

# Every Language

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## Ministry Continues

*Christine Platt CEO*

Today I came into the office with the first order of business being to work out what effect the new COVID restrictions will have upon the operation of our office. After scouring the NSW government website it seems that we'll be able to keep the office open for those who cannot work from home!

It was a reason to rejoice! And we were exhorted to do just that during our daily prayer time. It is a godsend to be able to meet together daily online for prayer. We are thankful to be able to pray together for our colleagues around the world and for the widespread distribution of our recordings over the internet. Pray with us that God will continue to build His kingdom as people listen to the good news through 5fish and our websites in over 6,000 different languages. Did you know that over 4 million hours of our recordings were downloaded via the internet in 2020?

Our finance office is operating remotely with rare excursions into the office to deal with mail and cheques. Our computer guys are all

happily working from home and making progress on their projects. We have a few studio people coming in who can't work from home, while others have managed to set up makeshift studios in their homes. New recordings are being processed and old recordings given a new lease on life. A couple of admin people are answering phones, receiving and sending packages and keeping the place going – while the rest of admin are beavering away at home.

We are thankful that Yousif travelled to Elcho Island to record some aboriginal languages while travel was still possible. Other recordists are looking forward to the day when they can travel again. Geoff and I are looking forward to the day when we can visit churches, while Frank and I would love to head off overseas to visit colleagues and friends.

Sydney's annual mission conference, ReachOut, was purely online this year. We are thankful that one of our projects was chosen to be supported. It is evangelism and

making disciples in Malawi, see: [globalrecordings.net/malawi-evangelism-project](http://globalrecordings.net/malawi-evangelism-project). As I write some of our creative types are out shooting a video to be shown at the conference. If you look at the project online, you will be able to watch the video.



*Recordist training in Mexico*

It is encouraging to see recording work continue around the world. We are praying for projects in Brazil, Mexico, Cameroon, Kenya, Southern Africa, and several places in Asia. We are also praying for colleagues suffering from COVID and suffering from COVID induced inflation. We continue to send regular aid to help with the increased prices.

Another new initiative to help our people in developing countries is

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our kids' education fund. Paying school fees remains a challenge for many of our people, and it is even more difficult now. We were thankful for a couple of seed donations which has allowed the first year's funding to be sent – about \$24,000 in total to help with fees for some 60 children of GRN workers. This will doubtlessly be a featured project you will see in about 6 months' time.

This month's featured project is the medical outreach in Nigeria. Our team is based in Jos and they report violence, robberies, kidnappings and hunger as being endemic. This medical outreach provides needed medical care along with the life giving Gospel to people who are in great need – both physically and spiritually.

We rejoice! We give thanks! We pray! Please join us – and may the peace of God guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus (Php 4:4)



*Christine Platt*  
CEO

## 5fish Feedback



Our 5fish App has now been installed onto more than 100,000 phones and devices. It and our other websites enabled more than 4 million hours of Christian content to be accessed in over 6,000 different languages in 2020. The 5fish app contains GRN Gospel recordings and audio-visuals, Jesus Film content and audio Bibles.

We are so thankful that it is now possible to reach so many people around the world so quickly. I can usually find and play a language within a minute or two. Once a language has been downloaded onto my phone I can play it anytime and don't even need internet connection.

The app has been designed to make it very easy to share the content with other people. I can send a Gospel message in the same way I can share any other content from a phone or computer. It is super easy.

Here are some comments from thankful users:

Richard and Rhonda write: "I am amazed and impressed with the variety of languages available, and with the quality of all the video clips."

Linda writes: "Very useful for sharing the Bible with speakers of other languages."

Kyle writes: "I appreciate the time and effort put into this work! I used it many times when I was learning a tribal language to help me get the words for certain Bible stories. This app helps a lot!"

Samuel wrote: "simple and efficient"

David writes: "I use it as a tool to forward Bible lessons to a friend on Messenger in Kusii County, Kenya. I have a niece who is a missionary to the Niva Cle in Paraguay and was surprised to see lessons and songs in that language also."

Wilson writes: "Great app, I was able to get the Gospel in my local

language and also to hear my late father's voice. Good work." Luciano writes: "Wonderful evangelism tool. Amazing and relevant information together in one place and in many languages. Thank you all for your hard work."

Gavin writes: "Love the conversation starter videos. Good for starting spiritual conversations with people."

Diocelito writes: "Perfect for Sunday School. Thanks for this app. Good job."

Gerry writes: "I use this app every day, and have about 150 stories I've shared with friends I meet. So great to show stories about Jesus, in video."

We would love to make the 5fish app available in more languages, so even more people can use it. We need translators to do this work.

Our 5fish development team is working to make it easier to use the app in places where there is no internet and to make it easier for people to find recordings in related languages. We would love to see more people know about 5fish and to use it. Could you pass this article onto an evangelist or missionary you know?



# Outreach In Northern Togo

A report received from Togo, on the west coast of Africa, details some of the recent work undertaken by GRN workers and Christians in northern Togo. Their reliance on God's provision and goodness as they face many challenges is evident as the report acknowledges 1 Peter 3:12, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers".

GRN workers visited about twenty villages all over northern Togo. In each village, as well as making recordings, providing training and distributing products, team members went door to door in order to make one-on-one contact with people and present them with the good news of salvation.

Some specific examples are as follows. In Cinkansse, a town which lies on the border of Burkina Faso, a volunteer was equipped with a radio-reader card, a memory card loaded with messages in the languages of his area, and a copy of the Good News flipchart. In Dapaong, a meeting was held with a church leader who was new to GRN materials. From the Sunday following that meeting, he played the messages in the Moba language that he himself did not understand, to the great joy of the church. A visit to Kanté, resulted in fruitful talks being held with Pastor Zacharie, a devoted pastor, and his son Ezekiel. Pastor Zacharie clings to the Lord to

bring the Gospel to his brothers who are strongly attached to ancestral and idolatrous traditions. In the village of Bassamba, several people believed, which gave birth to a house church under the baobab trees. In Sola Younde and Tapitinta, near the border of the country of Benin, the team crossed the border and went into Benin before coming out through the mountains to avoid non-passable roads in that part of Togo. This detour, which at first seemed to be a difficulty, finally brought joy because it allowed them to help a man who had refused Christ, to be converted and to give his life to Jesus Christ.

In Natcharé, a village which has been hostile to the Gospel, they found just one voice donor. Natcharé is a village whose population is predominantly Muslim. It is slowly sliding towards radical Islam. The team evangelized young people without result, but,

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From May to early June, 2021, an intense program was undertaken by

## Tumi Tiger



Dalene Joubert, our leader in southern Africa, talked about Tumi Tiger on national radio. She explained how Tumi comforts and encourages children who have experienced loss and introduces them to God.

Tumi is a talking tiger, a delightful soft toy. She has a MegaVoice solar powered mp3 player in her pouch and talks to children for 4 hours before repeating herself. Children love her while she addresses many sources of loss in her stories.

Many children in South Africa have lost one or both parents. Dalene offered these children a tiger. Since

going to air, there has been a steady stream of requests for tigers. Carers who call are also offered wise counsel from a trained counsellor.

For \$75 you could provide a Tumi Tiger to a child in need in South Africa.

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despite this, their prayer is that, with the message in their native language these youth will one day come to the Lord. Natcharé's tiny village church does not have a preacher on site, with the leader coming from Ghana once or twice a month. Thus, the church performs several services each month without preaching. The church consists of one man who can neither read nor write and about fifteen women.

Natcharé is far from being an exception. This sad fact is a striking reality in the Togo villages which are slowly opening up to the Gospel. Some men and many women and children, are mostly illiterate, and without the regular presence of someone to effectively accompany them in their nascent faith. This heartbreaking lack of a shepherd (missionary, evangelist, pastor) who would be able to take care of the

sheep is reminiscent of what our Lord Jesus said when he saw the crowd pass in front of him. "Seeing the crowd, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were languid and downcast, like sheep that have no shepherd. So he said to his disciples: 'The harvest is great, but there are few workers. Therefore pray to the master to send laborers into his harvest.'" (Matt. 9: 36-38).

## New Ute for Thailand

We praise God with GRN Thailand for His provision of a new ute!

*Pray that this ute might provide many years of safe and reliable transportation for our Thai team as they tell the story of Jesus in the languages of Thailand.*

As you can see from the photo, the team are very excited. We all extend our thanks to those who prayed and those who gave to make this purchase possible. May our Lord bless you richly!



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*Previous Names - Gospel Recordings and Language Recordings*

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*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*

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## 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 \$20,000 to cover all these costs. Please pray for preparations for the GRN 2021 Nigeria Medical Outreach, and ask God to provide the necessary resources.

[globalrecordings.net/nigeria-medical-outreach](http://globalrecordings.net/nigeria-medical-outreach)

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