



## Together in Prayer – Summer, 2020

### Dear friend,

During GRN's summer transition from Temecula, CA, to Tucson, AZ, and to be good stewards of our resources, this TIP has **45 requests in nine different categories for June, July, and August**. You have options as to how to pray through this list. You could go through choosing one request from each section or just move straight through the sections. Either way, you would cover each one twice this summer. May God encourage you and inspire you as you pray. HE HEARS.

### Together in prayer,

#### The Global Recordings USA Team



PRAY

#### PANDEMIC – ONGOING ISSUES

**Calm in the storm:** Even though some things have improved, the results of the pandemic will be with us for a long time. Pray GRN staff members stay calm in the middle of this pandemic and will always be able to say, "It is well with my soul."

**Work at home:** At this writing a great number of the GRN global staff have been working out of their homes. Pray that we all find a quiet space, make good use of our time, spend more time in prayer, and attend to long-term unfinished projects.

**Change in plans:** Most of GRN's recording and distribution projects came to a standstill in March. When it is once again safe to travel and meet with people, pray that GRN field teams will have contacts lined up and be in a position to continue the recording and distribution ministry.

**Massive economic impact:** The financial costs to defeat this virus are staggering. Countries and their economies are being decimated. We have heard from several of our African and Asian centers of the rapidly rising costs of food and transport. Let us fix our eyes firmly on Jesus. This virus did not take him by surprise and his storehouses are overflowing.

**Health and safety of staff:** As far as we know no GRN staff workers have contracted the virus. Pray for continued health and safety of both office and field personnel as things begin to open up and contacts are restored.

#### PEOPLE GROUPS

**The Karo: Kara people of Ethiopia** are a hard people to reach. Nevertheless, pray they will soon hear and embrace the words Jesus spoken to the woman at the well, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."* (John 11:25-26a NIV).

**Kabras of Kenya:** There are 322,000 Kabras people living on the Kenya/Uganda border who speak the Lukabras language. Pray that the GRN Kenya team will soon be able to record audio Bible stories for the people so they may come into the knowledge of God's truth.

**Refugees:** Over seven thousand people of South Sudan speak the Lariim and Narim languages. The people are mostly found in refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda. Pray that the GRN Kenya team will soon be able to record audio Bible stories for these people. Pray also for God's supply of funds.

**Uganda outreach:** Pastors are requesting GRN audio material for outreach and discipleship of a people group of 822,000 who speak the Karamojong language. Pray for the success and impact of these recordings when a GRN team is able to follow up on this request.

**Karen Sgaw of Thailand:** Please pray for God's direction concerning the right time for GRN staff to visit and share with a Karen Sgaw couple, who are the only Christians in their remote mountain village, and for them to be growing in their relationship with Christ and a blessing and witness to their neighbors during these days.

#### NETWORK CENTERS

**UK office in Scotland:** GRN UK leaders, Kenny and Joan McKee, recently moved the GRN office from England to Scotland. As they get to know believers in the new area, pray they will find many who are willing to join the work. Pray that ministry partners in England will continue to maintain their interest and support in the GRN UK work.

**GRN in South Africa:** Dalene Joubert leads the GRN work in South Africa. They work closely with Bible translators to produce materials for several countries in southern Africa. Pray for productivity that will bear much fruit to extend God's Kingdom.

**GRN in Belgium:** Pierre and Michou Blond are the leaders of GRN in Belgium and are providing resources for migrant ministries. In addition, they have established an agency in Ukraine where they work with a local pastor. They have adapted the recording of GRN materials to communicate in a

regional sign language. Ask God to use these tools to bring many deaf people to himself.

**GRN in Burkina Faso:** In this West African country terrorism has become a major problem. Pray for safety for the GRN team and its partners, as well as their families. Pray too for the distribution of recordings made many years ago, that the timeless message of the cross will convict many families of sin and their need of a Savior.

**GRN in Spain:** Pray for Joel and Judith as they lead the team, and also for Carlos and Valaria from Brazil, who recently joined them. The team distribute GRN materials to people from Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and South America.

#### ARIZONA NEEDS

**USA sets up office in Arizona:** Several USA team members are on the ground already in Tucson, Arizona. Ask God to grant them joy and safety as they unpack furniture, equipment and files, and organize and set up the new office and language library archive room.

**Praises:** Praise God for the applications for staff and volunteers that are starting to arrive. Praise also for temporary housing available from SIL as their volunteers are gone for the summer.

**Housing issues:** Pray for those staff members attempting to buy homes in the Tucson area. Guietts have a place; Larry is looking for land to purchase; the Lopers are looking to move pending their house sale in Temecula.

**New Contacts:** Pray for the staff relocating to the Arizona office as they look for new churches and opportunities to develop new friendships, contacts, and ministry partners.

**Legal issues:** Please continue to pray for the processes involved in registering as a non-profit corporation in Arizona and for the establishment of new board members.

## FIELD REPORTS

**From a field recordist:** *"Recording allows you to meet normal people in their natural home and bond with them. The speakers are often very passionate and excited about reading the Bible in their own language — one man in Zambia insisted on recording until midnight."*

**From Tanzania:** *"Greetings from Tanzania. Thank you so much for being our friends and partners for almost 12 years here in Tanzania. Resources from GRN have impacted many people for Jesus Christ! God bless you so much!"*

**From Serbia:** *"Today came the second part of the package of recordings that you sent me. I was surprised to see a translation into Rutenian! I hope you and your family are well through this rough time".* (GRN UK has made many recording trips to Serbia over the years)

**From a dear friend in Africa:** *"I collected the recordings you sent me from the post office and I enjoy listening to them. We had the French version but also enjoyed hearing the English one which is different and very interesting. These will help my English. I hope to pass them to my friends".*

**From a Bishop in Uganda:** *"Thank you for the players you sent. I have a target of 10 widows to reach with the Word of God during next month so I need 10 players to give them please. I need Runyankole and Rukiga (Lucigga)." (This friend has been using our materials for many years now.)*

## PERSONNEL NEEDS

**Scriptwriters:** Ask God to call scriptwriters who have good insights into the worldviews of the major religions; writers who can invest time observing how people groups communicate and cultural keys important in script development.

**GRN technicians:** GRN technicians work hard to keep the mission's websites and internet servers up,

running, and updated. Pray that these technicians will exhibit a joyful spirit in their service, with much wisdom as they do their work and interact regularly with studio teams and volunteers based in the USA and Australian offices.

**More recordists:** Pray in faith for God's provision of even more GRN recordists! Ask our Lord to help us train them well, that they might go out and record messages that lost people desperately need to hear.

**USA IT Staff:** Pray for the Lord's calling to be heard by gifted and talented IT people who would love to make a difference in the world by using their skills in mission work. We are asking for more software specialists and programmers.

**Committed volunteers:** Pray that those who have time and talents to share would contact the Arizona office and establish regular schedules to come and help in any of several areas.

## GRN RESOURCES

**Finances:** Praise the Lord for the continuing faithful giving of our GRN partners. The ministry of reaching the last 3,000 people groups without GRN recordings will require much sacrifice, not only monetarily, but also in the area of time and talent as people step out to help.

**Staff:** The people that the Lord has called to this ministry, and continues to call, are indeed our greatest asset. Give thanks for each one of them, praying for the Lord's supply of every need in their lives.

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**5FISH App:** During 2019, the 5fish app had 1.4 million hours of audio downloads. Praise God for this great tool in getting the message of the Good News into the hands of non-readers.

**Materials for distribution:** GRN Indonesia recordists have edited and programmed recordings they made recently. Ask the Lord for widespread distribution of these recordings and that God's kingdom will increase as people hear God's word in their own languages and respond to it.

**Players:** The GRN Saber player is no longer being produced. Ask God to increase GRN's partnership with MegaVoice, a major producer of players. Pray this will result in many more mp3 audio players being distributed to people around the world, especially oral cultures that still need to hear the gospel.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

**What is the Lord saying to GRN in these days?** Pray for GRN going forward that our leaders will have their eyes open to see and their ears open to hear what the Lord is saying to GRN through all current events. Pray

too about how best to orient our mission and our resources toward completing the mandate God has given us to tell the story of Jesus to every tribe and nation.

**Plans to train recordists:** Pray for continuing opportunities to train young missionaries from other mission organizations in recording processes.

**Indonesian outreach:** GRN Indonesia recordists have edited and programmed recordings they made recently. Ask the Lord for widespread distribution of these recordings and that God's kingdom will increase as people hear God's word in their own language and respond to it.

**Reaching Pakistanis:** There are 20 million people in Pakistan who speak the 'S' language and they need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray the GRN team will record good scripts for these people. This is part of an ambitious recording and distribution plan for 2020. Pray for God's provision for these plans.

**Thailand plans:** Pray that a partnership between GRN Thailand and OMF to distribute our audio recordings through Facebook connections will result in many more people coming to know Jesus.

## USA DEPTS

**Language Tracking:** Pray for Allan Starling and John Steinmetz seeking to make sure all data is accurate and helpful for the field workers. Praise for volunteers, Naomi and Robert, working on mapping issues.

**Finance:** Pray for all the processes involved in moving the finance department to Tucson. This involves moving programs to the cloud as well as updating computers, etc. Pray for the right timing to switch official address to AZ.

**Studio:** Give thanks for Ruth Horan's leadership in transferring the audio archives to their new home. Thanks for Greg Litzenberger working from home and thanks for Marc Guiett's help in AZ.

**Office:** Pray for all that is involved in establishing the complete working office in the new spaces. Pray for staff and volunteers who will be working there.

**Orders & Shipping:** Pray for good communications between John Steinmetz and Roland King while working from home. Pray that no orders will be missed or delayed due to "shut down" conditions.

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