

Dear friends,

With all the latest technology and access to information we have at our fingertips, it's easy to overlook the older technology different people and industries may still consider mainstream.

Here in the U.S. and Canada, the trucking industry is an international community, revolving around the truck itself and the industry's nimble capacity to welcome the immigrant. When I first heard about Transport for Christ's requests for CDs, I was concerned they may not be aware of our 5fish app and online library of over 6,400 languages.

To really understand how we at Global Recordings Network could better serve this ministry, I contacted a trucker friend for insight on the use of CDs. He shared that new trucks do still come with CD players and that for over 20 years now, the trucking population has become increasingly filled with immigrant labor. He confirmed that free CDs go quickly.

What is also important to share is what happens here at GRN to provide all those CDs to Transport for Christ right here in California. First, John in our order department puts together the languages and specific programs which are then given to Charles who copies the CDs, complete with labels. **In these orders for thousands of CDs, I informally counted 63 languages . . . none of which were English.**

Those languages were instantly available for duplication because all of our old tape recordings have been digitized by technicians who tediously convert our original files in the archives to digital sound files. Those files are available worldwide because our technicians are monitoring a room full of servers that are running around the clock.

After recording, volunteers come in and put the CDs for each order into sleeves and move them on to Roland for shipment.

Because of proximity, one of the GRN staff often drive those CDs up to the truck stop in Ontario, California, to save both shipping and tax expenses. **The good fortune is that all of those CDs were given free of charge because of generous donors like you who give to our distribution fund.**

It takes a lot of resources to put the gospel out on those freeways in those languages. And we can only do it through your gracious prayer and financial support.



God bless you and keep on truckin',

Larry DeVilbiss
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INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PRAY

Please join us in praying and asking the Lord to open doors to more ministry partners serving immigrant populations. And, **PRAY** that those people who have come from around the world to our communities, may come to faith in Jesus Christ through hearing the story of Jesus in their own language.

Sign up to receive *Together in Prayer*, our team's ongoing prayer requests, at GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Pray



PREPARE

Do you have a neighbor with whom you could share the story of Jesus? Does your church organize short-term mission trips? Whether you encounter neighbors near or far, our website and 5fish app are designed to help you **PREPARE** for these key moments.

Access free, downloadable Bible stories today to begin telling the story of Jesus with us at

GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Resources



PROVIDE

Our online recordings are given as a gift to churches, ministry partners, and people around the world **free of charge**. GRN has the economic provision to continue this work only because of people like you that **PROVIDE** ongoing, generous financial support.

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You can listen to **Chaplain Michael** share his story and how he now shares the story of Jesus in every language with immigrant truck drivers.

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Chaplain Michael DeBay | Ontario, California
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The Gospel Arrives at the Truck Stop



I'm **Michael DeBay** and I am the lead Chaplain here at the Ontario, California Transport for Christ ministry. We are an international network with chapels all over the world. Our ministry is leading truck drivers, as well as the trucking community, to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith.

Most missionaries have to leave the comforts of their home, the comforts of their countries, but in our case the world comes to us! Truck drivers are all over the United States and they never know where they're going to be from one day to the next. It's not easy for them to just pull up to a church and park and go because they never know where they're going to be.

So for the last 60 years, we have taken a 53-foot trailer, converted it into a very unique chapel, and we have services every night and weekends. On this trailer we have a cross that sits on the top of it that lights up — it's 8-feet tall — and we also have a cross on the front of our trailer too. We try to be as visible as possible.

We're open every day and basically we work with truck drivers and also work with a lot of homeless people because that's the type of people that you'll find inside a truck stop.

One of the things that we do is go through this 33-acre truck stop where there could be anywhere from 5 to 600 trucks. We'll just walk it or drive through it very carefully and we'll get out and make contacts. We let the truckers know when we're having services and we'll ask them if they'd like to come.

You'd be surprised how somebody will say, "I'm a Muslim," and let us know in a firm way they are Muslim. But we tell everyone in a very nice loving way, "God bless you, and we don't care what you are, we're just having a church service and you're welcome to come."

I was introduced to the Global Recordings Network (GRN) a couple of years ago and they have been such a help. GRN gives us the gospel stories on CDs in different languages.

Probably 70 percent of the drivers do not speak English, or if they do it's very broken. Now when they come in, I'll ask them, "What's your native language?" And we're able to give them the gospel in their language because of the GRN recordings and the resources they give us like the CDs. Every driver has a CD player. So it works out great.

Most of the languages that we have on CD are languages I'd never even heard of until now. We're just so excited to be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people from another country where it may be against the law for them to even hear about Jesus. For example, we have a lot of people here from Saudi Arabia, believe it or not, and we have CDs in their language now.



Transport for Christ holds chapel services in their 53-foot converted trailers.



You too can hear the **Good News – Swahili: Tanzania** on the GRN website or using the 5fish app.

Listen at
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I remember there were two black gentleman who I had met and in their broken English said, "Do you have anything in our language?" I asked them if they were Christians, and they said, "Yes, we believe in Jesus. Do you have something for us? Something in our language?"

I brought them back here to our trailer chapel and I let them go through all our CDs. They saw a CD that was labeled Good News - Swahili, Tanzania audio CD, and they were so excited. There were two of them and I gave them two CDs, one for each one of them. ■



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Number of Immigrant Truck Drivers

Triples over 20 Years

The last two decades have demonstrated a dramatic decline in drivers due to the aging population of current truckers. The average age of a commercial truck driver in the U.S. is 55 years old. This has proven to be a key factor in the rise in immigrant applicants.

Currently, out of the 3.5 million truck drivers in the U.S., 38.75% are minorities, and in California that number is 46%. Nearly 30% of foreign-born drivers are now from **Asia, the Middle East, the former Soviet republics and Europe.**

The rise in immigrant drivers is attributed to the low barriers to entry into the field of trucking vs. that of immigrants in professional or accredited fields such as medicine or engineering. It is also noted that many of the drivers acquired driving skills in their home countries prior to immigration into the U.S. and Canada.

In Canada it's reported that the number of immigrant truck drivers has gone from 8.7% to 43.7% in just over 20 years. Transport for Christ serves throughout the United States and internationally in Canada, Africa, Russia, and Brazil.

The need for ministries serving the trucking industry to have ready access to the stories of Jesus in every language, through CDs and the 5fish app, is only expected to increase.



* Source information provided through the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA)