

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

August 2024



Dear friend,

As we pray for the needs this month – physical and health issues, political unrest, plans for outreach, reports of answered prayer – let us remember that this is all part of the spiritual battle for the souls of men. May the Lord of lords give us the passion to continue in rejoicing prayer, trusting Him for every outcome, as we seek to tell the story of Jesus in every language.

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The GRN USA Team

- 1. GRN Pakistan: The team is breaking new ground and pioneering a deaf ministry in Pakistan. Deaf communities make up a large segment of the unreached and unengaged people groups left in the world. Pray for them to find ways to reach out into the deaf community around them and make sure they have access to the story of Jesus in their sign language!
- 2. GRN Bangladesh: Our team in Bangladesh has recently completed recordings in the Koda language and attended some local conferences. Ask our Lord to bless and increase their recording efforts. Pray for the distributed materials to successfully spread the Gospel to many people.
- 3. Yousif and Vivian: Continue to pray for Yousif and Vivian, living and working in Nairobi, Kenya, on a recording assignment. Pray for Yousif as he continues with his editing and programming work and as he plans future recordings. Also for safety, as he was robbed of his phone and glasses recently.
- 4. Praying Scripture: [I] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Ephesians 1:16-17
- 5. Asian Training: Please pray for the team planning a recording team training course to be held in Thailand in Feb 2025. Pray for good preparation and for the identification and development of the trainees who will attend this course.
- 6. GRN South Africa: Praise God for Joel who has recently spent a month in Kananga (Congo) training Pierre as a GRN recordist. Together they recorded ten programs in the Tshiluba language, which centered on various Christian teaching topics. These recordings were based on material written years ago by missionaries with an African context in mind.

- 7. Recording in Australia: We are seeking to serve Aboriginal communities to tell the story of Jesus in their own languages. Pray for opportunities to record and for keen Aboriginal people and missionaries to learn how to record previously translated Scripture.
- 8. GRN Thailand: Pray for wisdom in planning to visit the Moken in South Thailand, and in partnering with the Urak Lawoi believers to have a Christian camp for Urak Lawoi children later this year.
- 9. IT Security: The internet is a dangerous place, with many bad actors working for profit or just from malice. Pray the Lord will protect the GRN online presence from all attacks and will bless the work of our technicians in Australia who labor to counteract the dangers.
- 10. Work in India: India is a vast country with many languages and language varieties (dialects). Thank God that the recent elections did not give a majority to the Hindu-based government, which has passed mandates to persecute minority groups, including Christians. Pray for efforts to restart GRN India.
- 11. Praying Scripture: [Pray] that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. Eph. 1:18-19
- 12. Volunteer Distributors: Pray for the volunteers using our materials to reach out to migrants and refugees in Italy; that the Lord will give them many opportunities to share the Gospel message this summer and that their work will bear much fruit.
- 13. GRN in Spain: Give praise to the Lord for progress in planning for the future of work in Spain. Thank God for efforts of European Director Sam, US Director Skip and the team with Joel and Carlos to collaborate on efforts there.

- 14. USA Staff needs: Several on the US team are in various stages of therapy and recovery from physical issues: Pray for Deb doing six weeks of physical therapy for her legs; for Patti E. recovering from a fall resulting in 3 broken ribs and painful breathing; for Marc G. in rehab after hip replacement surgery.
- 15. USA Board: Pray for our Board members as they meet today. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they consider the applications from three candidates for our next Executive Director.
- 16. USA Staffing requests: The Board requests prayers as they consider the staffing needs for the US office. Long-term staff and continuity are very important prayer requests. As the Lord calls those He chooses, may they obediently respond in faith.
- 17. More health issues: Nenet suffers from chronic back pain; the Heck family has been recovering from COVID; Ralph had an ankle wound that has been slow to heal; Irene is thankful for two successful cataract surgeries. In all these trials, may we trust the Great Physician for His healing hand.
- 18. Praying Scripture: For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3:16-17
- 19. USA Recordists: Ed and Judy are beginning to plan a possible trip overseas this autumn. Pray for God's direction, for good contacts, and for opportunities to record, distribute, and share God's Word. Ed is thankful for recent successful cataract removal.
- 20. Political unrest: GRN Director in Kenya asks for prayer for the political situation there, as the people call for the president to resign. Pray for the Christians in Kenya to shine for the Lord in all these difficulties.

- 21. GRN Nigeria: Pray for leaders Kish and Joshua who direct the ministry under very difficult circumstances. Terrorist activities, abductions, and persecution make outreaches very precarious. However, they are thankful for church partnerships and other mission collaborations.
- 22. Australian recordist: Pray for recordist Simon J. who has recorded recently in Gumbalanya, Northern Territory. Early recordings were done there in 1954, and he was able to re-evaluate them and add to the materials available for the people who speak Kunwinjku.
- 23. GRN center in South Asia: Please pray for the ongoing work of GRN in some hard areas of the country. Our team was able to record in a few languages having no Gospel materials before. Praise the Lord as He is bringing fruit and more people are interested to learn about Jesus.
- 24. GRN Togo: Our recordists visited an area where messages were recorded in 2002, and found that there are now several churches growing among the people there. New recordings were made in Temberma, Sola Kanti, and Lamba Kadjala. Pray for fruit from these messages.
- 25. Praying Scripture: Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:20-21
- 26. Malawi: Recordist Joel, accompanied by a believer named Gracious, was able to teach GRN messages to a group of 50 people, most of whom were Muslim. There was very positive response. The team was also able to record some Scripture passages for the group, and continuing translations are in progress.
- 27. Indonesia: Give thanks that Christine and Wira from GRN Australia were able to visit the recording

- team in Indonesia recently and positive steps are being taken for ongoing ministry there.
- 28. Democratic Republic of Congo: Pray for the distribution of materials through the 5fish app. One teacher there used this method to play the Scriptures and stories for many students in a pygmy area. The king's wife accepted the Lord and loves playing her Christian CDs for others.
- 29. 5fish: Praise the Lord that GRN messages are now available in over 6,400 languages of our planet on this app. The free app interface with its instructions is available in over 40 languages. Our volunteers and staff are continually updating the content and usability of this tool.
- 30. Rejoicing prayer: Right around the corner a surprise is waiting—don't give up. Right over the brow of this hill, you will have a glimpse of sunshine country. Fill that cup with praise! Tell Jesus your thanks before you see the answer—you can even thank Him for this hard thing—Joy Ridderhof.
- 31. Continuing in faith: We praise God for ongoing provisions for our work through the donations of faithful givers. From early in our ministry, it has been our ethos to move forward in faith, even when finances seem doubtful. God's supply has been consistent, often at the last moment.

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