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ALERT

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Challenging the Church

Jesus clearly left the Church — His Body on earth — work to do until He comes back for us. How is the Church doing? What is it known for among the unbelievers around us? Is Jesus rejoicing in Heaven over the activity, the dedication of His people? Or does the Church need a wake-up call in these final days that we have left?



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THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES

Englishman CT Studd, born to a life of wealth and privilege, spent his adult life in China and then Africa, serving the people God called him to and founding WEC International.

Memorable CT Studd quotes:

- *Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *Some wish to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;
I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.*
- *If Jesus Christ be God and died for me,
then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.*

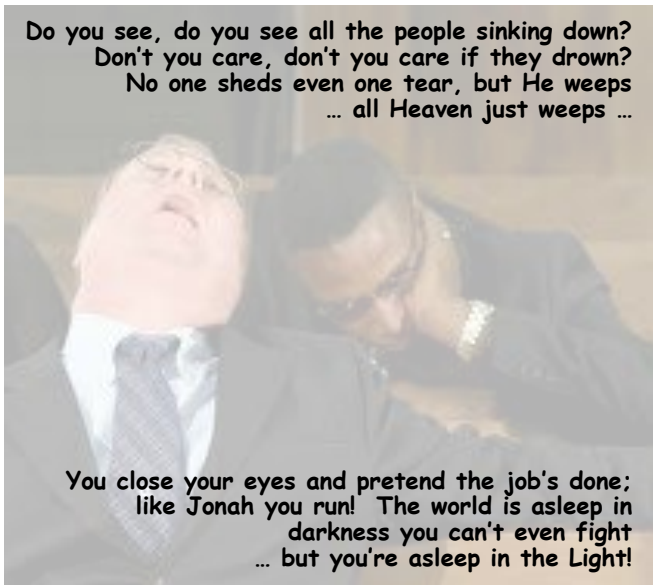
We challenge every Christian to think deeply about your life. Have you heard a call from God? Is what you do making a difference in eternal ways? Will you hear “Well done, good and faithful servant” when you see His face? We are not about guilt people, but we are about grace — His wonderful, matchless grace that lets us live free of fear, free of penalty, free of regret.

Join us in this wonderful adventure of a life lived in Christ and for His glory. Ask the Lord today what He would have you do for Him. You'll never — ever — regret saying ‘yes!’ to our wonderful Savior! One more quote from CT Studd:

“Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible by faith in the omnipotence, fidelity, and wisdom of the Almighty Savior.”

Keith Green lived almost a century after CT Studd, but he had the same vision and a powerful message to challenge those of us who sit in church pews. Though Keith has gone to Glory, we pray his lyrics (left) move each one of us, not to useless guilt, but to vibrant involvement and fruitful activity. We believe this challenge to the church is even more critical in these last days.

In this issue we share stories of people who keep listening for the Savior's voice, who want to obey Him, and who reply: “Here I am, send me!”



Tell me and
Teach me and
Involve me
— Benjamin Franklin

EXERCISING OUR CORE ...Values, that is

By Irene King, Global Prayer Assistant

You may recognize this as a fitness term indicating a process that improves balance and stability. For us at GRN USA we see a spiritual comparison. Our sending our recording/training team out to new countries is a landmark in the history of our ministry. However, we want to emphasize that while we seek to progress in our goals to reach every language, we also desire to re-commit ourselves to seven core values or principles that have provided balance and stability for this work from the early days of ministry. Technologies, techniques, and training processes continue to change and develop, advance with the times, and solve new and different problems ... but the core message remains the same: every language group needs to hear the Gospel call to salvation in Jesus Christ as the only way to God.



GRN USA's Core Values

1. We believe that GRN has a **twofold purpose**: To spread the Gospel by means of audio recordings; and to maintain a testimony of faith for the glory of God and the strengthening of the faith of His Church.
2. We believe that **God's call** on our lives is to: Faith, as we trust God to supply all needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus; Prayer, because the ministry of GRN was built on the foundation of prayer first, and that should remain unchanged; Rejoicing, as the Holy Spirit empowers us to give thanks in everything, at all times.
3. **God's Word**. The Word of God is the standard against which we measure all that we do, personally and corporately. We must live the fundamentals of the faith as well as share them.
4. **The unreached**. There are still many unreached people groups. We provide tools for the worldwide Church to take the Gospel to each group in their heart language through audio/visual media.
5. **Sacrificial living**. Although we cannot promise to live consistently, sacrificially, and joyfully every minute, we expect and believe the Holy Spirit can work out His perfect will in us as we cooperate with Him.
6. **Wise stewardship**. God's resources are never limited, and He gives us what we need. We desire to honor God's Name with wise use of our time, our talents, our resources, and our lives.
7. **Relationships**. God has blessed us with an eternal life-giving relationship through His Son. We value our relationships with all who labor to take the Gospel to the least, the last, and the lost through audio.

GET INVOLVED

Pray



Receive our TIP prayer guide
Get daily prayer items by text
Form a regular prayer team
Encourage others to pray!

Use



Share 5fish with those you meet
Teach evangelism teams to use it
Encourage missionaries to use it
Boost links to the world

Give



Give to a field project
Support specific staff
Donate "where needed most"
Plan sales, auctions to raise \$\$

Go



Check website for available positions
Do computer projects from your home
Come and volunteer for a season
Join our staff!

A great way to get involved is to encourage your own church's missionaries to use the tools that GRN provides. Over and over we hear, "Why didn't we know about these materials before now?" These stories were shared recently by those ministering in Ghana and Nigeria:

When I first got there, I could not speak Chakali with a good accent or fluently. (I still am not really fluent.) So I played the recording with the matching picture from the flip chart to the Sunday School we have started. That way the kids could see the story while it was being played.

Later, after we started translating, I had a native Chakali (a Muslim who has been willing to translate for me) read all 80 verses of Luke chap.1, phrase by phrase, and had the children repeat it. They did it very well and could understand it. We might do the same with the stories, and then have the children repeat them, phrase by phrase. This will also help me learn Chakali better.

Along with a discipleship class here in our location, we have offered and suggested using the flip charts with illiterate people. Someone recently borrowed my flip chart books to take into tribal villages. So I gave him the link to the 5fish app and sent him the first two recordings.

For others I have offered to put the story CD pictures, unaltered, on their phones so they can share the stories directly to listeners. We have started a coaching network for children and are considering teaching our coaches to also use the photos and stories on phones or laptops with the children they serve.

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT?

By Ed Young, Sr. Field Recordist (abridged from our 2022 GRN Magazine)

I forget.
and I remember.
and I learn.

I often asked Mexican Christians, "Whose responsibility is it to share the Gospel with indigenous peoples of Mexico. Missionaries from Canada, or from Germany, or the USA?" After some thought, they always answered, "No, it is our responsibility to do that." And they were right.

So, American Christians: who should be the ones to share with new arrivals to the USA the Christian beliefs we hold so dear?

The answer is the same -- yes, it is our responsibility, even if it means there are linguistic and cultural/prejudice barriers

to cross. As in Mexico, I can say to USA churches, Bible schools, Christian agencies, and individual believers: "We can help you with linguistic and cultural barriers. Global Recordings Network has tools in the languages of immigrants, refugees, students, and others coming to this country—not only major languages, but also minority languages, those important "heart languages."

For over 80 years Global Recordings Network has been recording Bible stories in culturally-relevant terminology for the languages of the world. GRN now has Christian material available in more than 6500 languages and variants. These materials can all be easily accessed and downloaded free of charge via our 5fish app.

While we have material for people coming here that was recorded in their homeland, we are also in the process of developing and recording new material especially for people in refugee settings, many of whom may have experienced severe trauma. [Ask for our 2022 Magazine to read more about specific programming for refugees.]

These new scripts have already been recorded in English, so can be listened to in English on our website or phone app. In fact, we have recordings in intermediate-level English that actually help people learn English as a second language.

Are you interested in working with refugee people? Do you know of immigrants who are already Christians living here in the USA, who could help us with evaluating old recordings or even working on new recording projects?

Please let us know how we can assist you or your group. Opportunities to share the Gospel message are all around us at this time. Remember Pentecost, when people heard the wonderful works of God being told to them in their own language (Acts 2).

There is something very special about the mother tongue. That is why it is called a "heart language." Want the Lord to speak to their heart? Share the Gospel with others in their heart language.

Please Contact Us

with any questions. We enjoy hearing from you. You could also send us stories of how you have used 5fish in your own outreach! **520-395-1399**

TIMELY TREASURE TROVE

By Deb Marcusse, Communications

Forty years ago, Keith Green sang of the Church, “you’re asleep in the Light!” How about today, Church? What are we doing with the Truth we claim to be so important?

Meet a pair who do a lot with that Truth. Joe and Mary* are a retirement-age couple who could be golfing, knitting, or spending more time with their 16 grandchildren. But their delight is to search out languages and record them... in increasingly difficult and risky places...

**names changed to protect the innocent*

One of our field teams has had a strong burden for traumatized Ukrainian kids. You’ve seen the TV footage. What can be done? Joe and Mary did something. They found a set of scripts designed for traumatized children in southern Africa which, recorded and loaded onto mp3 players, could be inserted in a stuffed animal. They found someone to translate the script into Ukrainian, and then kept searching for speakers to record it until they discovered a Ukrainian church in another state. Mary flew and Joe travelled 11 hours by car from another assignment to this church. Delays and uncertainties abounded, but Joe and Mary pressed on, and the Lord opened the door ... in a big way.

Once its members saw the reality of the tiger/message duo, this immigrant church provided housing for Joe and Mary, brought them several phenomenal language helpers, and will be sending songs to accompany both adult and children’s messages.

In an amazingly short time, the series for traumatized kids was recorded, complete with inventive voice overs for various parts and some sound effects, all by one woman. Three Words of Life messages and one book of the LLL series for adults were also recorded. In fact, Joe and Mary had estimated three weeks to record just the children’s series, but accomplished this high-quality recording in three days!

By the way, across the Atlantic our GRN UK center took on the job of recording this set of scripts for children in the Russian language. Pray for those recordings, and for Mary as she edits and processes these Ukrainian messages.

Worldwide ministries will be involved in distribution in the country ... toward the end result that kids who have suffered what you’ve been watching on your TV screens will have something to hold in their arms that will comfort them and say, “Yes, Jesus loves you and He cares what happens to you.” In addition, stressed and endangered adults will have the Good News of salvation and comfort in their heart language.



If the Lord lays it on your heart to help these and other refugees, specify your gift for “Project Refugee.” Most of all, pray with us for the light of Jesus to dispel all spiritual darkness and bring souls into His Kingdom. It is the goal of all that we do.

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

We would also like you to be aware of the wonderful work being done by a few who travel around within the States right now, making contact with local churches. They are our own “language surveyors,” who seek out unrecorded languages among recent immigrants, refugees, and students here just for a time. Instead of our recordists needing to go to foreign countries, these languages come to America. Pray with us for open doors for these crucial workers.

Patti is one of our newest surveyor/recordists, a retired nurse who is having so much fun she “wishes she’d started doing this years ago!” She recently discovered two nearby churches made up of immigrants from an unfriendly Asian country. But she is even more excited about another door the Lord opened just days ago.

After she contacted the pastor of an immigrant church made up of those from the northern half of a country we went to war in during the 1950s, he reported none of his contacts had worked out. But he and Patti prayed together, and the Lord brought forth a young woman, newly come from that country, who is willing and able to record her own testimony plus other scripts with Patti. Pray that these yet-to-be-recorded messages will bring light and truth to the lives of a very oppressed populace.

Praise the Lord that when it looks most impossible, He is able to open doors!

Teams from GRN USA and GRN Mexico (Buenas Nuevas) work together on several outreaches



a year to agricultural camps south of the border. Going on one of these mission trips is a great way to get involved. A team has just returned from a ministry week in sweltering northern Sonora state. Many heard the Gospel in their own languages. There was great fellowship among the all-male team. We are eagerly awaiting their reports from the days spent there.

