



## TOGETHER IN PRAYER January 2023



Dear friend,

The start of a new year is a good time to thank each one of you for your faithful prayers. Years change, technology keeps changing, and the world seems to be changing at break-neck speed around us. Yet we serve a faithful God who never changes. We trust that you, too, will be connecting down deeply into Him this year, and praying with us for the fulfillment of His many promises to defend and provide for us.

Thank you for continuing,  
Together in Prayer

The GRN USA Team



**1 Looking to Jesus:** *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb.12:1-2).*

**2 GRN Int'l:** Pray for Graydon, our International Director, as he prepares to hand over responsibility to a successor in the next year. Pray also for his own plans for his future in GRN, that the Lord will guide and direct him.

**3 Indonesia:** Continue to pray for Larry and the work in Indonesia. He recently was able to renew his visa and is working on building a house/studio/office in a city on Java and promoting bases for work in other areas.

**4 Our new leader:** Pray for our new Executive Director, Skip Garmo, and his wife Jan, as they adjust to working with us here in Catalina (Tucson). Pray for wisdom and for the ability to pull Board, staff, and Scriptural ideas together to reaffirm this ministry's specific mission.

**5 Mexico's Culiacán outreach:** Pray for all those who will come to faith through this outreach in the next few weeks. Pray for the local churches who will follow up on what was started through our teams' efforts. Learn more about Project Culiacán: <http://bnmexico.org/ven-al-proyecto-culiacan/>

**6 Finance department:** Please pray for our Finance team, for wisdom, discernment, and patience for Joan and Shannon as they take on projects they haven't been responsible for before. Pray for extraordinary patience, perseverance, and ability to master new responsibilities.

**7 Temporary volunteers:** Each winter a number of volunteers spend time here in Catalina. They help both SIL and GRN. Pray for Dan as he coordinates their work projects on our property. These projects include window-washing, painting entire buildings, and inside desk jobs.

**8 Worship the Creator:** *The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who live in it, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers (Ps. 24:1-2).* Together let us praise this great God!

**9 South Africa:** GRN leader Dalene writes: "Everything is more challenging with the escalating power cuts being implemented. Remember South Africa in your prayers; it is clear that the wheels are coming off now. We need intervention. Thank you to each of you who prays."

**10 Language Tracking:** John S. is again focusing on Language Tracking after six months as our interim site director. We thank God for his amazing ability to collect and utilize information coming from many sources. Pray for fruitful relationships with other evangelical ministries, who use our materials. John's focus is on those least, last, lost in the remaining unrecorded languages.

**11 African outreach:** GRN South Africa has sent players and many other resources to countries in southern Africa. Pray for safe delivery to ministry partners and effective distribution to believers who will use these materials in Sunday School and in outreach.

**12 GRN Bangladesh:** Pray for the staff, as their leader James prepares to retire. A godly leader makes all the difference in a work such as this. The 5fish interface is now translated into Bangla (Bengali). Pray that through this many will hear and believe.

**13 Agape love:** We've talked as a staff recently about *agape* love as God's priority in our lives and our relationships. Thank God for that spirit among our team. Please pray that we will continue—and even grow—in Christ-like love as worshipers and imitators of Him.

**14 Culiacán Project:** Pray for good weather for the Project, which begins tomorrow. Pray that people's hearts are prepared to hear God's word in their language. Pray for a fresh move from God to refresh the workers' hearts and renew their spirits. Pray for financial provision for the whole Project. Pray also that God brings new team members to work with Buenas Nuevas (GRN Mexico).

**15 He knows each people group:** *From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands (Acts 17:26).*

**16 Support:** Newly trained recordists around the world need supporters who will pray and encourage them spiritually and financially. Please pray many will come forward for this vital role. Pray for the Lord to strengthen any new field workers' trust in Himself.

**17 GRN UK:** "We thank God for the Kulumu MP3 player, which are now available in Europe. It is small in size and price, and can be loaded with our audio recordings and those of other missions. It is used to spread the Good News and bring many into the Kingdom." --Kenny M.

**18 Mobilization:** Covid shut down many mission programs and large events around the world. Now that travel is freer, pray for a renewed program of speakers/mobilizers from GRN USA to be able to go to churches, conferences, and Bible colleges. Pray for our main mobilizer, David D, who has recently been afflicted with Parkinson's-like symptoms.

**19 Reaching China:** There are many languages in China still unrecorded. GRN has no recording team there at present, but we receive many "hits" on our GRN web site and our 5fish app. Pray for the impact of these messages on the lives of whoever may hear them.

**20 GRN PNG:** Give thanks for a good visit by Frank and Nellie to PNG. Ask our Lord to encourage Merolin and Patricia as they work together in Port Moresby and to open doors for ministry. Praise God for the things He has allowed to happen there, including the growing group of people joining together at the office in prayer for the mission.

**21 Recruiting replacements:** Our staff is very talented, but few have others to step in for them if they get sidelined with illness or injury. Pray with us that: (a) our team will remain healthy, and (b) others with similar hearts and skills will join our Catalina team.

**22 God's desire:** *God our Savior...wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus* (I Tim. 2:4-5).

**23 Recording challenges:** The project to record Hadzabe in Tanzania has met with many challenges, from health concerns to a death in the family of the language helper. Pray that these recordings can be completed. God wants to speak to them.

**24 GRN Thailand:** Pray for Lot in Thailand who took over as leader of the GRN center a few months ago. Lot asks for prayer and daily strength to carry out his new role.

**25 Arizona tech:** Praise God with us for the skills Marc G. brings to our ministry. He leads the IT and Studio teams. Pray for new workers in this area who are sold out to the Lord yet content to stay in an office/support setting.

**26 Mapping:** Pray for Allan and his team of researchers around the country who continue to work on various mapping projects. The resulting maps identify language groups and where they are located – valuable tools for our field workers and for other ministries as well.

**27 Culiacán volunteers:** Pray for health for our workers and safety traveling to Culiacán. Pray for the right vehicles and drivers for the teams. Pray for Mike H. (logistics) and for teams from both Mexican and USA churches who will participate in this outreach.

**28 God our Healer:** Continue to pray for former Director Colin Stott as he and wife Patti live with his late-stage Parkinson's. Pray for grace for each day and hour.

**29 The goal of all evangelism:** *"By Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign upon the earth."* (Rev. 5:9-10).

**30 GRN Mexico says:** "We anticipate another great year ministering to thousands of migrant workers drawn to the fertile fields of Culiacán Each year we give out resources in about 130 languages, and see God touch thousands of people. Over the years, dozens of churches have been planted among the villages represented in Culiacán." Please keep praying until its end (Feb. 10).

**31 Year-end projects:** As have entered a new year of 2023, please remember our Finance staff working on end-of-2022 projects such as annual receipts, donor letter from the Board, W-2 generation, and many more. Pray for clear guidance and efficient planning in all tasks.



It is always so encouraging when our recordings' first fruit is the new birth of those translating the Bible stories. These two university students, from two unrecorded languages, came into the local church simply because they were asked to record a word list in their language, and were being recorded by a new recordist who is also a university grad. At the end of this special day one of the girls gave her life to Christ.



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