



ALERT

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Waves of Impact

The Gospel makes waves around the world



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TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

WAVES OF IMPACT

Remember that stone you tossed into a lake or pond when you were young? You could see concentric circles (actually, tiny waves) as they spread out from the point of impact, going on for quite a distance—much farther than the size of the rock.

The impact of Gospel audio recordings is something like that. They are small tools, perhaps, in the hands of those who minister, but they have the potential to impact lives in



Impacting lives

a big way. Recordings, done well, definitely can “make waves” in a culture (see p. 10). Indeed, we hope they do, and that the Lord will “...manifest through [the hearers] the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place (2 Cor. 2:14).

Pray that our recordings “in every place” around the world will be impactful and also will bring glory to the Lord who “leads us in triumph in Christ.”



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GRN produces and distributes audio recordings of Bible messages in over 6,500 languages.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Your Own Waves of Impact

A tall, presentable young man graduated from Clemson University in 1981 with his Master's Degree in Accounting/Finance. He would have been able to get a well-paying job with almost any company he chose, guaranteeing himself a comfortable future. But... he felt God wanted something different for him. A visiting missionary challenged him with the fact that the Gospel Recordings accountant in Los Angeles was retiring.

Ralph Loper, educated at Ben Lippen High School and The Evangelical Institute (Greenville SC) as well as Clemson, took a leap of faith. He went out to Los Angeles for a summer internship... and ended up staying for his entire career. He found his wife Ruth there, they raised two sons together, and he managed up to six workers in the Finance office until GRN moved to Arizona in 2020. Ralph computerized the office's finances, amused those around him with his dry sense of humor, and played a great game of volleyball whenever the opportunity arose.



This July, Ralph plans to retire on the same day he started at GRN 44 years ago. He has been a prayer warrior and a mainstay of the GR office for most of his life, and that presence will be greatly missed. Ralph's life has exhibited the truth that you do not have to be a field recordist to make an impact in the GRN world.

What about you? You may not want to be either a field recordist or an accountant... but what gifts and talents do you have? Are you, like Ralph, willing to take a leap of faith in order to find the future that God has planned for you?

By the way, we do need both an accountant and a bookkeeper in our Tucson office, and we do need young, adventurous teams of recordists all over the world. But we also need other types of gifted and dedicated people in our Catalina office. Check out our website for more info, but most of all, check with the Lord – what is He saying?

You will read throughout this Alert about “waves of impact” taking place around the world. Where might He want you to make your own waves of impact?



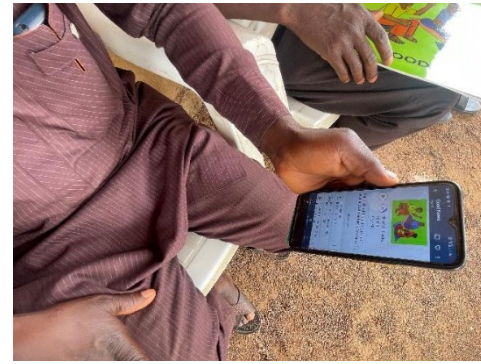
Bryan Wilson
Executive Director

"GOSPEL UNLIMITED"

*by Joshua Belo, Center Director,
West Africa*

Distribution of Pyam was successfully carried out in several different communities, including Mungi, Nyengu, Bwalbwang, and Pumbush. The Pyam recordings were played

several times in many places, and numbers of people gathered to listen attentively. From their faces you could see how enthused they were.



Those with Android phones were able to get the 5fish app installed onto them while the evangelists, pastors, Language Committee members, and others were privileged to be entrusted with MP3 Players, SD cards, and Good News flip charts for ongoing use in their communities. These materials were received with joy and the workers feel privileged to be using them for their intended purpose.

Some pastors testified about the great impact these heart language materials will create in their churches, considering the large number of members who cannot understand the trade language (which has been the major means of communicating the Gospel in most churches in the land).

One of these pastors went ahead and pledged to create time within his church service to play some of these recordings every Sunday. During the outreach, the Jesus Film in Pyam language



was also projected at the market square where both Christians and Muslims viewed it en masse. The 5fish app was so amazing to many as it avails them the opportunity to access the Gospel not only in their language but in other languages as well, which to us means the promise of **"Gospel unlimited"** in this area.



Pray that God will touch the hearts of many Pyam people through these simple recorded messages in their language. Their villages are often receiving attacks from outsiders; pray that God will keep them secure.

We praise God for a successful distribution. Thank you all for your partnership.

FIELD FOCUS

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

Partnering Ministries in Mozambique

by Dalene J, Center Director for GRN South Africa

Hi Dalene, Thank you so much for your message that comes with good news. To let you know the impact these audio Scripture sets are making, here is one story: a few days ago, a Catholic priest told me that he went to a funeral and instead of using their normal ritual procedures, the community asked him to play the biblical passage that talks about the death and resurrection of Lazarus. He said after playing, he was surprised by the positive response of the people, both Christians and non-Christian.

— Dr Bonifacio Paulo, Wycliffe Bible Translators

After receiving this message, our office donated some of the Oral Scripture sets which Wycliffe translated and asked us here at GRN South Africa to co-distribute as much as possible. But the requests kept coming.

I shared this with a partnering ministry, *Audio Scripture Ministries*, and as I write this, they're able to distribute more Scripture sets on Megavoice playback devices in this vast area.



These are members of a local congregation in the Sofala province of Mozambique. They depend hugely on GRN teaching materials in their services and Bible studies.

We could easily use a million devices. The languages recorded are variant speech forms representing the larger Makhuwa group - around four million people. The Makhuwa varieties include the following: eMeetto, eMarrevone, eMakhuwani, eNaharra, and eXirima. We can't really know someone else's heart, but we do realise that the outcry is not just for another gimmick. The people show earnest need to hear the content, to learn more. They repeat it and share it with others.

Pray with us for the people living in Northern Mozambique — still a rather unstable area. Let's pray for something great to happen here.

Specific Language Group in India

from GRN Australia

We have been praying and exploring opportunities to tell the story of Jesus in Indian languages ever since our Indian office closed several years ago. We are thankful for a finance

volunteer from India who connected us with a ministry in Southern India.

Rev. Johnson, ministry director, and his team are seeking to make disciples in a caste of potters who speak the Kumbhar language. The Kumbhar language has never been written and its speakers are poor and poorly educated. There are few Christians and no Christian resources available in this language.

We are working with their team as they translate, record, and edit our *Look, Listen and Live* series into Kumbhar. Our studio team will then process and program the messages so that Rev. Johnson and his team can use the audio-visual Gospel recordings in their ministry.

Please pray for the successful production of useful recordings so that the Kumbhar-speaking potters will come to understand the Good News, repent, and become disciples of Jesus. Please pray. We praise God for raising up a number of generous people who have fully funded this project.



Reaching the Kumbhar potters

Report from Togo

by John C, GRN Center Director

In a group of elderly people where traditional beliefs are deeply rooted, a woman we now call "Grande Maman" shared a story of a radical change in her life. Formerly a voodoo fetishist, a prosperous trader, and homeowner, she had long remained silent in the face of Biblical messages delivered in her native language of Ewe. It was only after five years of listening that she decided to give her life to Christ and join a church.

SUPPLEMENTING YOUR MINISTRIES



Personal interaction

ORGANIZED GROUP OUTREACH

In one of the agricultural camps in this Mexican valley, we ministered to men, mostly from Chiapas, speaking Tzotzil and Tzeltal. The night before our visit, when we screened the Jesus Film in the Tzeltal language of Oxchuc, a Tzotzil woman was assaulted by her partner while under the influence of drugs. She cried out to God for help and relief, and God answered her plea. Hours later, the Project Hermosillo team arrived at her camp. Two women from our

team shared the Gospel with her in her own language, and she was ministered to, helped, and encouraged. When one of them encouraged her to speak to God in her own language (Tzotzil), she cried out with an overflowing heart before God's presence. All of us involved saw God's work in her life, the work of the Holy Spirit.

This is why we were brought to Hermosillo and its surrounding areas: that God may be glorified. Thank you for praying! —from *Project Hermosillo 2025*

ACCESSIBLE CHRISTIAN MATERIALS

Dear Global Recordings Network,

My name is Lophiso Feleke, a citizen of Ethiopia and a native speaker of Hadiyyisa from the Hadiyya community.

I am currently engaged in a personal initiative aimed at collecting and curating Hadiyyisa-language songs, literature, and Christian teachings into a single YouTube channel. The purpose of this project is to provide Christian Hadiyyas with a centralized, easily accessible source of spiritual and cultural content in their mother tongue.

While narrating Bible stories in Hadiyyisa, I came across the remarkable work your organization has done. I have viewed the Hadiyyisa material available on your website and was deeply moved by the quality and dedication evident in your efforts. Your contributions are a tremendous blessing to many in the Hadiyya community, especially those who are not literate and thus rely heavily on audio-visual resources. —April 2025



Hadiyya girl

FRONT LINE EVANGELISM

Crazy or Obedient?

Colin Stott

TIBET, CHINA

Stephanie Vernon, a little lady in her fifties, was typing address labels in the office of a Christian ministry in California when the Lord told her to go and witness to the Dalai Lama, the god-king of Tibet.

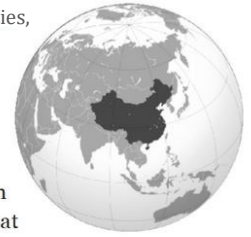
Some thought she must be crazy since she had no finances and was suffering from a kidney disease. But she was convinced that God wanted her to reach Tibetans with the Gospel.

Stephanie left for India with just a few hundred dollars in her purse, a round trip ticket, and a sixty-day tourist visa.

Those 60 days turned into 20 years of ministry among Tibetan refugees in several countries along the southern border of Tibet. During that time she visited almost all of the Buddhist monasteries in the region, giving out New Testaments to the monks. And she did meet with the Dalai Lama—several times.

Years ago, we were privileged to supply this dear servant of God with a record player and some phonograph records. She wrote: "I lugged that little player and records over the Himalayas and grinded the thing until my arm became numb. Because I played it so much, I wore out the needles, so I really hoarded the spare needles as if they were made of gold. I don't believe that I missed one Tibetan Camp. Eventually, I donated the player and records to one of the Tibetan monasteries—my precious little record player, which had become so very dear to me through the years. Without it, I could not have preached the Gospel to the hundreds and hundreds of Tibetan refugees."

Praise God for all the Tibetans who have heard of Christ because recordings were made in their own language, and for people like Stephanie who followed God in obedience.



(Originally published 2014 in *Amazing Stories*)

These recordings are still available digitally via 5fish. Pray that people in this area, called the "Roof of the World," will continue to hear and respond to the Lord of all the earth.



THE NECESSITY OF THE GOSPEL

by Deb Marcusse

You know the old adage: *Give a man a fish, and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he eats for a lifetime.* But consider: so much of what we call “missions” these days is “giving people a fish.” Building dwellings, digging wells, handing out food.

Don’t get me wrong. There is nothing bad about doing these things. Christians most of all are called to be kind and caring, ready at all times to lend a hand and to be generous to others. Historically it has been Christians who started orphanages and hospitals and schools, who fought slavery and oppression. Keep doing good deeds!



But our Christian culture often seems to have put those good things in the place of the best thing: telling another soul about Jesus. We are all, every single one of us, fallen and heading for an extremely nasty eternity, except for the grace of God Almighty. He came down and offered Himself as the Atoning Sacrifice for our sins, the sins we cannot escape because of our fallen human nature. This is GRACE (God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense), the essence of the Good News of the Gospel (Eph. 2:1-10).

This Good News is the best thing we can offer any human. It has the power to change a life for eternity. Indeed, it also offers us hope for today, and true hope is something sadly lacking in our modern, imploding, scary world. With

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PLUGG me in!

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GlobalRecordingsUSA.org

- you’ll see a **popup** where you can enter your contact info. That’s all you have to do, except enjoy our weekly “Echo” communications!



Pastors and missionaries with no internet access can order their own “library” (a small hard drive) of 5fish messages from GRN, loaded with material for their country, area, or language. Contact marcquiett@globalrecordings.net



For our site’s many **PLUGG IN** suggestions with live links, go to globalrecordingsusa.org/serve/more-ways-to-serve

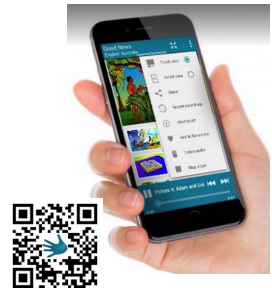
Jesus, we have the hope of living honestly and justly, taking care of our families, and making a difference in their world.

As precious as safe shelter is, it cannot touch this gift. As urgently as we need clean water, we more urgently need cleansed souls. As hungry as we may be for food, we are even hungrier for this Bread from Heaven. Yes, give a man a fish for him and his family today. But teach him the Gospel, and you give him and his family a Future and a Hope -- for today, tomorrow, and forever.

It is not disparaging of other kind actions to urge all who so minister not to neglect giving out the one thing that will make the most difference of all—the Good News of salvation through Jesus. With all your kind actions, don’t forget the kindest one. Dig a well for a village, and satisfy many bodies. Share the Living Water with a village, and satisfy many souls!

And today it is so simple to do this. With whatever else you do, share the Gospel – in simple Bible-based audio stories, some Scripture, and even the Jesus Film – from a little app called **5fish**, which you can install on your phone and take with you wherever you go. To the market, to the streets of a big city, to the ends of the earth, carry the Good News with you... and change the world.

Can we even expand that old adage? *Teach a man to fish, and he eats for a lifetime. Teach a man to nourish his soul from 5fish, and he may well live forever!*



LEAST LAST LOST UPDATE

Months ago, we asked you to consider praying regularly for a group of 38 languages. They represent some of the last languages in the world with absolutely no Christian witness, according to the best language data available.

Only much prayer can open a door to such difficult —no, IMPOSSIBLE— people groups.

We are working on updates to this language list that we hope to share with you soon.

Please continue to pray for our GRN teams around the world, as well as other ministries devoted to reaching such groups, as they first pray, then go to some very challenging places.

“With God, ALL things are possible!”

Pray

Throughout two thousand years of Christianity, the good news that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world has never once entered the remote enclave inhabited by the Gongduk.

-Joshua Project profile



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