

Every Language

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Give Thanks...

Christine Platt CEO

As 2021 comes to an end, I am thankful. Thankful that we have been able to keep on telling the story of Jesus in every language despite the restrictions. Thankful that we have kept the office open. Thankful for God's provision for us and our colleagues around the world. Thankful for the hope of a New Year where we can serve our Lord a little differently than we could over the last two years.



Mary and Noel through the years

We are thankful for Noel and Mary Bachelor reaching 80 years of combined service to their Lord through GRN. They trained as recordists, served 20 years in aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory and the Kimberly region where they recorded Bible



stories, songs and scripture in many different aboriginal languages. They returned to Sydney where Noel looked after the studios and Mary gave administrative help. We were able to celebrate this occasion with them at our online AGM.

We rejoice that Yousif and Vivian managed to travel up to the Northern Territory during a lull in restrictions. They began with a visit to the Katherine Convention before



travelling to Elcho Island. They stayed on Elcho Island for 6 months and managed to record Mark's Gospel in Djambrrpungu, songs and music in Djambrrpungu, English and Golpa languages and a testimony in Telugu language.

The rest of our studio team has been dedicated to remastering old recordings and giving them a new lease of life. They will be very happy to get out and do some recording next year. Please pray for people to find the remastered recordings and listen to them.

It is wonderful that our computer people have all been able to work from home. They have been hard at work tweaking our systems,

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updating software and keeping everyone's computers working whether in the office or at home.

We are thankful for God's ongoing provision even though we have not been able to get out and visit churches, groups and conferences in Australia. Please pray for good opportunities to visit in 2022. If you would like a GRN visitor to your church or group, please write and ask.

And most of all we are thankful for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. He came to earth, a baby born of the virgin Mary. He lived a life without sin and spent about three years proclaiming the coming kingdom of God, calling people to repentance, healing the sick and casting out demons. He died on a cross, becoming sin so we might become the righteousness of God. He rose from the dead on the third day, defeating sin, death and the Devil. Risen, He appeared to over

500 of his disciples. Through repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus we are adopted into God's family and become His heirs. This is the story we have to tell! Good news in every language!



Christine Platt
CEO

Just In Time

Larry DeVilbiss Executive Director

Larry DeVilbiss leads our US centre and has been in Mexico recently training new recordists. Joel and Marcos are a couple of the trainees. Larry sent this report:

It's pretty unusual that a language goes from discovery to distribution of the recorded materials in one month, but that is what happened for Elotepec Zapotec speakers of San Juan this August.

Joel and I recorded in July, but discovered we would not be able to depend on social media for distribution. We hadn't seen any cell phones – this is not uncommon in the subsistence economy of rural Mexico. So we purchased small SD drive speakers locally for about \$3 each and had 300 1-gig SD cards sent from Arizona. We uploaded the finished Elotepec language program plus a simple Spanish New Testament and Words of Life. We were ready for a distribution trip.

Marcos and I rattled over mountain roads for five or six hours to reach the village of San Juan de Elotepec by public shuttle service. Unknown to us, a group at the diner Joel and I had frequented was in the process of wondering if we would ever come back. One of the elder Elotepec,

Demetria, was really sorry she hadn't connected with us when we were recording. Everyone was amazed when the shuttle van pulled in front of the diner and Marcos and I stepped out. They were very grateful to receive one of the speakers for the diner owner's mother who had originally recorded the word list for us!



Demetria and her mother

After a church service in the next village of Llano Monte — a one-hour hike over the mountain to the next valley — Demetria implored us to come back to her own house. We were welcomed in to enjoy elote (boiled corn in the husk). We played the Elotepec for her. She revealed why she was so anxious that we visit by bringing out her very elderly and

blind mother. This lady only spoke Elotepec — she was one of the few mono-linguals in the language. She grasped the little speaker and was obviously amazed to hear it speaking in her only language. Her daughter back-translated the message for us — the story of the lost sheep and Jesus' invitation for us to come to Him.

Two times in this project we nearly gave up: once during our first entry into this area, when our van got stranded on a corner that was way too sharp and steep. We realized we had no overnight gear for the extra day to get to San Juan de Elotepec. The second brush with failure was after some people questioned whether this project was even necessary because of a low number of monolinguals and their language being listed as moribund.

Now we know that for years to come there will be hundreds of Elotepec who understand these new language recordings and are grateful to hear their mother tongue. This whole project may bring many into the fold. Praise God He kept us — more than once — from giving up!

Northern Togo - Field Report

During May – June of 2021, the Togo GRN team undertook extensive outreach to 20 villages in northern Togo which lies on the West African coast. The first part of their report was in our last newsletter. This is the second part of that report.

Recordings

Throughout the outreach, two recordists, Atta and Bikasam, made a number of recordings in a variety of languages and in two new dialects, Anoufo and Tchassi. Additionally, in five locations, old recordings were evaluated to confirm the accuracy of previous translations. The finished product was presented to pastors and evangelists.

In the village of Koumongou Kan (little Koumongou), inhabited by the Gangam people, who are partly Muslim and partly animists, messages and songs in the N'Kombom language were recorded. The pastor expressed his joy about the work, especially the conversion of the two voice-giving men who had been animists.

Distribution and Gospel Outreach
In partnership with 14 different churches, evangelists and pastors were trained in the use of GRN materials. This training was followed by practice which resulted in “conversions” or, at least, a manifestation of interest among the listeners.

Sadly, not all who showed an interest in knowing Jesus were ready to turn their backs on their old life, partly because syncretism is well tolerated in many places. Despite this, here are a few instances of God at work in new believers' lives.

In Koumongou Camp, after hearing a recording, a young man confessed Jesus. Previously, he had abandoned his studies in the 10th grade and his parents had sent him to a charlatan sorcerer in Kabye country, 50 km from his home, in order to learn the practices of healing through witchcraft and divination. Now, he is thinking of fleeing the charlatan to return to his family. Elsewhere, an elderly polygamist with five wives finally decided to follow Jesus. All his wives knew the Lord a long time ago. In Fare, during the door-to-door visits, a teacher decided to follow Jesus after three years of struggling with, and thinking about how to break free from, sacrifices.

During the outreach, through door-to-door evangelism, 126 people displayed interest in following Jesus.

Humanitarian



This period of outreach gave the GRN team the opportunity to reach and help many of their volunteers. They distributed bags of rice along with envelopes containing money to purchase food. Consequently the team's car was often loaded with food, and many challenges were faced in buying and distributing this food. This provision for the volunteers was particularly timely due to the devastating effects of COVID in some regions. In Togo, everything is more expensive than before and the government has

instituted new taxes. Hunger is a daily reality for many.

Testimony

In Gando, after the training, the trained team went to a village to evangelise. 22 adults received Christ, not counting the children. A church was born which now meets under a tree, but it lacks pews. In Sotouboua, Pastor Efalo has just informed the GRN team that 13 new people have accepted Christ. In Faré, the Church of Faré Center, which had only one man, in this case the leader, now has three men.

Subjects of Prayer and Praise

The report from Togo finishes with prayer requests and points of praise. These include prayer for those who have listened to the gospel but whose hearts are not receptive at the moment; for those who have shown an interest in following Jesus so that they will be strengthened in their new faith and for workers to care for these new Christians; for those who have received training, to keep their hearts burning to share the good news of salvation, and for those who are going through particularly difficult times so that they do not get discouraged but feel the gracious presence of the Lord in their lives.

Praise points include praise for God's protection; the salvation He bestows; His patience with an evil generation; the freedom to bear witness to our faith, as several neighboring countries suffer the wrath of the Islamists; donors; the means to do the work; the good health of all, and collaboration in the body of Christ, remembering it is not the work of a person but God alone.

Finance Highlights

Praise the Lord once again for how He has provided for the work of GRN in Australia and overseas in the 2020-21 financial year. We also thank God for many faithful and generous supporters.

The financial year was very challenging, with COVID-19 significantly affecting the operations of the mission. General donations and funds donated to support work

overseas both increased, which greatly helped us to direct additional funds to the countries we support. Government support programs continued during the first quarter of the year. A large bequest also helped significantly.

The COVID-19 restrictions affected the second half of the previous year and continued throughout 2020-21. Expenditure remained curtailed as travel and several recording trips were postponed. The government

job keeper program which continued from the prior year, resulted in an increase in Staff Support payments during the first quarter and helped them through the crisis.

The net result was a deficit of just over \$12,000.

Despite the deficit, the Lord provided everything that was needed. We continue to look to Him for His provision for the ministry of GRN.

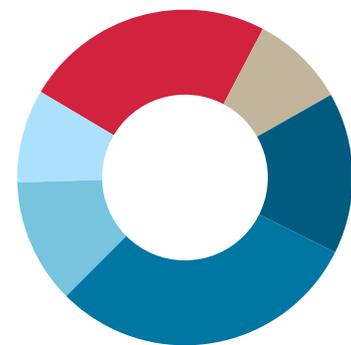
INCOME 2021

INCOME	This Year \$,000	Last Year \$,000
Sales	27	40
General Donations	215	200
Bequests	161	68
Donations for Staff	432	439
Donations for Overseas	163	92
Govt. Support Programs	278	291
Investments	539	548
TOTAL INCOME	1815	1678

EXPENSES

Cost of Sales	38	49
Local Operations	155	146
Property & Equipment	250	274
Staff Support	965	968
Overseas Support	419	344
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	1827	1781

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(12)	(103)
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12%	General Donations
9%	Bequests
24%	Donations for Staff
9%	Donations for Overseas
30%	Investments
16%	Government Support

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

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GRN General Fund

The GRN General Fund is what GRN Australia draws on to provide the money to do our core ministry. It funds our staff, utilities, recording expenses, computer systems, the running costs of 8 overseas GRN offices and many other things essential to the daily operations of GRN.

We continually trust God to provide the funds necessary to meet GRN's ongoing needs. We ask you to pray with us that God would continue to provide for the GRN General Fund and consider making a contribution, so we can continue to complete the work He has set before us.

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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