



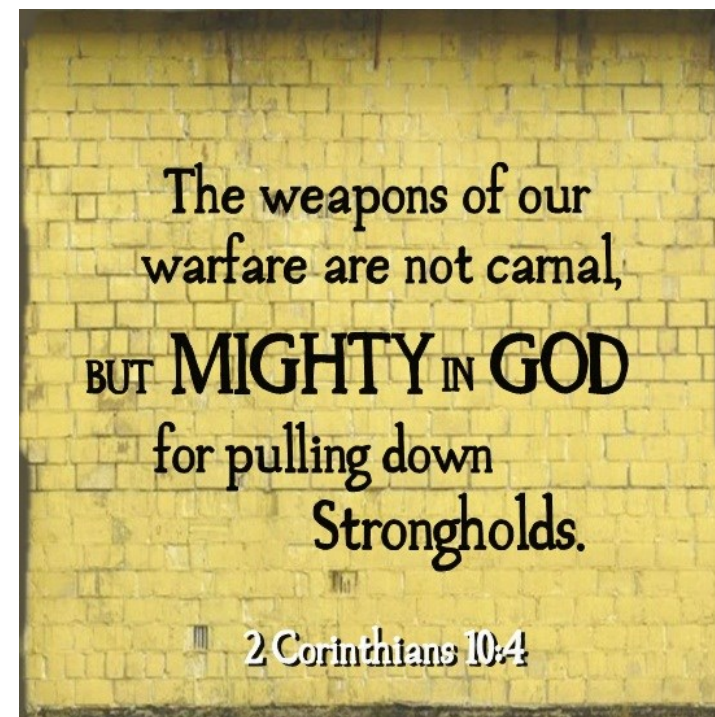
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# ALERT

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## Challenging Strongholds



Strongholds. Centers of powerful belief that keep men and women from freedom in Christ Jesus, the only way to God.

In this issue we examine some countries where Islam rules. Future issues will explore others of our world's "powers of darkness" and our response to them.

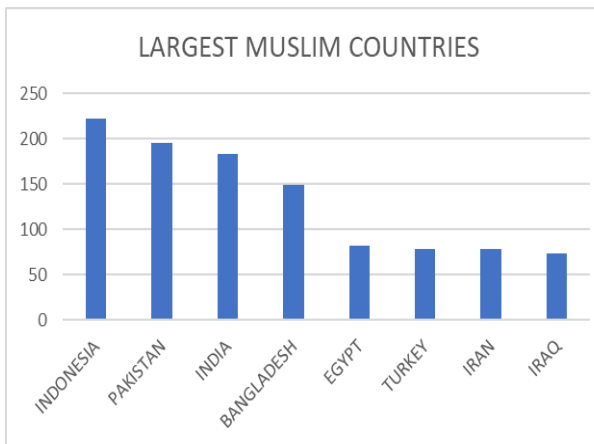
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# CHALLENGES WITHIN ISLAM

## Reaching Out to Bless Muslims

Think about the word, “Muslim.” Does it conjure up images of extremist groups? Do names like Al Queda, Boko Haram, or Hamas come to mind? Or perhaps you picture whole countries like The Islamic State of Iraq or the Islamic Republic of Iran. They only seem to make the news when they wreak havoc or cause deaths or blow something up. And their holy book, the Koran, tells them they’ll be rewarded for it.



Now imagine yourself born and raised in a country where 9 out of 10 people are Muslim. In fact, being a citizen and being a Muslim are considered synonymous. There is no alternative. If you’re a boy, you must learn to recite large passages from the Koran which you don’t understand because they are not in your language. You have never heard

a proper explanation of Christianity. In fact, you are warned to stay away from those infidels who worship three gods instead of the one true Allah. What about Jesus? The Koran says He was a prophet, but He takes second place to Mohammed. You just want to live your life and stay out of trouble, so you don’t ask questions about your religion.

At GRN, we know that God loves the Muslim people, and Jesus died on the cross for them. We continue to make recordings of Gospel messages in their languages. It’s hard, and sometimes dangerous. Much has been accomplished, but much more needs to be done. How will we reach out to them? Some countries are closed to the Gospel, and in others, the speakers are afraid to

co-operate. That’s where your prayers are vital. God does do miracles and gives our recording teams divine encounters, even native speakers with prepared hearts who will say, “Yes, I’ll help.”

To assist us in finding the unreached and unrecorded we now have interactive maps that pinpoint the location of over 7,000 major languages. The United Nations operates hundreds of refugee camps where we might find those who have fled from places where we can’t go. These camps are now on our maps. We’re partnering with other missions and organizations who have the same goals – reaching the lost with messages in their own language.

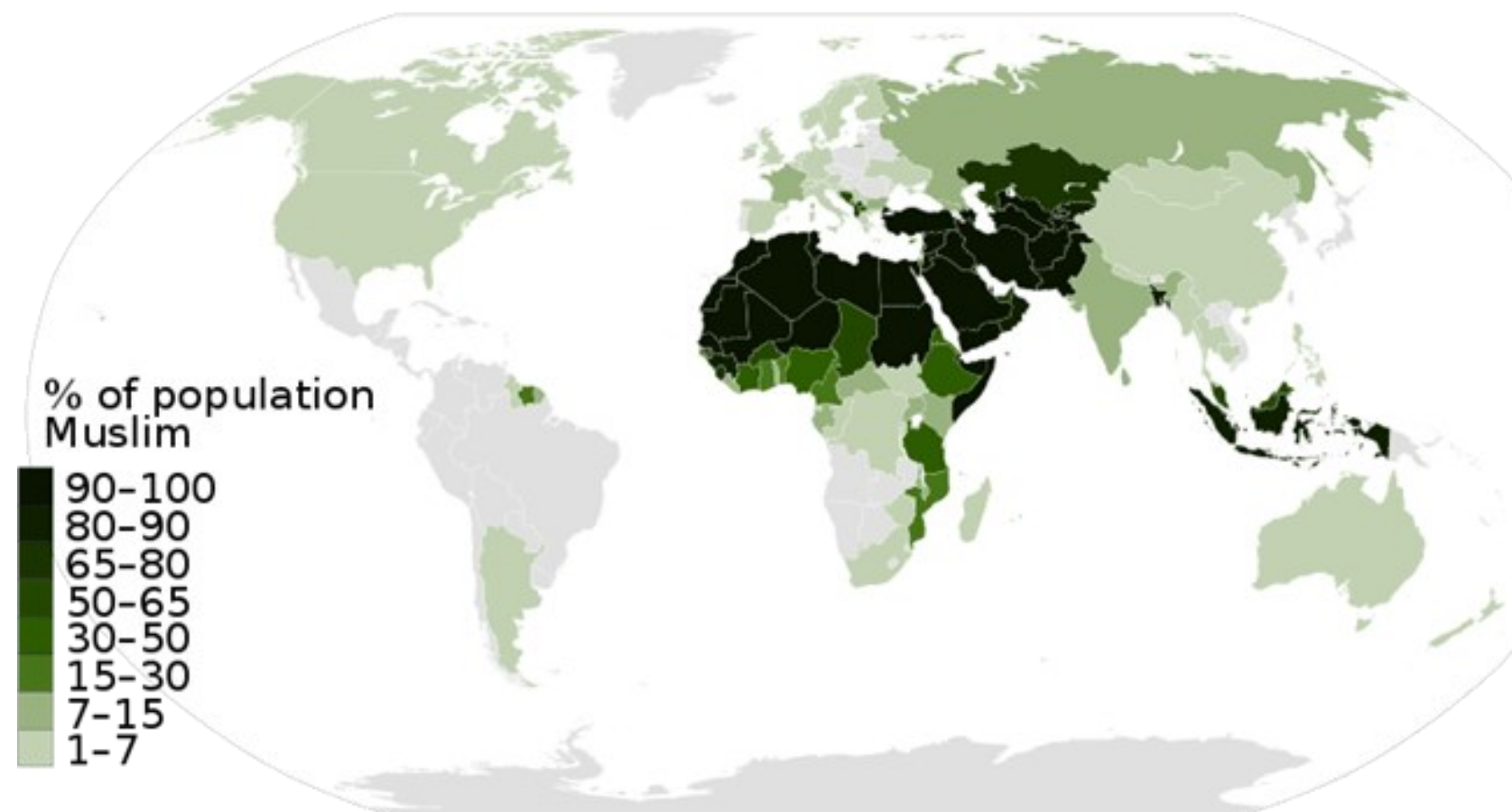
After the recordings are made, we publish them on the Internet and place targeted ads on social media to reach those who can read. Our 5fish app delivers over 6,000 languages to your cell phone so you can play the message with anyone who speaks another language.

But the glue that holds all this together is prayer. You can be a part of our Together In Prayer team. You can receive TIP by monthly email or, if you prefer, a printed copy through regular mail. Many prayer partners like to get the requests on their cell phones via our free GRN Prayer App, receiving one short request each day. However you receive it,

we really value your prayers.

Together let us press on toward the day when everyone worldwide, whether Muslim or not, will have the opportunity to hear a clear message of the Good News of Jesus Christ in their very own language.

— Allan S.





# RECORDING TEAMS IN NIGERIA

*Our travelling executive director Larry was told by a local that “Nigeria is the largest and blackest country in all of Africa.” Certainly the total population is pretty close to that of the United States. And Nigeria is on our list of top three countries of the world with the most unrecorded languages remaining. Our team was there for two months. They joined our permanent staff who know the country much better. Pray for newly-trained young men who are continuing to visit villages to determine recording needs. Pray for Joshua and Solomon and others as they continue the recording work in their own country.*

## Field Report



Our GRN Nigeria staff: Jonathan (office), Kish (director), Joshua (recording)

ZTHA (THA), HOROM and PIAPUNG RECORDINGS in 2022.

Ztha is one of the most unreached languages in Nigeria. It is a small language group of less than 3,000 speakers residing along the bank of river Benue. They are highly threatened by their neighboring communities who are said to be believers. The Ztha were displaced by same neighboring communities from their ancestral homes. Though most of them returned last year, only a few are rebuilding their houses gradually while many of them still leave in huts. They are predominantly farmers and fishermen who are passionate about the things of God but have limited access to the Gospel.

After a long struggle with a chain of connections, we were able to locate them through overwhelming experiences.

The good ones included smooth coordination of recording process, receptive nature of the community, favorable season to access them amongst others.

The difficulties included: acute fuel scarcity in the country, numerous vehicle breakdowns which led to more days spent to arrive at our destination, unquantifiable scourge of aggressive mosquitoes that attacked day and night which almost disrupted our recordings, hostility from the neighboring communities among others. However, God was gracious to us and the trip was successful.

Thanks be to God for the relative peace experienced in some parts of the country which enabled us to record Horom and Piapung in Good News and Words of Life recordings this season after their first messages in 1964.

### Praises:

Praise God for safety in our outings, despite increased dangers around We now have both Good News and Words of Life recordings in Ztha. Thank God for His provision made available for these projects.

### Prayer Items:

Pray for peaceful co-existence among tribal groups and communities.



Ztha community, northern Nigeria

Pray that many more people will listen to the recordings and come to know true freedom in the Lord Jesus Christ.



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### A Glorious Landing

2 Cor 12:2 KJV I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) such a one [was] caught up to the third heaven.

I am almost forced to share Paul's discourse feature of hiding his identity in 2 Cor. 12. In this case I am not hiding my own identity but the persons and places in this story.

The situation was just about as surreal as Paul's, as we stood in an unnamed African airport at 1:30 am, holding a \$600 dollar invoice for duty on the recording equipment that we had brought with us. We had just completed an overnight train ride, and an overnight flight in the shadow of the earth and had finally arrived to our destination. The head of customs curtly ordered us to leave the inspection room and report to the office for paying duty.

I asked if I could bring in our national Director who was waiting outside. After talking our way through security points several times we got to the woman who was in complete control of the situation. After meeting our Director, who confirmed what we were doing, she abruptly told him to shut up and sit down. She wanted to talk to me. She said she could see from our itinerary that we had been travelling close to 30 hours. She also noticed my age from my passport which she was holding. She asked, "Why is someone your age doing this? Who is paying you? Don't you have children and grandchildren to enjoy?" She told me that if we had been carrying Bibles as missionaries she would let it go. But she couldn't see why all this new equipment was necessary.

I told her that we had something better than Bibles. We had the story of Jesus in more than 500 languages of her country. I asked what she spoke as a first language and she told me. While I was trying to find it on 5fish she kept asking me who was paying me to do this. I told her of my cattle that I had sold in order to make this trip. Just then I started playing her language which just "happened" to be the right one out of this language group.

Instantly a message called "What is a Christian?" took center stage. I stopped it, thinking I didn't want to push our luck too far. She immediately told me to keep it playing and turn the volume up. She was totally absorbed in what she was hearing. One of her workers started asking to hear his language. She responded that he would not be interested because he was a Muslim. (Turns out she was Catholic.) But he insisted so I put the national Director to work finding this man's language.

We downloaded the 5fish app onto the immigration chief's phone so she could start to listen on her own phone and also gave her a blue tooth speaker so it would be louder.

Finally, she asked me what I would do if she waived the charges. I said that I would get to work and try to finish recording the rest of the languages in her country. I pointed out that every single piece of equipment in our four large suitcases was for the sole purpose of producing the same messages she was listening to. I did tell her that I had about half the cash in my pocket for the duty and also that I could not give her a bribe because that would not please God. She agreed. She also said that she would allow us to apply that duty money, instead, to recording the Gospel in many more languages.

Then she called her second in command to the office and explained what she was going to do and to see if he agreed. She informed us that she was going to waive the duty because we were doing a good thing for the most deprived groups of Nigeria and we were not charging for anything. She said, "These people have patiently put up with our harassment and I am going to let them go." She then requested that we pray for them before we left.

So there we stood with her and her Muslim agent praying for them and giving thanks for their mercy and God for looking out for His equipment. As a last side-note, our national Director immediately dubbed me the "archbishop of the airport."

Ps 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Prov 16:7 "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

God bless,



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

*Editor's note: Praise God with us for opened doors. Pray for more "Acts" experiences for Larry and his team as they have moved into another large Muslim country with many languages to record.*



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

Larry will be in Catalina, Arizona, and so will several other International leaders from Africa, Australia, and Asia. If you are in the area, join us for a day of “Travel Around the World” right at our GRN center.

More info on next page. Questions?  
Call us at **520-395-1399.**



2022 is The Year of 5fish! Pray for Christians to discover and see the potential of 5fish to proclaim the Gospel to speakers of other languages, wherever they are.

**Ways to pray for GRN:**

**For a printed or emailed monthly prayer guide (TIP):** email [us@globalrecordings.net](mailto:us@globalrecordings.net) - specify whether to mailed or emailed

**For daily prayer app on a phone:**

<https://globalrecordings.net/en/prayerapp>

and type “Mission Prayers app” — into the query box.



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- Each country you visit will stamp your GRN passport
- Refreshments provided



For over 80 years, GRN has been producing the world's largest collection of audio language recordings. View our list of over 6,500 languages by going to <http://5fish.mobi/us>

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