

TOGETHER IN PRAYER June 2023



Dear friend,

Our help comes from the Lord, and we can depend on that. Though we may travel to difficult places and face obstacles that seem unmovable, our God is faithful. He hears every prayer. On Sundays, we often ask you to "pray Scripture" for us. This month, these verses come from a wonderful psalm of protection. Thank you for believing with us that our God is the same faithful Protector as when the psalmist penned Psalm 121, and for continuing with us

Together In Prayer,



The GRN USA Team

- 1. Home assignments: Pray for Dan and Na T. and also Jon and Clair R. who are all on home assignment in the USA for a few months. Pray for rest and refreshment for them and many opportunities to share their stories with family, friends, and supporters.
- International Director: Graydon Colville
 asks prayer for all the preparations and
 planning that need to be done for the GRN
 International Council meeting, which will
 take place in Asia this October. The meeting
 includes GRN field leaders and two
 representatives from each center, and is
 held every four years.
- 3. **S E Asia:** GRN recordists David and Stephen* are currently recording a New Testament in a SE Asian country. Please pray for them and the language helpers as they read and record. Pray too for several family members who have been suffering sickness since the recording process began. (*names changed for security)
- 4. Psalm 121:1-2 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- 5. Vacations: With summer comes the opportunity for many of our USA staff to take vacations, for rest and refreshment, but also to reconnect with friends and donors across the States. Pray for many of our staff who will be traveling during the next three months.
- 6. Central Asia: One country's team has several recording projects underway. Pray for Samuel and Rakhil, Samson, Nasir, Salas, Naomi, Nadeem, and their families. Nasir has been developing his accounting skills. Pray for the growth of God's kingdom in this increasingly radicalized nation.

- 7. **GRN Brazil:** Dionara and her co-workers are praying for more people to join their small team. Pray that God will raise up committed and dedicated workers for the harvest in this country, responsible for all the vast Amazon basin.
- Breaking barriers: The Socotra language is spoken in Yemen, an Islamic country that is totally closed to Christian workers. Pray for spiritual breakthroughs and willing language helpers to be available as GRN seeks to make Gospel messages available.
- Answered prayer: We thank God that after looking for a new International Director, the Search Committee has shared the name of a candidate with International Council, who will make the decision in October. Pray for united discerning of the Lord's will.
- 10. Working in Belgium: Michou and Pierre and their co-worker Sebastien are reaching out to refugees in Belgium. They are also providing support to a church in Ukraine who has partnered with GRN in the past and is now reaching out to homeless, lonely, and traumatized victims of the war.
- 11. **Psalm 121:3-4** He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 12. **Praises:** Praise the Lord -- the Pakistan team has made 11 recordings in 8 languages in the past 6 months. They also distributed 1200 SD cards with Gospel messages in the last half of 2022 and hope to continue doing distribution throughout this year.
- 13. **Need in Indonesia:** Indonesia has many unrecorded language varieties; about 33 have no Christian witness or materials. Pray for new workers to join those who are called by God to tackle this enormous task.

- 14. **USA outreach:** Ed and Judy are both working to record special scripts geared toward the many refugees and migrants in the USA. Pray for more opportunities as they travel to Minneapolis seeking contacts for these recordings.
- 15. **GRN Switzerland:** Pray for the GRN team in Switzerland as they seek a new Center leader who will continue to provide support to GRN Centers in French West Africa.
- 16. **Work in Spain:** Joel and Carlos are reaching out to migrants in Spain. Pray for them and their families and for the work they do.
- 17. **The Americas:** Please continue to pray for our GRN teams working in the countries of Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia, USA, and Canada. Life can be dangerous at times with many drug cartels active.
- 18. Psalm 121:5-6 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 19. Coordination: Pray for breakthroughs in several countries concerning multi-party agreements for those who seek to record. The enemy of souls would love to see thousands of unrecorded languages continue without access to the Gospel.
- 20. USA Director: Give praise for Director Skip Garmo and his wife, Jan. Skip is working diligently to manage the USA operations during this year or so they have committed to. Continue to pray in a long-term director.
- 21. Church partnerships: Give praise for the many churches who partner with us in prayer and finances on a regular basis. Pray that we will be able to effectively share the results and testimonial stories with many churches through personal visits and with written reports.

- 22. **Mexico outreaches:** Director Chucho of GRN Mexico has a number of outreaches planned for this summer, both for distribution and for recording. Pray for provisions for these events and also for the teams of volunteers who accompany him.
- 23. **Short-term teams:** USA staff member, Mike, is available to take short term teams to Mexico to assist Chucho. Pray for many to come along side Mike for these adventures. (Contact us if you or your group would like more information on these.)
- 24. **Tumi Tiger Project**: Plans are coming together for the launch of this program. Give thanks for the partnership of churches who are sending funding to purchase the components, and praise God for a church in Sacramento who has plans for the distribution.
- 25. **Psalm 121:7-8** The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.
- 26. **GRN Thailand:** Please pray for opportunities for the team to continue distributing many more mp3 players with recordings in various languages in 2023. Pray that many people will hear God's message in their own language and come to know Him.
- 27. India: Join us in praying for a breakthrough for ministry in India, with new partnerships opening up. Pray for just the right leaders and teams to facilitate recording and distribution in this complicated country.
- 28. GRN Kenya: Pray for Yousif and Vivian as they are editing recently-recorded material while visiting our team in Kenya. Pray for good fellowship and opportunities for future contacts while they do this work.

- 29. Accounting team: Continue to pray for Joan and Shannon who have been doing such sacrificial work managing the accounts, with help from Parable Church Accounting and Bookkeeping. More workers are needed, and a department director.
- 30. Punan languages: Pray for recordist Josh, who is called to bring the Gospel to the five Punan language varieties of Indonesia. May his efforts bring light and life to many now living in darkness and despair.





Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. (Col. 4:4 NLT)

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