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The Covid-19 virus did not stop Walter Okelo from his goal of giving out GRN audio and visual materials to over a 1,000 people during the month of July. This is during a time when there were no church meetings, no schools and no gatherings allowed due to the pandemic. Walter realized that GRN materials were meant for a time like this. With the assistance of local pastors they were able to visit 32 homes, 4 childrens' homes and 13 churches and with 391 leaders and parents. They called this outreach Kaw Yesu or Take Jesus, to remind people that despite the bad times we need to take Jesus and live with Him in our life.



"Most homes/parents were happy and were thankful to God for giving them a "church" in their home." They saw GRN materials as the "teacher/pastor" they would listen to every Sunday and evening hours to get the teaching of Jesus. The pastors were thankful for the material as people were not able to go to church. The pastors were also introduced to the 5fish app. They commented, " We have found the most hidden tool for youth and evangelism." They praised God and asked for more prayers that they would not stop evangelizing even if the pandemic virus persists.



Walter Okelo, gives a pastor a set of GRN *Look, Listen & Live* flipcharts with audio.

Materials given out In Luo & Luyore languages:

15 sets of *Look, Listen & Live*;
12 players; 25 cds; 20 memory cards; 5 fish App downloaded.

The highlight of the trip was when a father accepted Jesus as his Saviour while the GRN materials were shared. He said, "Salvation is the only way to the kingdom of God since the devil has closed for them the church to go and pray." The amount of materials distributed is small, but the impact is large with eternal rewards. Your help is needed to see more GRN Bible materials given out.

Keiyo Recording Report

While under the lock down across the country, translators were working on the scripts for the Keiyo language. The goal was to take the first opportunity to travel to the city of Eldoret and meet up with the translators in order to make the recordings. That opportunity came in July when Walter and James were able to leave Nairobi to meet with the language helpers.



James and Walter meet with language helpers

Prior to making the recordings a pastor said, "I have struggled with my church trying to look for evangelism materials to fit the youth and something which can be used to share the Word of God to Christians, without meeting as a group. Now my prayer is answered with these recordings and the 5fish app. Now my youth can be reached."

The local health authorities visited the church where they were meeting to plan the recordings. Walter was able to explain to them what they were doing and the precautions they were implementing to quarantine the recording team at a Christian quest house where they

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set up a temporary recording studio. The two health workers and a police officer were happy with the steps being taken. Before they left they all accepted the 5fish app on their phones and immediately began to enjoy the messages. They gave permission to continue to do the good work.

James is working on editing the recorded material, which will be uploaded onto the GRN website and made available on the 5 fish app, for free download. Walter will make a return trip to introduce the finished recordings to local pastors and teach them how to use the materials. Walter's new vehicle that has been provided through supporters in Canada and Australia has made travel safer during the pandemic.



GRN International highlights from 2019

Programs - 380 programs produced

Languages - 27 languages recorded
- 79 languages with added recordings
- 109 languages

Directors Desk—David Elliott

The ministry of GRN has no doubt been greatly impacted by the pandemic. Restrictions have been put into place by almost every country. Churches have been forced to close their doors in order to protect their people and the most vulnerable in our society. This has not prevented the church from meeting. We have the benefit today of technology that is bringing church services and the Word of God to the shut in.

GRN's development over the years has put it in a good position to meet the needs for people to continue to hear the Word of God in their own language. The internet and the development of the 5fish app are helping to meet the need at this crucial time in our history.

In 2019, there was **1,569,912 hours** of GRN audio materials in **5,857 languages** downloaded from the internet and the 5fish app. We can only imagine what the numbers will be for this year during the pandemic.

This does not mean that technology will meet all of the needs. GRN is in need of skilled workers that can go to the most difficult parts of the world. People like Walter and James, in Kenya, are needed more than ever. Pray with us that God will move mountains to complete the task of seeing that each language group hear the Word of God in their own language.

Yes, technology is being greatly used of God at this time and no doubt will continue to be even more important in the years to come. The ministry of GRN is grateful for partnerships, like that of Megavoice and Galcom International who use GRN audio on their players.



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