



2022 is The Year of 5fish! Pray for Christians to learn about 5fish, see the potential of 5fish to proclaim the Gospel to speakers of other languages, and to use 5fish to tell the story of Jesus to their neighbors.

GLOBAL RECORDINGS NETWORK USA **ALERT**

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The Year of 5fish

GRN has always been a tool-making ministry. We don't plant churches or shepherd believers. We provide tools to the worldwide Body of Christ. These tools assist believers to accomplish the Great Commission given to it by Jesus Himself. Pray that the amazing, simple-to-use, and free tool of 5fish will be discovered by more Christians everywhere.



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JOINING HANDS

This new year of 2022 brings a number of interesting developments. Larry is planning trips to another hemisphere. We have our own property in Arizona, free and clear, and are welcoming new members to come and work with us. The world around us gets crazier and more disconnected from the One Who created it ... but we have the privilege of walking day by day with that wonderful Creator and Sustainer.



GRN International has declared 2022 "The Year of 5fish." Created just 10 years ago, our 5fish website (with free down-loadable apps for your phone) is being used all over the world to bring Gospel truth to listeners in over 6,000 languages. See the next pages for more.

Below you can read the experience of one participant on a church mission trip to an African country. He has now become one of our distance volunteers. This story was on our Facebook page last year—for more such stories, check out our GRN USA Facebook page.

We also have available what we call "5fish cards"—a business-size card you can share with friends and with contacts of any language. Spread the word! And see next article for yet another way to "spread the Word"!

Praise God for GRN!

About 12 years ago our church felt led to try to reach a small group in West Africa known by several names - Badyara, Padjadinca, or Badjaranke. With only around 12,000 of these people, mostly located in Guinea-Bissau, prospects of finding anything in the heart language of this oral culture were very low. We searched the internet and discovered Global Recordings Network. Among over 6000 languages on the website, we found the story of Noah and the story of Lazarus recorded in Padjadinca.

As we made our second trip into the villages we took with us cassette players and copies of these two stories. I remember the first time we played the stories for the leaders of a small village of about 400. The expressions on the faces of the listeners was priceless - "no one speaks our language" - and whoever had made that recording "had to be a native speaker." Those stories served to open a door for us to establish a relationship with not only this village but five others, all of whom now have people meeting together to worship Jesus. Praise the Lord!

Ivan C. in North Carolina

WHICH ONE?

Recently I was asked to share a message with the Mixteco de Nuxinio. I focused on Jesus' invitation to come and take His yoke. This invitation was first to Himself and then to the yoke. Jesus promised that His yoke was easy and His burden would be light. Only yoked to Him would they find rest for their souls. (By the way, if you take away the chapter break this is part of a discourse on the essence of the Sabbath -- but I digress).

After the service some Mixteco brothers who handle yokes regularly told me they thought this sounded like a call to slavery. "Are we sons or slaves?" Good question.

We went to the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15. Interestingly, only after the younger son was willing to go back to his Father as a slave did he discover true intimacy of real sonship. A relationship, by the way, that was offensive to the older brother and a relationship that the older brother never personally enjoyed. He remained a bitter outsider and in the end was the son that was really lost.

Jesus gave everything for us and asks no less of us. One day we will get our crowns. But only after we willingly submit to the yoke or go through the death and resurrection process of new birth will we find our standing as sons and even friends of Jesus.

As we anticipate entering the 10-40 window of missions in Africa and Asia, where Islam and Christ are competing for the majority of the earth's souls, and where more than half of the unrecorded languages of the world are residing, I would ask you to prayerfully ask God what you should be doing about this unfinished task.

What is the Church's answer to Islamic suicide bombers? To anti-Christian stances on the part of governments? To the reality of evil in this world? We will have no answer if we are not willing to give everything for the One who gave all for us. Not to wrestle against flesh and blood but to stand, and pray, and love, and if necessary die, in order to deliver the word of faith.

Which of the two sons will you be? The dutiful son who could neither long for and love the lost nor enjoy the gleeful joy of the found? Or the one who bound himself in servitude only to be caught in the welcome embrace of a loving Father?

God bless,

Larry DeVillbiss



Read The Next Language, on our website. Larry shares more about his global travels.

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

TAKE FIVE

PRAYING THAT EVERY LANGUAGE GROUP
IN MEXICO WILL HEAR THE STORY OF JESUS

GRN Mexico and GRN USA are working together to record the 100+ unrecorded languages of Mexico within the next few years. Many unreached people groups can be found in the mountains and valleys of southern Mexico, living their lives without knowing God. Mexico leader, Jesus “Chucho” Loyo, is calling on all of GRN to



“Pray for God to show us His strategy to record these languages and reveal to us the steps to follow in each one.”

Our Language Research team has provided a list of over 100 language and speech variety names. This list is arranged into groups of five. **Will you pray for a group of five languages in 2022?** The five listed below present great challenges to our team. Either recording looks impossible or they have post-recording problems, according to senior field recordist Larry DeVilbiss.

I hope you will be able to say yes to this. Feel free to share these names with your prayer partners, or use in your church prayer times or prayer guides you may send out. If you would like to pray for another group of languages, just contact ColinStott@GlobalRecordings.net.

Thanks,
Colin Stott,
Global Prayer Coordinator

2022 - THE YEAR OF 5FISH!

Our 5fish App is translated into several languages, but could be available in many more. Pray for God’s provision of translators to help with this task in about 40 key languages. Do you know someone who could help? Then contact the office for information.

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TAKE FIVE languages:

Mixteco Guerrero de Itundujia
Mixteco de San Juan Pinas
Mixteco de Don Luis Pinotepa
Zapoteco de Las Delicias
Chinanteco de Yolox



GOOD NEWS FOR ESL CLASSES

I live in SW US as part of a Disciple-Making Movement (DMM). We are a small group with a passion for God and compassion for people, wanting to bring hope and transformation to our community. Our goal is to see not-yet believers and believers become committed followers of Jesus Christ, what is known as a disciple. And to see disciples become disciple-makers and, for some disciple-makers, to become DMM facilitators.

One of our community engagement points is ESL classes. The majority of our students are refugees, coming from Sudan, Afghanistan, Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria.

As our ESL class reading activity, I am using the Creation to Christ series, 40 short Bible stories called “Good News.”

I have made a booklet for each student containing all 40 stories, including a picture and text for each story. For review purposes I use the GRN Good News booklet that only has the pictures, no text.

Most of my students don’t speak much English and come from Muslim backgrounds. They enjoy reading and discussing stories. I like to use “discover questions” about each story to help the students process its truth. Many of our students can speak a major language like Arabic, Swahili, or French ... but it is not their first language. I ask each student what their mother tongue is and then look it up with them and play it for them on the 5fish app. What a joy it has been to see eyes brighten and smiles come to their faces when they hear their own language being spoken and music playing that is characteristic of their culture.

The Good News (Creation to Christ) series and the 5fish app continue to be great tools for my ESL classes. 5fish is also good when meeting people from other countries for the first time. It is a bridge to a complete stranger. I ask, “what country are you from?” I look it up on the 5fish app. I ask, “what is your first language?” I look it up. I have not met a person whose mother tongue was not on the 5fish app.

In our classes we have Massalit and Tama speakers from Sudan. Their language has no Scripture, no Jesus film, and no other online audio; but 5fish has a “Words of Life” series that include 13 short Bible stories.

In concluding I would say try it for your own sharing of the Gospel. You will like it.

Steve K



2022: THE YEAR OF 5FISH

GRN has been faithfully recording Gospel messages for 83 years. We developed the 5fish app 10 years ago – an app that enables you to proclaim God’s word in over 6,700 different languages and speech varieties (the new politically correct term for dialects).

I think every Christian who has access to the internet should know about 5fish and be ready to direct people who cross their path to Gospel messages in a language they understand. It is a great tool for when you strike a language barrier, when you don’t know what to say next, and when you want to leave God’s Word with someone to think about.

Liverpool South Anglican Church in New South Wales graciously allowed us to bring them our “Year of 5fish” presentation. We also taught the congregation to use the app. An Indian gentleman in the church told us that when he arrived in Australia he spoke very little English. He would meet with another Indian fellow in the congregation regularly, but English was their only common language. They listened to GRN materials in their respective languages on 5fish and then talked about them in English. It was a very creative way for this man to have fellowship and grow in faith while he learned English.

A GRN leader in Europe is working with refugees. He has asked for “The Living Christ” program to be recorded in standard Arabic. It is a program that recounts the life of Jesus. He wants to use the program to disciple refugees. Our office has three Arabic speakers who have translated the program and we are in the process of recording it.

There are many people in Australia who cannot read and many who do not read. Our materials are available also in English. If you are talking to an English-speaking non-reader, one of our programs might be just the thing to leave them with as they consider their future.

Our 5fish app contains GRN recordings, the Jesus Film, and audio Bibles. It is free and easy to use. We have developed it so you can share the story of Jesus in every language.

5fish can be accessed by way of about 20 major world languages. We would love 5fish to be accessible via at least 100 languages so the app can be used more widely. We are looking for translators. Can you help or do you know someone who can?



This year we want to make our 5fish app widely known and used, both here in Australia and around the world. Will you help us? We would love to see the number of active users increase from 10,000 to over 100,000 this year.

- ⇒ Pray for the success of the Year of 5fish.
- ⇒ Use and share 5fish (we’d love to hear your stories).
- ⇒ Invite us to come to your church.
- ⇒ Do you have any media contacts who could get the word out?
- ⇒ Learn how to tell your church about 5fish and do it yourself (we will teach you).
- ⇒ Ask your church if they are willing to put up a Year of 5fish banner.
- ⇒ Find us on social media, like and share our posts.
- ⇒ Translate the 5fish user interface into your language (we have software to help you).
- ⇒ Contribute financially to the Year of 5fish.

I am excited about the coming year. It is wonderful to see how God has been bringing the Year of 5fish together so far and I look forward to seeing what He does as we move forward. Please pray and get involved.

Christine Platt, Executive Director

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