

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

May 2022



Dear friend,

When a recording team goes on a field assignment they will most likely ask their prayer partners to pray for them. A typical scenario might be to ask prayer for familiar things we see and encounter in the visible world. What may not get prayed about as much is the invisible battle being waged against them in the heavenly realm. Our teams need us to be praying for them in the midst of this invisible but very real battle.

Together in Prayer,

The GRN USA Team



- 1 End of Ramadan: Today marks the end of the 30 day fast observed by the Muslim communities. It is a joyous time to meet with family and friends and exchange gifts. May we who have the greatest gift of all pray with faith and hope for their eyes to be opened to God's gift of eternal life.
- **2 Next generation:** Pray for opportunities for GRN Centers around the globe to share about recording work and the challenge for local churches with a missionary vision to thrust out laborers into all corners of the earth. We need to be praying in a next generation of workers for the harvest.
- **3** Pray for visitors to Catalina: We have a number of short-term visitors coming to our USA offices during this month of May. Pray for all Board Members, for Bob, John and Jerry, Cathy and Diane, John and Minky. Pray for quality time with staff here, for blessed fellowship and for Spirit-anointed meetings about many important matters.
- 4 Plans for 14 languages: In a sensitive Asian country, a GRN team has plans to record 14 languages. Please pray for safety in an environment that is unfriendly to the Gospel, and for good language helpers to partner with our workers in producing these recordings.
- **5 GRN in Spain:** Many North Africans travel through Spain to get to other parts of Europe. They really need exposure to the Gospel of Christ. Pray for Joel and Carlos and their families in Spain as they partner with churches and others who reach out to migrants.
- **6 Culiacan follow up:** Mexico's Culiacan project is now over; pray for migrant workers who responded to the Gospel to continue in faith. Pray that others will listen to recordings they were given, and share them with those who stayed home in their villages.
- 7 Year of 5fish: We thank God for the 5fish app and the countless hours of Bible passages and stories that have been downloaded in thousands of languages over the past 10 years. Pray this wonderful tool will continue to be used around the world to spread the Good News.

- **8 Key Nigeria language:** Praise God that the GRN Nigeria team was able to record Good News and Words of Life scripts in the Ztha language. This is spoken by less than 3,000 people, and is one of the most unreached groups in Nigeria. Pray for the Gospel to really penetrate the hearts of this group.
- **9** Brazil Bible project: In Brazil, GRN missionaries Dionara and Karine are recording Scripture material in Guanano. Pray for fruitful recording sessions and for God's Word to impact many lives for His glory.
- 10 Big recording push: Several GRN recording teams are systematically traveling throughout southern Mexico. Their quest is to produce the Gospel story for speakers of every unrecorded language group in their country. Over 30 new groups have had the Good News made available since this big push began in August 2021. Pray that the Lord will renew the strength of each team and grant them success.
- **11 Cameroun plans:** Joseph and his team plan to record Bible stories in six languages. Pray for a good translation process and capable language helpers. Pray that the resulting recordings will be used by the Lord to touch the hearts of those who listen.
- **12 USA Board Meeting:** Our Board of Directors meets in the Arizona office today. Pray for the Lord's direction, wisdom and guidance for them as they discuss and plan for the future. Pray for Bill, Mark, Mack, Tim, David, Preston, and Nassar, plus Larry zooming in from Australia.
- **13 Four Kenyan Languages:** GRN recordist, James, is researching four languages that the team plans to record sometime this year. Pray that each of these four languages will be well planned that the hearts of the people will be prepared to embrace the Gospel messages.
- **14 GRN in India:** GRN still has many unrecorded languages to capture in India. Currently there is no GRN Center there to coordinate a strategic recording and distribution program. Pray that God, in His time, will establish viable partnerships to proclaim the Gospel in all of India's language varieties.

- 15 Mindoro Island: A GRN Philippines team recently returned from a successful distribution trip to Mindoro Island. Pray for lives to be transformed by recordings that were shared with tribal groups. Pray for the team as they are now facing strict lockdown conditions in Manila, with COVID numbers increasing. Pray for their safety, protection, and good use of time while quarantined indoors.
- **16 USA Finance Office:** Pray for clear definitions of job responsibilities between new service, Parable, and ourselves as we hand over most of the regular tasks. Praise God for Parable's capable services.
- 17 Two more Nigerian languages: Praise God that the GRN Nigeria team was able to record the Good News program and Words of Life scripts in the Horom and Piapung languages. These are small groups. Pray for peaceful co-existence among tribal groups and communities. Pray that many people will listen to the recordings and come to know the Lord.
- **18 Larry in Australia:** Last month Larry did not get to Indonesia, but he made it to Nigeria, where he spent several weeks with leaders there discussing training and the whole language situation. He's now in Australia, heading to Indonesia at month's end. Pray for safe travels, and many new recordings.
- 19 Nigerian research: While Larry was in Nigeria with Kish and Joshua, they began to identify ten language researchers who will be trained to investigate unrecorded languages and establish contacts for future recording projects. Pray for their safety in traveling around Nigeria and the Lord's guidance for their efforts.
- 20 Recordist Nathaniel: Pray for him as he spends some time in Australia getting advanced recordist training. Thank the Lord for all the recordings he made in Mexico, and ask the Lord's blessing on future projects in Indonesia and Nigeria.
- 21 USA home base: The home team is very thankful for a good turnout at the recent Pastors & Outreach Leaders luncheon. Pray for new partnerships with local churches and ministries in the Tucson area.

- **22 Okiek distribution:** Walter, the GRN Kenya director, reports a very successful distribution trip in April. Pray that all who received materials will hear, understand, and accept God's message of grace and salvation.
- 23 The next International Director: The International Leadership Team is considering possibilities for the next International Director. May the Holy Spirit give clear confirmation to the team as they consider the best way to proceed.
- 24 GRN in Bangladesh: Praise God for GRN leader, James, and the team in Bangladesh. Pray for God's guidance and protection to be over all areas of their lives and ministry. May they rejoice, persevere, and be encouraged, even as they work in a difficult country that is hostile to the Gospel.
- 25 Volunteer appreciation: Give thanks for the Lord's provision of a good team of volunteers for the Arizona office. Pray for Barry, Betty, Charlotte, Richard, Peggy, Sandra, Toshi, Joanne, Nate, Judith, and others who give of their time and talents selflessly to assist the staff.
- 26 Interactive mapping project: Allan is working diligently on getting this project up and running. Computerized maps linking languages, locations, and people groups will be immensely helpful to GRN workers worldwide and to other ministries as well. Pray for him and for seven others from various organizations who are working on this.
- **27 GRN's language database:** Nine volunteers are working remotely to research data, and update and expand our language information. This is foundational to the mapping project, and vital for effective outreach and distribution efforts worldwide. Pray for Beth, Dianne, Patrick, Phil, Robert, Richard, Susan, Tim, and Tom who currently help with this task.
- **28 Staff concerns:** Pray for staff with heavy, often complicated, family concerns, which can threaten to weigh them down. Many are separated by long distances from their family members

- **29 Mike to Mexico:** Pray for Mike as he returns from Oaxaca after a month of assisting Francisco, Marcos, and others who are continuing to record the nine unrecorded languages in that state. Thank the Lord for His provision for travel, for finances, for safety, for good language helpers, and most of all for transformed lives as the people now can hear God's message in their own heart language.
- **30 New USA volunteers:** Pray for Bob, for Mark, for Beth, and for others who have recently applied or just been approved as new volunteers. Pray for their orientation to our ministry, for a smooth introduction into their area of service, and for good communication with the specific person to whom they will be reporting.
- **31 Messages for refugees:** Recordist Ed is endeavoring to record languages spoken by refugees currently coming into Southern California and into Arizona. Special messages addressing the situations of refugees have been written that will present God's love to these people who have left crisis situations in their homelands. Pray for the Holy Spirit's empowering of these scripts.





Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit and purpose. Phil. 2:2 (Berean Bible)

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