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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

*"If Jesus Christ be God
and died for me, then no
sacrifice can be too great for me
to make for Him."*

-C.T. Studd

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GOD GIVES MOST!

We wish you a blessed Christmas season, from all the Global Recordings USA family. We anticipate this favorite holiday of so many, on which we remember the Incarnate Word coming to make sure the realities of Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost.

As we think of gift giving during this season, we remember—it is God who gives the most of all! He gave His only Son so that we could enjoy all the blessings of peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. How can we thank Him? C.T. Studd founded WEC International and said, “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”

FIRST BY PRAYER

We have fairly weighty matters to lay before you in this year-end issue. To fit them all in, we’ve added a few pages.

We first want to tell each one of you how much we as a team appreciate your encouragement, your gifts, and your prayers. We truly are blessed to have you in our lives.

Next, we shine a spotlight on our USA Finance Team. They go largely un-sung but are truly crucial to what we do here in the USA to support the work of GRN around the world. Please pray especially for Joan and Shannon, who bear the load of the daily work of Finances. Do pray for new and gifted staff for this very important area.

Then, we want to announce a big development: Larry DeVilbiss is stepping aside as Executive Director, while retaining his overseas role. Stepping into the Executive Director role is Dr. Skip Garmo (see p. 4). We also share with you about budget realities and how we are hoping to face the future. Along with this, we want to offer you the opportunity to partner with us to support specific recording projects. (See p. 5.) We expand these themes on pp. 6-7, with fuller introduction of our new Director, and additional ways you can get involved in our ministry.

We continue with updates from global recording “hotspots” and more from Larry in Indonesia. We conclude with a look at GRN, past and future.

Everything we do needs to be grounded in prayer, and we request your ²partnership in prayer for these matters which will affect the work of GRN for years to come. “Unless the Lord build the house, its builders labor in vain” (Ps. 127:1).



OUR USA FINANCE TEAM

Sometimes recordists who travel the world get more attention in publications such as this one. Their jobs seem more exciting, perhaps. It’s hard to tell gripping stories about bill payments and fund numbers. So we would like to bring our Financial Team into the limelight. These key workers have assignments crucial for the running of the entire organization. Applying the skills God has given them, they handle government regulations, multiple international transfers of money, tardy reporting from staff, and numerous technical glitches each month, in order to make the right thing happen. We honor these staff for their sacrificial living. You can find more about them at

www.GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/give/meet-our-missionaries/

Joan Rulison has recently become our new Finance Director. Her background is in counselling and raising a family! But she is a brave soul, and with Shannon’s help, has taken on leadership of our financial office right now.

Originally from South Carolina, Joan is married to Dan, our Facilities Director. They have two married daughters and a grandchild born this year. They offer their Flagstaff house as an Airbnb, should you ever need a memorable get-away!



Shannon Carter is our newest staff member. She has several other jobs while assisting both SIL/Wycliffe and GRN USA in our financial offices. We think she’s the smartest thing around because she can always solve our spreadsheet or device dilemmas.



Shannon comes from Tennessee originally, where her parents and married sister still reside. She is an extraordinary nature photographer, probably because she loves everything living, and has pet cats, exotic fish, laying chickens, and an unusual species we’ll leave her to tell you about if you contact her.

Ralph Loper has faithfully served this ministry as Finance Director for over 40 years. He and his wife Ruth have raised two boys to adulthood and were one of the first couples to move here to Catalina at God’s direction. They excel at sharing GRN (often by passing out 5fish cards) with bank tellers, cashiers, and other service people they meet.

Ralph recently stepped aside from directing the Finance Department, but remains our Senior Financial Consultant. And can he dole out the puns? Just get him going!



NEXT STEPS

As Larry DeVilbiss enters the final six months of his two-year assignment to train and to mobilize new workers for recording projects particularly in Mexico, Nigeria, and Indonesia, it is important for us all to look at how we can plan to carry this work into the future. What are the next steps?

The GRN USA Board sees that Larry directing the mission from the other side of the world is less than ideal. It would not have been possible without the loyal and faithful support of Interim Assistant Director John Steinmetz and Operations Director Dan Rulison. We appreciate them both.

To refine our management structure, Larry DeVilbiss is stepping aside as Executive Director, and assuming that responsibility, effective December 1, is Dr. Skip Garmo.

*Thank God with us for bringing to GRN USA
the leader of His choosing! See page 6.*

Larry will continue managing overseas recording projects, focusing on the heaviest concentrations of unrecorded languages. Mexico and Nigeria already have promising new recordists and recording outreaches. Currently in Indonesia Larry is researching partnerships that may give GRN an unprecedented number of new youth to focus on recording unrecorded languages in that country.

We know from experience that there is a cost to reaching and recording unrecorded languages. Including training, equipment, travel and recording costs, and the time and talent of the recordists and the language helpers, we arrive at pretty close to \$1,000 per language. Concentrations of unreached languages as in Nigeria (500) and Indonesia (1,000) make us realize that we need the wisdom of the Lord as much as any time in the history of this mission.

If we are serious about sharing the “Story of Jesus in Every Language,” we must face these realities and conquer some challenging giants. We triumph first on our knees in obedient, faithful prayer. But we must also obey the Lord’s direction as a mission. A fervent youthful workforce could be mobilized and financially enabled in Mexico,



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Nigeria, Indonesia ... but that is something we invite you to join us in tackling.

Because of the worldwide budget crisis that affects us also, GRN USA will match funds for gifts that are given for these recording projects (see next page).

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Any questions on the recording projects?
Email Recording@GlobalRecordings.Net

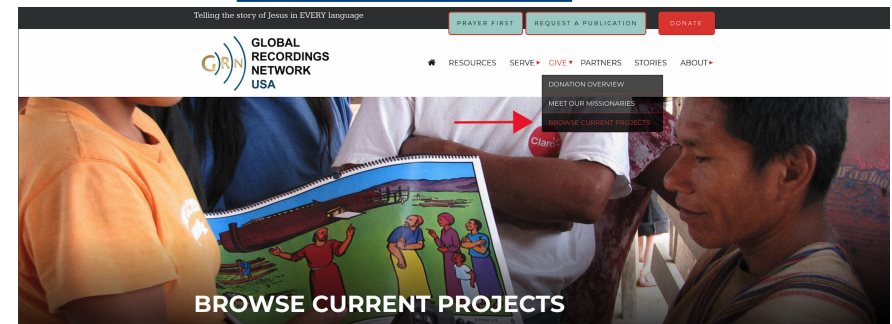
The entire USA has been seriously affected, economically and otherwise, by the pandemic; stock market unreliability, and other significant factors. GRN has experienced financial challenges, just as all churches and ministries have. To help move this work forward, gifts to any or all of our recording projects will be matched 100%. Example: your gift of \$100 will become a \$200 donation to the project(s) that you designate. We pray that God will lead many donors to participate in this gift-match.

HOW TO SUPPORT RECORDING PROJECTS

There are two ways to give to our ministry, online or by mail.

ONLINE GIVING

Go to our website at www.globalrecordingsUSA.org and this is what you’ll see:



Click on **“BROWSE CURRENT PROJECTS”** and you will see a number of pictures with fund names under them. Here are the 3 pictures for recording projects:



Recording Fund



Nigeria 500



Indo 1,000

If you click on a picture, it will take you to a full description of the project, plus a button to click to support the project.

FUND THIS PROJECT

MAIL-IN GIVING

You can always mail your gift to our office at 16131 N. Vernon Dr, Tucson, AZ 85739. Put a note with the check to specify clearly which project you want to help support. [If you request them, we will send you 6 or 12 (specify) pre-addressed envelopes.]

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From Larry DeVilbiss:

On Nov. 19, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Dr. John "Skip" Garmo as our Executive Director. Starting on Dec. 1, he has agreed to serve for what may be 6-12 months, while the board seeks God's choice for a long-term person in that role.

Below Skip introduces himself and his wife Jan.



Larry DeVilbiss

Read [The Next Language](#) on our website, where Larry shares about his global travels. His weekly blog is at: www.GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/stories/

From Dr. Skip Garmo:

It is a true *privilege* for me to join this GRN USA team! In recent days, I have spent significant time meeting with board members and staff, sometimes in various groups and other times one-on-one. I've walked away from those interactions with a distinct awareness of their love for God, their loyalty to Him, and their commitment to His work through the worthy ministry of Global Recordings Network. It will be an honor to work alongside these friends, and I deeply appreciate their warm welcome of Jan and me.

The other side of the coin is that it is also a real *responsibility* to serve this very special team as Executive Director. Virtually all nonprofit ministries are in somewhat of a recovery mode following a global pandemic that has at times threatened to decimate programs, funding, and personnel. GRN is not exempt from such effects; but by God's gracious provision of vision, wisdom, people, programs, and resources, we will move forward together in our mission for His honor and His pleasure.

Jan, my bride of 54 years, is my priceless partner in life and ministry — which now includes GRN! A builder of relationships and a person of prayer, she has shared her giftedness and educational experience alongside me throughout our years together in a variety of countries such as Bolivia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, and Romania. She is cherished not only by me, but by our three adult children and seven grandkids.

Will you please join us through prayer as we invest ourselves in this worthy GRN family and ministry? In all our doing, may Jesus Christ be praised!



Skip Garmo 6

GIVING BACK TO GOD

PLUGG In!

Donating money is just one of many ways to get involved with our ministry. We invite you to pick the avenue that you feel drawn toward for giving back to our great God.



Pray



Receive our TIP prayer guide

Get daily prayer items by text

Form a regular prayer team

Faithfully lift up this ministry

Learn



Read how GRN began

Research global centers & bases

Hear challenging stories

Learn about ministries worldwide

Use



Share 5fish with those you meet

Show evangelism teams the tool

Encourage your missionaries to use it

Boost links in global social media ads

Give



Give to a field project

Donate "where needed most"

Support specific staff

Lead a church group who plan sales or auctions to raise \$\$ for projects

Go



Inquire about available positions

Volunteer for a month or a season

Do computer projects from home

Join our staff in Tucson, Arizona

RECORDING TEAM UPDATES

Our Buenas Nuevas team had a successful outreach in Baja in early October. Before that, our busy recordists, Francisco and Ariadna, went to southern Oaxaca with several vans full of young people from Mexican churches; they all did outreach in camps and on beaches. Several languages were recorded.

Francisco writes: *I got home two days ago, after more than half a year away from home recording and researching.* Fran is supposed to record one month, be home one month, as he has a healthy coffee crop to keep up with, the proceeds of which form a large part of his support and his family's. Please remember these hard-working young people who are giving time from their lives so sacrificially for the Lord's work.



Update on Nigeria

Kish Hai Bai, Director of GRN Nigeria, writes:

We will be leaving for the yearly medical outreach on Thursday Nov. 17th. This is phase one [of our yearly Christmas outreach]. Banditry and kidnapping are on the increase these days. However, we are not discouraged. Phase two is on December 26th-30th. This project is harder than the normal distribution outreach. Pray for success.

We add: pray for safety for these men! And for their families while they are away.



Larry's surprise visit (Indonesia)

Yesterday a recent university graduate, a gifted techie, came tearfully and asked if she could work with us. This was totally unexpected because when just a couple of weeks ago we asked if she would consider working with us, she essentially told us that she wanted to get a well-paying job so she could help her family. She also said she really wanted to run her own life. That was a pretty definite answer but we prayed a lot because she has been working with us on word lists and getting the Story Producer app training, and she did well and seemed to enjoy it.

So when she showed up yesterday morning I was surprised that we had a long conversation about her coming into the work. More than once she was wiping tears from her face. Obviously God had worked deeply in her heart. Thanks for your prayers.

INCREASE OUR FAITH!

Excerpts from a letter by Larry DeVilbiss:



Due to a budget that is already overspent, we have just told Nigeria that there may not be funds available for their ambitious recording schedule. But here I am in Indonesia contemplating starting up a program twice as large. Some may say, "There he goes again." I keep hearing Jesus' words: "But I say unto you: the fields are already white unto harvest!"

With an estimated 1,000 languages that still do not have the Gospel recorded in this country, the stakes are high. And yet the opportunities seem to abound.

We hope soon to visit a school of Teen Mission, with whom we have a memorandum of partnership. We plan to address the student body and staff about our recording program, and to do a recording demonstration. We would like to get them all on 5fish. Present and listening to us will be graduating students, alumni, and third year students qualifying for year-long working internships. We hope to get many directly involved. However, with budget constraints, how do we approach this opportunity?

We are waiting on the Lord for His provision. We believe God will speak to specific donors and will move them to help support these recording projects. God will also bring the workers the ministry needs. Phil 4:19: "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

I feel my part is to share the vision and to be honest about the situation.

Lord, increase our faith!



A SLICE OF GRN HISTORY — 1943

ARIZONA-WAY

I didn't see how we could get away from our duties here, but the finger pointed towards Arizona, and so we went, enjoying a most delightful trip. It was our "happ" of His handiwork thrilled our souls. The natural primitive habitats there in a realization of their great need had been converted out of their pagan held in their sway. 'Way up there, ds, which will add to the gospel

...passing by the Grand Canyon and through Oak Creek Canyon... the beauties of His handiwork thrilled our souls.

witness in those needy places. It's true we can't go personally to tell them, but we can send records and phonographs so that they may hear of Christ's love and great salvation plan for them. They love to listen to the records over and over again.

You will be interested to know that the newest set of Navajo records, made by an Indian preacher and singer, are already in distribution, and are bringing blessing to many. Recently a Navajo girl said to the missionary after listening to the Navajo record about the Good Shepherd, "How may I get this One to be my Shepherd too?", and she was led to Christ.

While in Tucson we were able to set of Yoruba (African) recordings, a Spanish gospel broadcast in Tucson, to reach many thousands of Spanish-speaking those 400 miles across the border, this is to be just \$7.50 a week. A Sunday sponsoring this program. A friend is from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Pray the

A hurried stop in Mexicali was profitable in arranging to get the gospel out there through further use of the recordings. We are most happy about this open door.

While in Tucson we completed [the] Yoruba recordings... A Sunday School class has asked for the privilege of sponsoring this [with their gifts]...

MIGRANT EVANGELIST

Our worker Miguel is hard at it, seeking to reach many of the thousands of Mexican working under contract for a short time. His face glowing with joy over the souls won told of 45 who had professed conversion, of whom have already returned to Mexico, persecution for their Lord; may they be kept own land.

er Card "with thanksgiving". If you have a. Don't forget to add the request for the y in 1944. More about that in our next

a Blessed Christmas to you all,

Joy Ruderhof

Miguel is seeking to reach many of the thousands of Mexican [migrant workers] ... He comes back from trips with his face glowing with joy over the souls won to the Lord among the camps. [Those returning to Mexico] have already been willing to suffer persecution for their Lord... may they be kept faithful [and be] witnesses for Christ in their own land.

Joy herself set us the example of devotion to the task God had given her, at whatever cost to herself. We pray for the Lord to lay His hand on new workers around the world who will listen to the Lord as Joy did, and give their all for His kingdom. May we be found faithful until He comes for us, and each day draw closer to Him who calls us, equips us, and provides for us.



ANOTHER FUTURE STEP

Last summer, three men called our office within four days of each other, wanting to know if it would be possible either to come and stay with us in Tucson for a while or to go out with us to another country. The interesting thing was, each of these men know some of a much-used Asian language. They had different questions and different areas of interest, but we saw it as an "earnest" of what God can do in the future for any area of the world with many unrecorded languages. Pray for an army of American Christians — exiled missionaries, energetic retirees, and recent Bible College graduates unable to go to their target countries right now, but who see the vision of contacting those who have come here from those very countries.

The believers among many immigrant groups form fellowships with each other. GRN offers tools which anyone could use to interest a target audience right here in our country. And the immigrant community is a connected community... so how GRN benefits in a secondary way is the possibility of discovering speakers of unreached languages... again, right here in our own land. Another thing we see is groups of people from many countries who come to the US as immigrants or students. Some of our staff are already seeking language helpers from among them. Pray!



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We enjoy hearing from you. Send us stories of how you have used 5fish in your own outreach!

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the Gospel and to introduce people to Jesus Christ since 1939. Learn more at —

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See inside this edition of ALERT for exciting news on

- ♦ a change in leadership,
- ♦ an opportunity to give to a matched recording fund,
- ♦ and other ways to get involved with GRN USA.