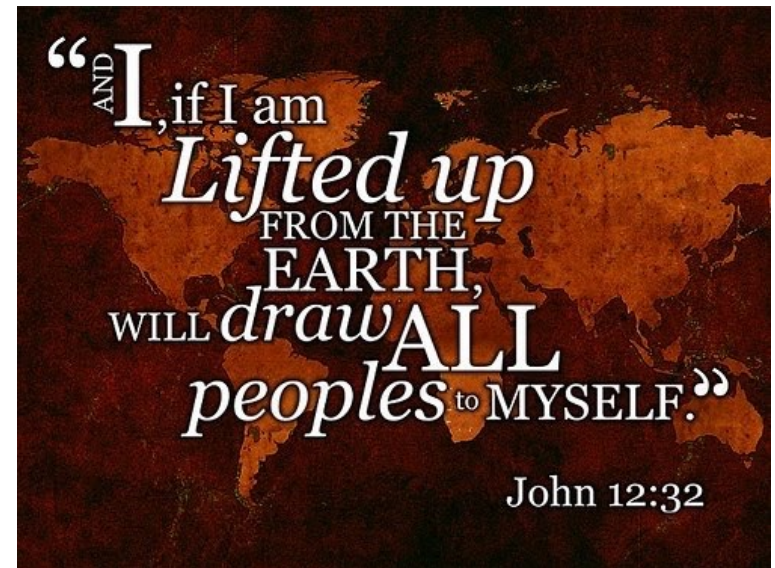




ALERT

Winter 2025

LIFT HIM UP



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TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS
IN EVERY LANGUAGE

IF I BE LIFTED UP...



Lifted up. With Jesus' first breath Joseph, having just delivered Him, no doubt lifted Him up to Heaven. The shepherds lifted Him up, and the angels. Simeon in the Temple physically lifted up the Baby, dedicating Him to God. The magi lifted Him up, giving Him their costliest gifts.

But the Baby Himself knew, even then, that all the prophecies pointed to another "lifting up." The greatest lifting up, the act that would open the way back to God, that would unite BC ("Before Christ") and AD ("Anno Domini") in one complete history of time for humankind. He said it Himself while on earth: "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples unto Myself" (John 12:32).

His lifting up solved one of the mysteries no Jewish sage had been able to solve: the mystifying events of [Numbers 21:6-9](#). Lifting up a bronze (fiery) serpent saves people from the results of their sin? (see vv.4-7). Huh?

His actions themselves, plus passages like Phil. 2:8-9, eventually will show us what this little Baby, rightly worshiped as coming from God, would have to do during His life. "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name."

Yes, let's worship the Baby. But like Himself, let's keep one eye on His destiny, His purpose for coming to earth: to be **lifted up** so that each one of us could be saved from the results of our own sin.

...I WILL DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO MYSELF

Julie Timm

Julie Timm and her husband Mack served as members of [Wycliffe Bible Translators](#). Mack is also a board member of GRN USA. After a valiant battle, Julie passed into the arms of her Lord in March 2024.

Oscar's Journey of Faith

In August 2007 I traveled to Peru to celebrate a Wycliffe Bible dedication. This translation of the New Testament for the 350,000 Huaylas Quechua people had taken 43 years to complete. It was a wonderful sight to see men and women receive their Bible in their own language for the first time. The tears and smiles upon the faces reflected joy and love for the Word of God.

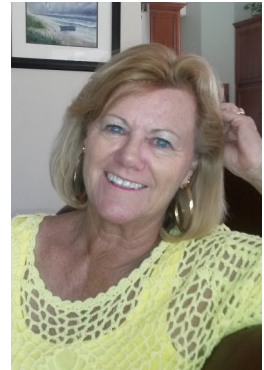
Soon after the Bible dedication ceremony, I attended a baby dedication of the daughter of Oscar and his wife Janet. This was held at Oscar's Quechuan home in the lovely surroundings of the Andes. Visiting, eating, and celebrating during this time for little Kristine was special for everyone.

Before we left, Oscar stood before us, thanked us for coming, and gave a short testimony of how he became a Christian. He shared how the translating of the Quechua New Testament helped him grow and mature in the Lord.

He also acknowledged that his spiritual growth began in childhood, as he heard the records of Gospel Recordings — now Global Recordings Network (GRN). He shared that in the 1960's, recorded Bible stories on 78 rpm records touched his heart and started his journey of faith in Jesus Christ. He then showed us those 78 rpm records. He still has them! "I never tried to memorize the stories," said Oscar, "but I just listened to them frequently when I was a child. Now, 35 years later, I still remember these stories as a result of having listened to the records so often. In one way, thanks to these GRN stories I am now a missionary."

Both Oscar and Janet plan to play these same records for daughter Kristine so that she too can learn the Bible stories. I was able to share at the gathering that my husband, Mack, was the board president of GRN. They were amazed to hear this and expressed thankfulness for Mack and this ministry.

It was truly a blessing for all to see how the Lord works in many ways to provide the Word for His own. Together, GRN and Wycliffe Bible Translators, with the help of the Lord, can make a huge difference in the lives of even the smallest people groups who need His Word.



LIFT HIM UP

Michael Dawson, [Amazonas, Venezuela](#)

... So all may hear

Dear Praying Partners, Greetings from the jungles. We are excited to see what God is going to do up there, as there seems to be a real effort by the enemy to keep our teams out of that area. However, we know God is not willing that any should perish. This is a different tribe, but we have a lot of contact with them. As a matter of fact, we even brought 200 TORCHES (simple players) with lessons in their language, including the Gospel of John which we recorded last year with them.



Timoteo's team is going into an area that has not wanted anything to do with the Gospel since the first missionaries came up into this area of Venezuela back in the early 50s. But about two months ago, some guys from that river basin stopped here for something and we gave them each a TORCH in their language. A few weeks later, much to our surprise, we were invited to come up and share with the four villages up there. Timoteo will be speaking and preaching using an interpreter. He asked me to specifically ask for prayer

for him that the Lord would use his words to speak for HIM. We are really praying that this area would turn to Christ.

Timoteo's team took the last of the TORCHES in the Dyecwana language to place in the four villages on the Wadamo. We finished recording the Gospel of Matthew a few weeks ago and a friend in the USA did his magic, removing all the macaw parrot's squawking, dogs barking, etc. from our recordings. My nephew, Andrew, was able to load the new files of Matthew on this last batch of TORCHES. We are thrilled that these TORCHES are going to be placed in this previously unreachable area. Please continue to pray! We truly are honored to have each and every one of you as our partners in this ministry. While it has not been an easy assignment, it is thrilling to watch God work.

Amazonas travel



All pics courtesy of Michael Dawson

Email from Amazonas, Nov 2024

Hi Larry. What is amazing to me is that those recordings were done so many years ago, and the missionaries that worked on that project, most of them, never really got to see any fruit. But now, God is using those recordings in such a powerful way not only with our own Yanomamö, but now in this new area, known as Dyecwana. Amazing! And brother, you had such a part in this, and now, in your area as you all are planting seeds, who knows how God is going to use what you are doing? Isn't it beautiful to know that we can leave this entirely to HIM? -MD



Can you see the shadow of a cross over this remote Amazon village, noticed on this satellite image?

FIELD FOCUS

The field is the world (Matt. 13:38).

GRN KENYA

Christine Platt, CEO of [GRN Australia](#)

I visited our Kenyan team from 21 – 28 September. I was very impressed with the work our team is doing. They are:

- ♦ Working with local churches and mission societies to record God's Word in the languages of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.
- ♦ Researching the languages spoken in these three countries, looking into the priorities and seeking partners to work with.
- ♦ Finding partners to translate God's word (normally in the form of Bible stories) and then recording them as they tell the stories in their own language
- ♦ Providing God's Word (picture books and recordings on mp3 players) to the speakers of those languages, and training pastors and evangelists so they can be effectively used.

I visited the GRN office in Nairobi. It is very well maintained and is complete with a sound room for editing and storage for printed materials along with office and meeting space.



Leader Walter Okela



James Inyama, Recordist

James (recordist) had recorded Look, Listen, and Live books 1-8 in the Sengwar language last year. These recordings were edited, programmed and ready for distribution. I joined the team on an eight hour drive through the Rift Valley to visit these people and observe the distribution.

We arrived at a rural church to find church leaders from 16 Sengwar-speaking churches assembled. The SIL translator, working on the Sengwar Bible, had helped with the script translation, the choice of readers for the recording,



Training the Sengwar church

We left 16 sets of flipcharts and mp3 players behind – one for each church. The churches know how to contact our team should they want any more materials.

Over the last six months, our Kenyan team has distributed 80 sets of flipcharts. Some from the initial distribution of new recordings like this event. Others are from churches and evangelists wanting materials that have already been recorded and they want to reach speakers of that language.



Storage

The team is currently researching possible recordings in a couple of languages and are planning their next distribution of a politically sensitive language.

and the organisation of this distribution event.

Our team demonstrated the use of the flipcharts and mp3 players, encouraged people to use them, and explained how and when they should be used. We left safe in the knowledge that the SIL workers were there to help the churches with problems they might face.



Happy Sengwar

INTERESTING QUESTIONS

Patti Ediger

“What does that have to do with me?”

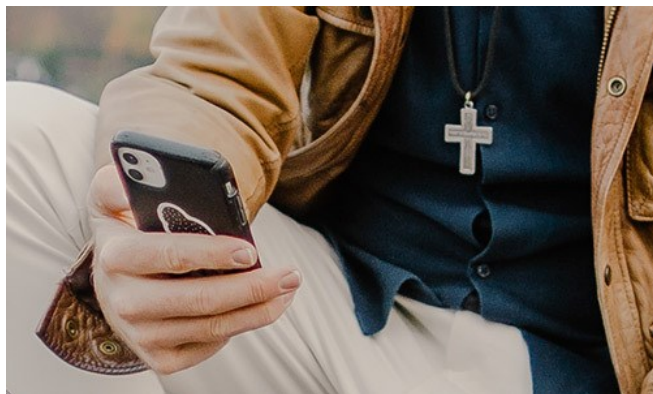
Twelve of us were gathered in a cozy living room for Bible study. I had brought four Good News Picture Books to give to the three men we were sending to Africa on a mission. Every eye was on the book as I demonstrated how to turn to pages as the 5fish app playing on my phone presented the Gospel (as it can in over 6500 languages) to go along with these beautifully illustrated Bible stories.



Suddenly the 20-something youth pastor sat up straight. He spends his days off with a group of Spanish-speaking volunteers ministering in front of an abortion clinic. He shared that since so many new immigrants were coming into our area, many of the women he spoke to knew very little Spanish and only spoke their indigenous language. “Do you work with any of those Mexican dialects?” he asked.

I smiled. I could feel a divine appointment coming. “There are over 350 indigenous languages in Mexico alone and we have most of them on 5fish.”

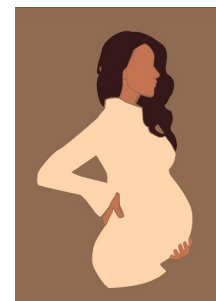
He was amazed at the number. “Do you have Zapoteco? Nahuatl?”



“Those and many more.” I responded.

After Bible Study we talked more about it. I connected him with a Zapotec speaker who could communicate with the women. Plus, with 5fish he now

had a way to present the Gospel in whatever language they understand. By God’s grace, they will add many more to the 100 babies they have rescued and the number of mothers who have been saved.



While this window of time exists, people —usually hidden far away in the mountains of Southern Mexico and a vast multitude of other places— are at our doorsteps. Some are here illegally. Many are frightened and vulnerable. Instead of complaining about their presence in our country, what if we “lifted Jesus up” to them and reached out to them? Anyone can use this simple tool we can hold in our palm —our phones— loaded and ready with GRN’s 5fish app.

Magnify the Lord with me. Let us lift up His name together! (Psalm 34:3)

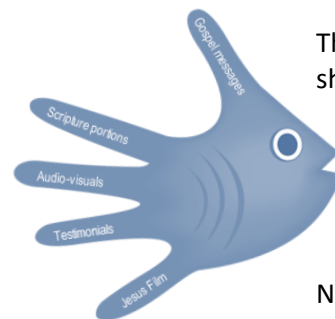


Lost for words.

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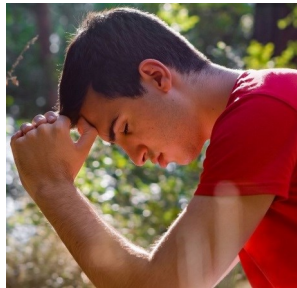
- *GRN Gospel recordings
- *Audio-visuals
- *Scripture portions
- *Jesus Film
- *Testimonies

Not every language has all 5—but check yours out!

Global Recordings Network produces and distributes audio recordings of Bible messages in over 6,400 languages. Together with mission partners and local bilingual speakers all around the world, we have been blessed to share the basics of the Gospel and introduce people to Jesus Christ since 1939. Learn more at —

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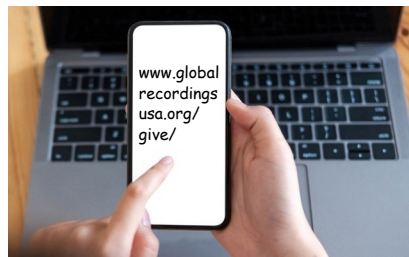
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Bryan Wilson

From hands and feet to voice

GRN has the privilege of sharing the story of Jesus in as many languages as possible around the world. If Jesus had a message for you, would he not speak your language? This is the amazing question that drew us to GRN.

Diane and I have been in missions for 33 years, serving in South America, Africa, Mexico and Alaska. Our role was about being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving in mission aviation and nursing. I had the privilege of flying pastors, doctors, and humanitarian relief workers into some of the remotest places on the earth, while Diane served as a missionary nurse and an amazing mother to our three kids. We felt privileged to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this way.

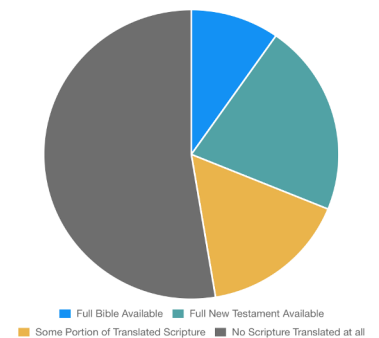
Now we're part of an organization that aspires to tell the story of Jesus in every single language around the world, no matter how small, so they might hear Jesus speak to them in their own heart language.

Look at the number of languages on earth with access to the Bible or portions of it (see graphic). The grey area shows more than half those languages remain without any Scriptures in their heart language.

The fact that GRN aspires to tell the "old, old, story" to all the remaining languages is what inspired us to come to GRN and change roles. To change from being the hands and feet of Jesus, to trying to be the voice of Jesus for so many who haven't heard.

What a humbling thought, what a goal, what a concept. Would you like to be part of that aspiration? Help us **Lift Him Up** and share the story of Jesus in every language worldwide. You can be part of our team today. See page 10 for

The Bible in Different Languages



Data: Wycliffe

how you can be involved:
pray, use, give, go.

Serving Him with you,

Bryan Wilson
GRN USA Executive Director



Wilson Family

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Farewell to Garmos!

Skip is thanking God for the privilege of serving Him through GRN the past 2 years. We wish Skip and Jan God's richest blessings in whatever ventures (or adventures) they turn their hands to in the future. As Skip often says, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Ways to pray for GRN:

For a printed or emailed monthly prayer guide (TIP): (specify whether you want it mailed or emailed), email us@globalrecordings.net

For the daily prayer app on a phone: <https://globalrecordings.net/en/prayerapp> and type "Mission Prayers app" into the query box.