

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

Roland Heck, Director of Mobilization, says:



Like most Americans I have been staying at home because of the virus. However, I am grateful for opportunities to engage with unreached people groups through GRN's social media. It is a big

learning curve for me but very worthwhile. For example, Facebook (the biggest social network worldwide), counts over 2.6 billion active monthly users as of the first quarter of 2020. A million people log in every minute! I would appreciate your prayers as I use social media to send our audio recordings to various sensitive areas of the world. At times it feels like a spiritual battle while I'm arranging the information to post. But I remind myself of what Joy Ridderhof, founder of Global Recordings, often asked the GRN staff:

"Are You Rejoicing?"

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN REACHING THE LEAST-REACHED PEOPLES?

- Watch for more on innovative outreaches.
- Pray that God would show you how to become more involved with Global Recordings Network
- Check out the next **ALERT** for ways to become informed, involved, and inspired.

Fingerprints of God

One of my publicly expressed prayers has been for our move out of California to show clear evidence along the way that God was in it. Fingerprints are classic evidence of presence at the scene. We saw the first of God's fingerprints during the move in our climate-controlled shipping container permit which was given for "housing and transporting archived tapes," even though "tapes" were never mentioned in the application. Now 23,000 tapes are housed safely in AZ.

The availability of the SIL-Mexico property, an interested church dropping out of the running, and our getting the call about a serious buyer for our office building on the way back from checking out the new property ... these all revealed perfect timing and more evidence of God's fingerprints.

We had planned to spend a year moving. Then came Covid-19, government orders to shelter at home, and a sense that God was gently pushing us out to Catalina, Arizona. The move was completed in May, well ahead of original schedules. As a last fingerprint, even though the hoped-for sale of the office was called off, the forfeited earnest money matched moving costs almost to the penny. How can we doubt the presence of such an amazingly faithful God?



God bless,

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The Silver Lining

by Allan Starling

“Every cloud has a silver lining.” I discovered this well-known saying literally on a dull, cloudy day. After our plane ascended through gloom, I saw brightly shining sun reflecting off the top of the clouds. I surprised the passenger beside me by blurting out loud, “I see the silver lining!” On that day, two things became clear. The silver lining is always there. We see it only by soaring above the clouds. Equally true, it takes a cloud to produce a silver lining.

Recently we have lived in the shadow of a cloud called Covid-19. It enveloped our entire globe. Daily we were reminded of sorrow, sickness, and death as it drove us into our homes, isolated us, and ruined our economy. But for a moment let's soar above the gloom and feast our eyes on the cloud's silver lining.

From such heights, we saw an often-divided country briefly united against a common enemy. A long-forgotten word, “bipartisan,” was temporarily revived. People seemed friendlier, more helpful, and caring. Neighbors regularly emailed, “How are you doing?”

Can we help?” Government and the private sector worked together as rarely before.

In Memory

We are mourning the death of our former Director Dale Rickards in Phoenix, AZ, on May 22, 2020. We are thankful to the Lord for Dale's 10-year contribution to the ministry of GRN. Continue to pray for his family during this time.



In WWII, GM and Ford stopped making cars to produce jeeps and tanks. During this shutdown it was respirators and protective gear. Bureaucratic red tape was shredded to hasten production of vaccines and medications. And, wonder of wonders, the IRS gave *us* money.

Previously, NBA stars like Kobe Bryant topped the list of our heroes. Now nurses, doctors, and first-responders shine. It is sad their pay wasn't raised to match their new stature. But that wasn't their first concern. For us, it was humbling to be told, “You are non-essential, stay home.” This has also elevated garbage collectors to irreplaceable status. People admired grocery workers, truck drivers, and hospital staff. These heroes would have told you they were just doing their job, but for once they were being recognized.

Decades ago, staying home would have been different. Today we have found many creative uses for computers, smartphones, and apps like Zoom. Electronics which had been keeping us apart suddenly brought us together. Before this cloud settled on us, we thought of the church as a building for Sundays. Now, we've discovered it's a living structure composed of millions of believers.

Electronic marvels allowed us to meet together safely while staying apart.

Our imaginary aircraft descends and we are back into the gloom. A new political cloud is covering the earth. But remember that the sun always shines; those who try will see new “silver linings.” Our lives can still include a thankful heart and people caring for one another. But that is a personal choice. The Bible says to give thanks to God for everything (Eph. 5:20). Remember all the silver linings in the last cloud. Look for what is unseen in the current cloud. “Faith is the evidence of things we can't see” (Heb. 11:1).

Feel like you're in a gloomy cloud? Open your spiritual eyes and see God's silver lining. You'll be glad you did.



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