. Pray for God's work in the hearts and minds of people as they listen to the story of Jesus in their own language.



Christine Platt
CEO

Around The World



Nigeria

Our Nigerian team has produced a video of their annual medical outreach which was held in December last year. Please watch and enjoy:

<https://globalrecordings.net/video-nigeria-medical-2021>. If you would



like to contribute to their 2021 program, it is our project for this issue.

They have also recently returned from an outreach trip to the Inchaizi people of Plateau State (see above photos). The roads were wet and muddy, but they made it through. They were able to make God's word available to the people via mp3



players, GRN's flipcharts and the mobile phone 5fish app.

Brazil and Nepal

After powering through the first year of Covid-19 our Brazilian and Nepali teams are suffering badly. Please pray for them as they grieve

and deal with multiple deaths of family and friends.

We had hoped to bring Thiago and Fernanda along with their son Pedro, from GRN Brazil, to Australia for a couple of years to improve their English and audio skills. Covid has delayed this move. Please pray for the family as they await God's direction.



Mexico

Our Mexican team has continued outreach to itinerant harvesters during harvest-time. Many of these workers are from minority language groups and it is common for GRN materials to be distributed in over a

hundred different languages. Covid permitting, a recordist training course will be conducted in Mexico in August. Minority languages remain unrecorded in Mexico and we hope that trainees will be able to do this recording and even work further afield.

Africa

Both our Togo and Kenya offices are looking to print more GRN flipcharts. These pictures really help people understand the Bible stories and Biblical teaching given in our recordings. They are in high demand throughout Africa. They would also love to have more mp3 players to distribute to churches and their evangelists. It's great to see the demand for GRN resources by the local churches.

Thailand

Our Thai team has been working quite normally during Covid. They had a few periods of lockdown, but are able to continue with their

normal recording and distribution work. The USA families have not been able to go home as they would then be unable to return, which has been tough when major family events were held without them.

Asia

Our teams in Bangladesh and the Philippines have been severely affected because of extensive periods of lockdown. They have worked on social media outreach and doing what they can from the office, but both are looking forward to getting back to work.

A big challenge for many has been inflation and the lack of work. Many of our teams have faced difficulty because of the increased cost of living. Food is so much more expensive these days. Many of our team members in West Africa are volunteers whose normal jobs have disappeared – poverty and hunger have increased. We are thankful that we've been able to help our people during this time.

MemoryLink

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MemoryLink is an easy to use hand-held audio player containing over 100 recorded hymns, choruses, Bible verses and prayers from the childhood memories of Australian seniors.

It was developed to assist ageing Christians, perhaps unable to attend regular worship, or suffering from memory loss or dementia. Research shows that memories from younger days are often retained, especially music memories, even when a person suffers dementia. They can be reawakened using music and other material from a person's past.

These memories often provide comfort, joy and hope to people

with memory loss, and give encouragement to their carers.

More information about Memory Link can be found at:

www.memorylink.org.au

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Changes Afoot...

Graydon Colville has served with GRN for 21 years. He began as Australian CEO in 2000 and then became our first ever International Director in 2012. Graydon will step down from this position in 2023 and so our selection committee is looking for God's choice of person to replace him. If you, or someone you know, could be suitable for this role, please contact the GRN office (au@globalrecordings.net) and we will send you the International Director Job Description. Please continue to pray that God will lead GRN to someone well suited to this important role.

Our European offices decided a few years ago that a European Director would be helpful to assist them in working together and sharing their resources. Samuel Bouix has been appointed to that position and will start work in September 2021. Samuel is French and is married to Mary (from Scotland). He has been working in a church planting mission in France, and has served on the GRN France board for several years.



*Above: GRN European leaders
Left: Graydon Colville*



Above: Samuel Bouix and family

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.

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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If you feel led to give



Nigeria Medical Outreach

Despite the difficulties created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the GRN Nigeria team still held its annual Medical Outreach last December. The team is now preparing for the 2021 Medical Outreach. 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 preparations for the GRN 2021 Nigeria Medical Outreach, and ask God to provide the necessary resources for this outreach to succeed in bring both physical and spiritual healing to many people.

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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