



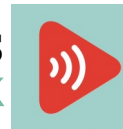
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2020 REFLECTIONS 2020 REFLECTIONS

As we write this before Thanksgiving, and as you read it some time before Christmas, we all have to admit that 2020 carried many surprises. Impeachment, Covid, lockdowns, ham-strung economy, increased governmental control, legislative inaction, Supreme court appointment, election uncertainties. Little of this dramatic year could have been foreseen. But as we reflect on this amazing, startling, frightening, and grace-filled year of 2020 we see a number of wonderful things the Lord has done. Our director, Larry DeVilbiss, would like to share a few of these with you here, in hopes that your faith may be strengthened, as ours has been, for the new year ahead.

COVID BLESSINGS

Accelerated the move. We expected to be moving out of California in 2020. God had already provided a campus and a sister relationship with Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) in Tucson, Arizona. Our building in Temecula was in escrow. We anticipated staying in that building for most of the year during the transition. When the Governor of California ordered all essential people to stay home, our staff had to leave the building. At that point the treasurer, Ralph Loper, looked around and decided to move to Arizona sooner rather than later. Perfect market conditions allowed for very speedy and favorable sales of housing & repurchase for both the Lopers and the Guietts. Real estate and moving were declared "essential" so the mechanics were in place for moving with little Covid-related hindrance.

Provoked a training course. We had initiated plans for a training course in Mexico. When that failed there was interest in a training course right here in Tucson — the first in the USA for many years. This not only trained some new recordists on the latest digital equipment with video instruction by our subject experts from all over the world, but provided content for a new generation of future online training.

Increased prayer interaction. Our Wednesday staff prayer sessions staff have counter-intuitively resulted in much more participation. I don't think any of us had heard of Zoom before Covid. The problem now is figuring out how to get back to face to face meetings! But since we are scattered all over the USA it may be just as well. Speaking of "all over," just a week ago we had an around the clock, around the globe prayer event on Zoom that was open to over 300 of our staff internationally. All feedback is urging us to continue this practice.

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TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

by Patti Ediger

Ten-year-old Carlos collapsed at my feet with a 105 degree fever. Malaria was ravaging his isolated Honduran village and Carlos' mother wept tears born of fear. The staff on our medical mission trip tended to the boy and saw a smile return to his mother's face, but when we tried to pray with her and tell her about Jesus, she seemed confused and didn't recognize His name. Sadly, there seemed to be no knowledge of Christ in this beautiful village.

Our medical team had brought a suitcase packed with Cardtalks and Tapetalks from GRN, along with records and cassettes, which we gave out to several of the families. An itinerant teacher who was visited the village monthly had accepted the Lord eagerly during our meetings, and he agreed to play the recordings to people after we left to help teach about Jesus. We prayed that God would sovereignly plant His words in empty hearts and bring forth new life in the village people.

One year later the medical team came back. Around a campfire after an exhausting day, we saw a line of lights winding down a nearby hill. It was these same villagers. We could hear them singing songs from the recordings! A church had formed, the teacher was faithfully teaching, and the people joyfully embraced us as they told about their new-found faith. God leaned down to the inhabitants of a completely unreached village and brought the light of salvation, through simple records and cassettes. Praise His Holy Name.

Patti Ediger is one of our newest additions to staff. Formerly a nurse, she now seeks unrecorded groups for our recordists to "capture."



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Stimulated sister mission networking. Exposure to new recording technology. With time on our hands we dug a little deeper into potential relationships with like-minded missions. We participated in a new virtual recording platform that Faith Comes By Hearing uses successfully for online remote recording. We think that some of that technology is going to greatly speed up the recording process for our Bible messages in new languages. We took initial training with the Jesus Film folks on new script material about the Gadarene Demoniak. This can be dubbed into the existing Jesus Film graphics and be very appropriate for animist and Muslim cultures. We are pursuing other relationships that will provide us with access to some of the numerous unrecorded languages in the world. Careful research has revealed 270 languages where there are no Christians and no Gospel recordings or other Gospel resources of any kind.

Multiplied social media distribution.

With more time on their hands, some of our staff learned from local SIL volunteers how to target specific languages on social media. One decided to target 300 languages having no Christian resource other than GRN's recordings. Evidence is undeniable that downloads of recorded content available on our web page and our own 5fish phone app are at an all time high. In 2018 our servers delivered over 72,000 hours of content. So far this year that same metric is over 4,000,000 hours. Our Aussie IT guys suggest that one reason for the increase is simply because people spend more "Covid time" exploring the web.

Brought us a new wave of volunteers. The Lord has blessed us with a whole new generation of volunteers. We have received applications from folks interested in everything from recording to serving on the Board. I really believe that we're seeing "our temporary light affliction" working a greater "weight of glory."

Thank God for all these "Covid Blessings" and pray that we will be ready to run when the starting gate is opened again – in His time.

God Bless,



Larry DeVilbiss
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Executive Director

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RECORDIST TRAINING COURSE IN AZ

When you first visit Catalina (the northernmost suburb of Tucson) all you seem to see is barren nothingness. A few scrub trees, no grass, many varieties of cactus. Beware of clinging barbs on every bush, poisonous creatures, and the melting heat in summer (110°F).

But, after a while, you see the beauty of the desert – stunning views of the Catalina Mountains, the dry clear air which tints mountain faces purple as the sun goes down, and an abundance of life! Dragonflies, hummingbirds, distinctive quail, road runners during the day; deer, javelina, coyote at night – all are found in this supposedly empty land.

Likewise, stats from this first USA Recordist Training Course (RTC) for decades might not impress you. Six trainees, several hoping to utilize the training for non-overseas assignments, and only two under 40.

But those who have known Gospel Recordings/Global Recordings Network over the years have learned not to laugh at unimpressive starts. “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand” (Zech. 4:10). Zerubbabel was sent to rebuild in Israel, and the Lord has sent us a new director in Larry DeVilbiss to rebuild a recording program here in the USA. This training began in August and ended in mid-September. While this first effort may have been small, it was innovative, even cutting-edge, in many ways.



Most noticeable was technology. Multiple laptops, two cameras, several mikes, a projector and big screen... and this was just the support team. Each trainee daily used as much high-tech gear as they can carry. All this technology enabled experienced instructors from four continents to share their expertise with trainees via Zoom. That is the second innovation. And the third one turned local trainers into trainees. Updated recording equipment meant experienced recordists needed to learn a version of recording and mixing equipment recommended by Australian technicians. The last innovation was the number of support staff involved in facilitating technology, communications, and food service for the RTC crowd, so that they could focus on what they were teaching or learning.

Thank you for your prayers for this venture. Only the Lord knows where each trainee will end up serving Him. We trust that this “small beginning” will be the start of many such courses. A more mobile, rugged training is already being planned for Mexico for next year.

Together let us pray that the Lord will raise up many more willing and able servants to answer the call to reach those *least, last, lost* from all around the world. We believe that voices from all tribes and tongues will unite to worship Him in Heaven. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial support.

— Staff

