

# Global Recordings Network Canada

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## *Pastors in the Karamoja Region Met the GRN Team*

### *GRN Materials to reach various languages groups.*

Walter Okelo and the GRN Kenya team met with the Karamoja region pastors. They were happy to accept GRN's ministry among their people. Walter states that the 17 pastors that were present represented several language groups. The language groups were; the Karamojong Tribe (Akiramojong language), Ethur Tribe (Thur language), Ik, Pokot West (Pokot), Langi, and Acholi. Throughout the meeting it was clear that there are difficulties in terms of security and continuous persistent quarrels among these communities. Unfortunately, these communities are affected by the continued clashes amongst themselves in the region.

There is a great need to reach these language groups individually since they each speak their own dialect/language. The GRN Kenya team and Pastors from these language groups concluded that there was the need for GRN to provide materials to empower these pastors for efficient evangelism, teaching and discipleship. The literacy rate is very low, due to the low level of education and lifestyle among the Akirimojong, Ethur, Ik and the West Pokot communities. They need material which they can listen to, as reading is very difficult for them. Therefore, pastors preferred the GRN Look, Listen & Live audio and picture book series, which covers Bible stories from Genesis to the book of Acts. They are looking forward to these GRN materials which will help their people understand and learn more about the Bible and the life of Jesus and His ministry.



Walter Okelo sharing with pastors the ministry of GRN

### ***How can we meet the need!***

I am often asked how the ministry of GRN Canada is met, in order to provide all that is needed. Through the faithful giving of God's people we can help provide for many of the ongoing needs.

GRN is a ministry that is interdenominational, supported by concerned churches, organizations and Individuals. Our ministry vision is that all people might hear and understand God's Word in their heart language. This is especially true for those who are oral communicators and do not have the Scriptures in the form they can use like the IK, Ethur, Akrimojong and the Pokot.



## Recording Project for Hadzabe Language

They are a people with a majority that believe in their ethnic religion and believe that Christianity is for the foreigners only. There is a need to help them understand God's way of life through the simple audio Biblical stories that GRN can provide.



Walter Okelo traveled to Tanzania to find language helpers among the Hadzabe.

The Hadzabe is a small language group with only about 1,400 people. There is a small evangelical population less than 2%. According to the Joshua Project, they are an unreached people who live exclusively in Tanzania. They live around Lake Eyasi in the Central Rift Valley. Others live in the nearby Serengeti Plateau. They live off wild berries and are hunters.

Recordist, James Shikuku, is currently working with language helpers to record the *Look, Listen & Live* Bible stories. Pray for their health as they were feeling unwell as they were about to start the recording project. Pray that the translators and language helpers will do a good job.

## Recording Project Need

In order for the ministry to achieve this goal, I ask that you pray for these communities that they would have the Good News of Jesus in a form they can easily understand. You can also help make this a reality by giving towards this need. Your donation will enable the GRN team to record and distribute recorded messages along with the corresponding printed picture materials that further illustrate the Bible stories.

Each community/ language group project mentioned on the front page will cost approximately \$3,950 U.S.. This will enable the recording of the languages as well as the distribution of the materials for each language group.

## New Director

*The search continues for a person to take over the leadership of GRN Canada. The Board has a goal of providing a salary for the new Director. In order for this to happen additional funds will need to come into the General operating fund.*

*We would appreciate your prayers for the right person of God's leading to come forward. Also, if you would like to give financially towards a new director your donation would be a great help in meeting this need.*



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