

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

January 2024



## Dear friend,

Exactly 85 years ago, the first "Gospel Recording" was made in Los Angeles. An idea became a global vision as missionaries around the world asked for records in <u>their</u> languages. God brought this about, and we praise the One who has led and preserved this ministry until now. May He be glorified in 2024!

## **Together In Prayer**,

## The GRN USA Team

**1. Looking forward:** One of the hallmarks of GRN USA over its 85 years of ministry has been 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!

**2. Praises:** Give thanks for the new recordings that GRN missionaries were able to make in 2023. Pray for open doors to reach into new language groups with the Good News of Jesus in 2024.

**3. Larry DeVilbiss:** After 58 years of association with Gospel Recordings/GRN (over 20 as a staff member), Larry has officially retired. He remains in Indonesia, seeking the Lord's guidance for the recording of many unrecorded language varieties there. Pray also for Norma, caring for her unwell sister in Scotland.

**4. Project Culiacán 2024:** Plans are complete for the start of our annual outreach to migrant agricultural workers in Mexico. Every year MANY thousands of indigenous people travel north to fertile fields near Culiacán to live and work during the winter months. GRN workers provide personal, audio, and visual presentations of the Gospel at their camps.

**5. GRN Kenya:** Pray for the start of an outreach to a sensitive people group in Kenya. Pray for those doing the evangelism and follow-up. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare this people group to hear the Good News from God to man, so that many respond with repentance and faith.

**6. USA Finance Dept:** We are very thankful for answers to prayer for our finance team. Pray for Shannon C, who is now the head of this department onsite, with many procedures to learn, update, and document. May the Lord grant her wisdom and joy as she serves in this new capacity.

**7. Praying Scripture:** *O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will praise and give thanks to Your name; for You have done miraculous things, plans formed long, long ago, [fulfilled] with perfect faithfulness.* Isaiah 25:1 AMP

8. Using recordings: GRN's audio and video materials are being downloaded at an ever-increasing rate. Praise the Lord that more people are making use of these tools for ministry. Pray for the Lord to use each recording to speak to the hearts of listeners in their own languages. **9. GRN Canada:** New Director Mark G is making contacts with pastors -- pray that these lead to opportunities to share about GRN's ministry. David and Marian E continue to work with GRN. David looks after admin and office work in order to free up Mark for contacting churches. Marian continues with the prayer requests and helps in the studio.

**10. Studio:** Praise God that we were able to convert two rooms in the Sherwood building (the smaller of our two office buildings here) to suitable studio facilities. Praise God that this was done very inexpensively! Pray they will be put to good use.

**11. GRN Thailand:** Lot and Boy are completing the processing of the Moken New Testament. Pray that when this goes on the Internet it will be greatly used to bless the churches and individuals who speak that language.

**12.** Culiacán: Pray for all the volunteers (US and Mexican) who are arriving for the beginning of the outreach to migrant workers. May they all have safe travels, good health, and the joy of the Lord as they share recordings and minister to the workers in the camps.

**13. Tumi Tiger:** We thank the Lord for the translation of the Tumi Tiger script into Spanish, one of the most widespread languages in the world. Pray that many will be blessed from hearing Tumi's message.

**14. Praying Scripture:** Know that [skillful and godly] wisdom is [so very good] for your life and soul; if you find wisdom, then there will be a future and a reward, and your hope and expectation will not be cut off. Proverbs 24:14 AMP

**15. Culiacán begins:** Sharing GRN materials, showing videos, conducting children's ministry, leading services with music, and various other activities are underway to bring the Gospel to the agricultural workers during the next four weeks. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to hearts and bring many into His Kingdom.

**16. 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 God's choice of the right person."

**17. Sensitive country:** We are looking to recommence work in a difficult Asian country. Please pray for workers there and for wisdom from above as we seek God's leading in restarting the ministry.

**18. Papua New Guinea:** Partners with SIL in PNG are distributing Christian materials, including GRN's "Look Listen and Live" series, to every school. Pray the Holy Spirit will be working in the hearts and minds of both teachers and students.

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

**20. GRN Mexico:** Pray for 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.

**21. Praying Scripture:** "I have declared [the future] and saved [the nation] and proclaimed [that I am God], and there was no strange (alien) god among you; therefore you are My witnesses [among the pagans]," declares the LORD, "that I am God." Isaiah 43:12 AMP

**22. New Directors needed:** Several of our centers in other countries are looking for new leaders, as current leaders look to retire or step down. Pray for the USA, South Korea, Philippines, and United Kingdom, which are facing this challenge soon.

**23. GRN Brazil:** Director Dionara P asks prayer for new workers to join the team, especially for a recordist and administration staff. Pray for encouragement for Dionara as she seeks to rebuild the team after a period of instability.

**24. Outreach in Mexico:** Pray for Mike H who regularly takes different volunteers to Culiacán for the outreach. Mike often has difficulties with his well-used vehicle and is praying for a newer van for future trips--something large enough for a team, reliable, and sturdy. Pray with us for this need.

**25. Mobilization Department:** Pray for Roland H as he hopes to develop contacts and plans for a future internship program for students, as well as promoting GRN short-term trips at churches, schools, and other meetings.

**26. Chucho's request:** GRN Mexico's Director asks prayer that the church in Mexico will see the value of GRN activities and support GRN workers practically and with prayer, and will catch the vision of reaching immigrants within their own country.

**27. "Peace Library":** One of our centers in Asia has started a library filled with resources in many languages to benefit any who come to use it. They have had positive feedback. May this be a place of great blessing to many souls.

**28. Praying Scripture:** In the future there is reserved for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and longed for and welcomed His appearing. II Tim. 4:8 AMP

**29. GRN Cameroon:** Director Joseph N is eager to teach all he learned at Council and the Trainer's Consultation to co-workers in his country. Pray for the team in Cameroon, that the Lord will give them an army of prayer warriors and supporters.

**30. International transition:** Praise God for Graydon C and his 12 years' service as International Director (ID). Graydon will hand over the ID role to Tim S around April of 2024, depending on the progress of Tim's doctoral studies. Please pray for a smooth transition for Tim into this role.

**31. Who is left?** Our Language Tracking team is constantly updating lists and info about unreached people groups. Pray for Allan S and all those keeping track of people groups and language varieties needing to hear the Gospel. Pray for widespread and effective use of the recently released GRN MapApp.



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