

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

March 2024



Dear friend,

It is 85 years since Joy Ridderhof recorded the first “Gospel Recording,” only to be inundated by missionaries asking for recordings in the languages where they were working. We thank God that GRN has now recorded Gospel messages in over 6700 language varieties. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use these to spread His Good News, especially in areas with no churches or Christians or Christian material.

### Together In Prayer,

#### The GRN USA Team

- 1 **John & Rosa’s retirement:** Pray for John and Rosa as they retire from GRN staff and pursue other ministry opportunities for the future. They have left for the Middle East to visit family, attend a conference, and celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

- 2 **Busy editing:** USA recordist Ed is busy editing recordings of messages for immigrants to the USA. One of the scripts has been useful in introducing newcomers to our country and its Christian foundation; other scripts present those beliefs.
- 3 **Praying Scripture:** *Jesus said: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* Luke 23:34 NIV. May many hear about the Father’s forgiveness as they listen to GRN messages.
- 4 **Nigerian plans:** Kish and Joshua have id’d 30 languages that they have targeted to record and distribute during the next 4 years. Pray for God’s resources and provisions, and for His direction over these plans.
- 5 **Tumi Tiger ministry:** Preliminary translations are under way in the languages of Hebrew, Palestinian Arabic, and Egyptian Arabic. Pray that these messages may comfort many children whose lives have been devastated by violence and war.
- 6 **GRN Kenya:** The Kenyan recording team has plans to produce and distribute recordings in Tanzania and Uganda. Pray for God’s direction and provision for these plans.
- 7 **GRN Mexico:** Chucho and his teams continue to arrange for future recordings, outreaches, distribution, and follow-up. Pray also for Mike H from USA who takes teams down to assist in the outreaches. Pray for a new vehicle for outreach use!
- 8 **God’s Timetable:** We at GRN may make our plans, but sometimes God allows us to wait so He can do a deeper work in us that might not happen any other way. Pray that we learn to trust, persevere, endure, and learn patience and submission to the Master’s timing.
- 9 **Ask and you shall receive:** God is looking for us to pray in agreement with His will so that He can release funds for the things He has initiated. Pray that the Lord will help us to know His will for our work, and keep them in line with what He wants for us.
- 10 **Praying Scripture:** *About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”* which means, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” Matt. 27:45 NIV. May many who feel forsaken turn in faith and know God’s redemption.
- 11 **Godly leaders and followers:** Pray that our leadership at every level would be servant leaders, faithfully seeking God’s heart for the work and the well-being of the staff. Pray too that all staff would be good followers, submissive to, supportive of, and prayerful for those over us in the Lord.
- 12 **5fish developments:** The Aussie development team is working on new features and improvements. This year will see extensive global testing of 5fish. Pray that 5fish will become easier to use and available to more people.
- 13 **GRN Kenya:** Our Kenyan team completed the “Look, Listen, and Live” series in the Sengwar language last year. A distribution effort assembles local church leaders and trains them in the use of GRN materials so they can effectively use them in their outreach efforts and their congregations.
- 14 **Difficult country:** Our office in an Asian country on Open Doors’ watch list (high level of Christian persecution) is working well with the local church to train Christians to work with them in translation, recording, and outreach. Pray for the new staff needing training – they and the trainers are very courageous in the face of opposition.

- 15 International Leadership Team:** Skip Garmo and the rest of the ILT begin meetings in Spain today until the 25th. They meet first with the European Team and then as the ILT. Pray for unity, discernment, clarity, wise decisions, and travel safety.
- 16 SE Asian team:** Steven is recently married and hopes to start a family. David, a married father of three, seeks wisdom to be a good husband and father. Pray for Steven and David, who are both working on recently-recorded New Testament books, while serving God in a war-torn nation.
- 17 Praying Scripture:** *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."* Luke 23:42-43 NIV .
- 18 Staff and ministry growth:** Please pray for all GRN staff worldwide, that they would continue to grow closer to Christ in all they do. Pray especially for all GRN ministry, that it would be fruitful and valuable for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.
- 19 LRI (GRN) Bangladesh:** Milton and Moley are developing their recording skills in Bangladesh and hope to record several books from the "Look, Listen and Live" series when an experienced recordist visits them soon. Please pray for Milton, Moley, and the Bangladeshi team, and for a successful recording project.
- 20 International Director:** Pray for Graydon as he prepares for the International Leadership Team meetings in Spain. This will be his last as International Director (ID) as he prepares to turn over those responsibilities to Tim S.
- 21 Cyber vigilance:** GRN must be constantly alert to threats to the security of our systems, by hackers with malicious intent. Pray for our Information Systems team as they coordinate efforts to keep valuable databases and audio archives secure.
- 22 GRN UK:** Pray for Kenny and Joan as they load players with Gospel messages in Kulumu and send them to many countries. Pray that those listening would take in the message and respond to the Gospel.
- 23 GRN S Korea:** Barnabas, who has led the work in South Korea for many years, is nearing retirement. Pray the Lord will call the person of His choice to take up this very strategic role.
- 24 Praying Scripture:** *When He had finished the drink He said: "Tetelestai" ("It is finished"). With that He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.* John 19:30 NIV.
- 25 Germany:** Alfred and Inna hope to expand the work of GRN in Germany and are seeking a full-time worker and new volunteers. Pray that God will call people to this important task.
- 26 GRN Nigeria:** Please keep praying for the Nigerian office team as unrest and violence continue in their country. Please pray for safety for all GRN teams around the world.
- 27 Taking care:** With hundreds of language varieties still unrecorded globally, pray that GRN will speed up the work of recording them without sacrificing quality.
- 28 GRN Sierra Leone:** Please pray for Andrew and the team. They ask for these things: stability in the country, especially after the recent unrest; the team as they continue to connect and encourage each other; provision for families and for the work; and wisdom for the way forward.
- 29 New Board Member:** Pray for Dr. Larrie G. as she begins ministry with the GRN USA Board of Directors. May the Lord grant her wisdom, vision, and direction as together the board plans future development.
- 30 Filling in the gaps:** The USA office still has many areas needing committed servants to come alongside and help, either as staff members or volunteers. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send workers into this field.
- 31 Praying Scripture:** *"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here!"* Mark 16:6.



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