

# Every Language

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## 5fish App

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### What is 5fish?

5fish is a computer program, otherwise known as an app. It is especially designed to be used on mobile phones and computers. It gives a person access to all of GRN's recordings and audio-visuals, the Jesus Film, and audio Bibles. These are available in more than 6,700 different languages and speech varieties.

The recordings in a language can usually be found and loaded onto your phone or computer within a minute or two. God's word can be immediately played or shown from the phone or computer. It can also

be shared it with other people. 5fish is a program that is designed so that the recordings can be easily sent from one person's computer or mobile phone to another.

### Why is 5fish necessary?

The International Orality Network tells us that 4 out of 5 people in the world communicate primarily or exclusively through oral, not textual means. This means that only 1 out of 5 people are happy when you give them something to read. This

does not matter - whether it is a book, magazine or a tract. Most people want to listen or watch!

The Australian Bureau of Statistics conducted a survey in 2006 that informs us that approximately 7 million (46%) Australians aged 15 to 74 years did not reach the minimum standard required for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work. Almost half of the Australian population would struggle to read and understand the Bible if you handed them one.

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Wycliffe Global Alliance tells us that less than half of the world's languages (3,495) have any Bible portions translated. That is a lot of languages with no access to the Bible at all!

This is the context where Global Recordings Network performs a vital service. Our goal is to tell the story of Jesus in every language. We do this in a world where many people cannot read, do not read or have no Bible to read.

The 5fish program takes advantage of modern technology so people can find and listen to Bible messages in more than 6,700 languages and speech varieties quickly and without cost, using technology that they already own and use.

Joy Ridderhoff had been a missionary in Honduras. She remembered the record player that was in her village in Honduras. So she sent them gospel records that could be played on the record player they already had. Today the 5fish program allows people to listen to the gospel on the phone in their pocket or computer in their home. In both cases people can listen in their own language and share the good news with their friends.

### How has 5fish been used?

One of our workers in France has a neighbour from China. He shared

the Good News recording with his neighbour in Mandarin using 5fish. The neighbour and his wife watched the good news in Mandarin on his phone.

At dinner some time later the neighbour spoke of little else apart from what he had heard on the recordings. Today the neighbour and his wife accompany our French worker and his family to church.



### How can you use 5fish?

You can download 5fish onto your phone and practice finding languages and playing them on your phone. After you try this you will be ready to find a language and play it when you have opportunity.

Pray and regularly ask God to give you opportunity to share the gospel with other people. When you are talking with someone who speaks a language better than they speak English, or who doesn't particularly like reading, and you think they might like to hear the gospel message, ask if they would like to hear the message in their language. If they say "Yes" then you can play a message using your mobile phone. Then – ask if they would like to put a

gospel message on their phone that they can listen to later. If they want, they can then put 5fish on their phone using their App store (the place they get the computer programs for their phone) and find the content in their language.

Remember that nearly half of the Aussies out there cannot read very well. They too can listen to the messages in Australian English that have been recorded just for them!

### What if I don't have a smartphone?

We have two options for you!

We can send you some 5fish cards to keep in your purse or wallet. You can give one of these cards to people who do have a phone, so they can find 5fish, put it on their phone, and then listen to the messages in their preferred language.

We have MegaVoice solar powered players that can be loaded with any language you want, or even with several languages. You could order a MegaVoice player in the language of a neighbour or friend who is interested in the gospel. This is a little more cumbersome, but still provides them with the good news in their language.



*Christine Platt*  
CEO



## Audio Bible

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While doing some research for our Year of 5fish I came across the alarming statistic that nearly half of adult Australians struggle to read well enough to get by in 2022. That statistic comes from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, so it is a bit hard to argue with it!

I have reflected upon the difficulty I have faced over the years trying to get people to read books and even to read the Bible. So many people just do not read – be they Christian or not! Again the International Orality Network has found that only 1 in 5 people actually prefer to read.

# Encouraging News

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We are blessed to work with brothers and sisters in a nation that Open Doors has in its top ten for persecuting Christians. Our team is prayerful, bold and making great strides in recording gospel messages in the many languages spoken in their land.

Living in a land of such hostility and opposition this team have learned just how valuable God is as a partner. They pray. For years they have dedicated 2 hours per day to prayer and have 24 hour prayer coverage while they are out ministering. More recently they are dedicating the first week of the month to prayer.

They realise their need for women on their team. If they do not have ladies on their team they lose access to much of the population. Men only talk to men and older boys. Ladies have access to ladies young and old and to the children. And so they go out in mixed groups and minister to all – young and old alike.

Over the years their strategy has changed. Today when they go out, they look for the existing church in an area. They meet with the church. They go out together and pray for the area. They evangelise, disciple and teach the church members including Jesus' command that they are responsible to make disciples of all nations, including their immediate neighbours.

There are usually some local church members who are interested in proclaiming the gospel to their neighbours. They join our team as they travel into the surrounding areas to pray and meet people. Our team is looking for people of peace who will receive them into their home and who are willing to hear the good news and help with the translation and recording process.

This process takes several months. They continue ministering to the local church as well as recording God's word in languages spoken in the surrounding area. The objective is for the local church to be ready to

take the gospel to the surrounding area in the local languages when the recordings are complete, and to take responsibility to nurture those who respond with repentance and faith.

As they are trying to reach a vast country with many languages the team is training all their staff to record. They are also finding local churches wanting to take on the task themselves. A few churches have purchased recording equipment and our team are training them – via Zoom!

God is at work in this nation. We covet your prayers for this vital work which they are approaching in new and exciting ways. Our team desires to see God worshipped by every tribe in their nation. Pray for them as they equip the saints for ministry and seek to tell the story of Jesus in every language spoken in their land.

This team is an answer to my prayers. I see the need for the local church in each nation to rise up and take responsibility for reaching their own people. I have been seeking to equip our teams in the developing world to engage the local church and get them excited and wanting to be involved in telling the story of Jesus in every language. What I hear from this nation far exceeds anything I expected to see. Praise God!

These days I find myself turning to YouTube to find out how to do something before I'll read the instructions. I wanted to restring my whipper snipper and YouTube made it so easy! We are a nation that prefers to hear and watch rather than read when we want to learn something.

And so our MegaVoice audio-bible is a wonderful tool! It is perfect for listening to the Bible while you are driving. It allows the blind and those no longer able to read to hear the Bible whenever they like – we can even put some hymns on it too! It has raised buttons to make it easy to use for those who are blind.

You can get the whole NIV Bible read by Sir David Suchet, with or without hymns, for \$76 postage paid. We can provide many other Bible versions if you prefer.

Contact the office on 02 9899 2211 to order your Audio-Bible during normal business hours.

# SAVE THE DATE

## 5fish 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Join us to celebrate and give thanks for 10 years of the 5fish app.



Come and hear from our special guest speaker, Kevin Murray, National Director of Australian Presbyterian World Mission and enjoy a 3 course dinner. Hear how 5fish is being used to share the Gospel in over 6,700 languages and speech varieties all around the world and give thanks to God for 10 years of this wonderful resource. For further information phone our office on 02 9899 2211 or email: [au@globalrecordings.net](mailto:au@globalrecordings.net).

**Location:** Lily's Restaurant  
(Casablanca Room)  
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Seven Hills, NSW  
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**When:** 16th July 2022  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
**Cost:** \$75.00 per person  
(includes 3 course  
dinner)

**Bookings:**  
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### 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.

### Subscribe

'Every Language' (newsletter) and 'Rejoice' (monthly prayer letter) are free publications of GRN Australia. To subscribe - please call us or visit: [www.globalrecordings.net/ausubscribe](http://www.globalrecordings.net/ausubscribe)

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If you feel led to give



## Sponsor the Year of 5fish

In 2022 we hope to inform and educate the Christian public about GRN's 5fish app.

5fish gives people the confidence to share the good news confidently in almost any language. As it says in Romans, "Faith comes by hearing the message" and we have God's word in more than 6,700 languages and speech varieties.

This is going to take time and cost money! We plan to make videos, visit churches, organisations and conferences, write letters, make phone calls, equip volunteers, produce promotional materials and run advertising campaigns.

Please pray with us that God would provide the funds needed to help us get the word out about 5fish throughout Australia and around the world.

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](http://www.globalrecordings.net/au-bequests).

### Donate online

[www.globalrecordings.net/audonate](http://www.globalrecordings.net/audonate) or by **Phone** on 02 9899 2211.

### Direct Deposit

Global Recordings Network Australia, BSB 032 388, Account Number 222 860  
(Please include your name and where you would like your gift to go in the description box.)

**Mail** - fill out form below.

### I would like my gift to go to

- Where most needed (GRN General Fund)  
 Year of 5fish  
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