

# TOGETHER IN PRAYER

December 2023



Dear friend,

Thank you for standing with us in prayer for another year. As we come toward the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024, let us rejoice, stand firm, and pray as never before. The challenges are great, but God is greater. May you have joyous holidays and blessings as you continue with us,

**Together In Prayer.**

## The GRN USA Team

*Just a note: From time to time we use differing "total language" numbers. This is usually because the figure keeps increasing, with specific recordings in different stages until they are (finally) published on 5fish. We strive for accuracy and simplicity without overstating the total. See Day 13 for the exact current number.*

**1 New International Director (ID):** Praise the Lord for leading our Council members with wisdom. Tim Strauss, USA Board member, was unanimously elected as the new ID. Pray for him and for Graydon in the transition time during the next six months.

**2 Council praises:** 40+ people from 20 countries attended the International Council. Praise God for the wonderful sense of unity and vision He imparted during last month's meetings. Pray for the leaders as they go back to their own countries and begin to implement the vision and the approved plans.

**3 Advent prayer:** *Father, just as Your prophets declared a Redeemer is coming, help GRN to proclaim boldly that the Redeemer came for all peoples.* Isaiah 9:6

**4 The Americas:** Director Chucho from Mexico was appointed as the Americas Coordinator. He will collaborate with directors from Canada, the USA, and Brazil to promote prayer, encouragement, cooperation, and unity in GRN ministry

**5 Mexican recordist report:** Ariadna writes: *After a month of being in Santa Catarina Albarradas we have made several recordings. Thank God the recording work has been completed. May God renew my strength to continue with the editing work. May God prepare the hearts of the inhabitants of Santa Catarina Albarradas to receive the message of the Gospel in their language.*

**6 Another recordist:** Recordist Chuy is traveling in Bolivia visiting his wife's family. A few weeks ago, Yovana's father passed away. Please pray for comfort to her family and safe travel for all involved. Pray that Chuy and Yovana will be light and salt to all they minister to in Bolivia.

**7 Pray for the Pima:** Joel recently made recordings of the Pima, Bajo del Sur language (Yepachi variety) in Mexico. Pray for God to give speed and accuracy to his editing and paper work and thank God for his full recovery from shoulder surgery.

**8 From GRN Mexico:** Pray for the preparations for the next distribution and outreach projects among tribal harvesters. The Culiacán Project (Jan-Feb) ministers in an area with over 90 agricultural camps. Hermosillo is a new outreach project (later in 2024) where there are more than 150 agricultural camps.

**9 Thailand Team:** Pray for our Gospel Motorcycle Team as they prepare to travel to various rural areas of Thailand sharing the Gospel and bringing good news to people groups in remote places. Pray for their safety, for a lack of disruptions and delays, and for God's blessing on their efforts

**10 Advent Prayer:** *Just as John the Baptist proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God," may GRN's messages clearly point thousands to Jesus this season.* John 1:29

**11 Peace of Jerusalem:** We ask that God would bind up the demon spirits, principalities, and powers that are driving the hatred and violence in this conflict. May the Prince of Peace bring a righteous cessation of violence. Pray that lives would be protected and spared even in conflict.

**12 Pray for Israel:** That the Gospel would be boldly declared among Jews and Muslims, and Christians in the region would show the love of God to all. May God turn the hearts of leaders to align with the will of God in spite of their ideology or convictions.

**13 Praise for all recordings:** Praise the Lord for the 10,000 hours of GRN recordings available online through the international website and on 5fish. These hours make up 15,000+ programs in 6,436 language varieties. Pray for Noel and his team in Australia who receive and process each precious recording.

**14 International Leadership Team (ILT):** These directors provide guidance, encouragement, and leadership for various centers and bases within GRN. Pray for Joseph N (Cameroon); S.S. (Nepal); Sam B (Europe); Skip G (USA); and Christine P (Australia).

**15 Global Ministry Coordinators:** Pray for these members who will provide encouragement and help in various areas for the GRN centers and bases: Global Studio -- Noel B; Global IS Team -- Rob M; Tech Services: Graham S; Recording Team Training -- Jon R; Instructional Design -- Diane G.; Member Care & Scripts – Graydon C.

**16 Dan and Na T:** Dan, Na and their two boys continue their home assignment in Southern California until next May when they will return to Thailand. Pray for them and give thanks for God's provision for their ministry.

**17 Advent prayer:** *Father, thank you for giving us the Prince of Peace to bring true peace in our hearts. May we share Your peace with those who are hurting.* John 14:27

**18 Thirty-Eight Languages:** With last month's prayer guide we sent out a list of 38 of the least-reached languages on our planet. Pray that many will diligently be praying for these people groups, asking God to make a way for them to hear the Gospel in their own heart language.

**19 New Sound Rooms:** Pray for Dan, Jerry, and all of the team working on developing actual sound rooms at our Arizona office. Two rooms in the Sherwood Building will be outfitted as proper sound studios. Pray for local contractor Gary N who will work on this project with our team.

**20 Business Manager:** Give thanks to the Lord for sending Wayne L to serve with us as business manager in our Arizona office. He has already been busy with key projects and plans. Ask the Lord to provide for his needs, give wisdom and guidance and encouragement as he ministers with us.

**21 Central Asia:** Request from a GRN team: *"Twenty-four language groups still await the Gospel. Please pray that we can make an action plan for the translation and the recording work. We need one more recordist now. Pray for the right person."*

**22 Church partners in Asia:** A local church has a burden for the "G" (a Hindu tribe) in a nearby city. This church supported an outreach there last year, through prayer and finance for our GRN workers. One person came to know the Lord through the process of translation and recording. Pray that a vital church will come to life in this tribe.

**23 Nigerian plans:** We are rejoicing that an agreement between GRN USA and GRN Nigeria has been signed which will facilitate better communications, support and collaboration for future work in Nigeria. Pray for the team there which works under very difficult circumstances.

**24 Advent prayer:** *May Your Gospel be freely and boldly declared among all peoples and may we who know You show Your love to all.* Matt. 28:19-20

**25 Christmas Day:** May multitudes hear this message today: *"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:11

**26 Tucson Facilities:** Pray for Dan R as he oversees many facilities projects. He is working on a total renovation of one of our mobile homes. He is also preparing a proper RV pad with drive-through spaces complete with utilities. Pray that the internet hookup will function well for these facilities.

**27 Good Stewardship:** Much work has gone into preparing the 2024 budget for GRN USA. Though we don't know what resources God will send our way, we can predict a bit of what will be needed for the ongoing plans and maintenance of the ministry. As we move forward in faith, pray for wisdom to be wise stewards of all that God supplies.

**28 5fish app:** The development team continues to make upgrades and improvements to this app – pray for guidance. Pray for thousands who are listening to the Good News in all of the language varieties on this app. Pray for Rob, Marc, and other technically skilled staff who maintain servers and websites

**29 GRN MapApp:** This useful tool is now available for anyone to use, to research, to learn about, and to find languages and resources for those languages. Praise God for His guidance over the last 2 years of development. Pray that many will benefit from using this wide-ranging resource.

**30 Looking forward:** One of the 'hallmarks' of GRN USA over its 85 years of ministry has been the aspect of living with rejoicing faith. Moving into 2024, may we all rejoice, even before seeing the answers to prayer or the provision that God will send. He is faithful!

**31 Prayer for the New Year:** *Father, guide our thoughts to Your thoughts and our trust to You alone. Enlarge our vision, sharpen our focus, and equip us with Your strength for the year ahead.*



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