



ALERT

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To the Last Language

Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8).



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TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE

TO THE LAST LANGUAGE

**This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached
in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations,
and then the end will come. — Matt. 24:14**

While the events from the book of Revelation that we anticipate are not “the end” but rather the beginning of New Life for us, many parts of the Church through time have taken Matthew 24:14 to say that the Lord will not return until every people group has heard the Gospel. In the 1970s, “Every Tongue by ’81” was GRN’s mantra; then it was “the 10K Challenge” (10,000 languages by 2020); and later still “the 270 Project.” Whatever it may be called, what still motivates us is Jesus’ very clear command to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:9, Rev. 5:9).

Since Gospel Recordings (now GRN) was created to reach the un-noticed, the overlooked, the smallest groups, we were not wrong to hope that we might be the ones to bring the Good News to the last tribe on earth. However, over the years God has raised up a great number of other ministries who see the “Unevangelized Fields,” the “10/40 Window,” the “Least, Last, Lost” and the “Frontier” people groups (as we now call them) as their focus.

We bring this up because we do not want anything we share with you to give the impression that we will be disappointed, some day, that it was not our recording of Language X that triggered “the end” spoken of in Matt. 24. No, we will rejoice with all creation at the revelation of the Lamb, whoever may be given the privilege of evangelizing that last people group. But still... we at GRN continue to strive for recordings in every language all over the world, right up until we see Him face to face. Our motivation is simply to hear Him say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servants. Enter the joy of your Lord!”



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

LOOKING BACK

by Irene King



I have been thinking about how things were back in the 1980's when we as a family from Kansas arrived at Gospel Recordings in Los Angeles. When we came, there were probably about 3,000 recorded languages with GR material in them. No one seemed to know for sure exactly how many languages were

spoken in the whole world, but we had heard it was thousands more, and recording the rest of them seemed like an impossible task. But GR always loved to challenge God to do the impossible. As a mission we planned to just keep on going as strong as we could, with the view that no group was too small, too removed, or too hard to reach. We'd just keep on until the Lord returned.

At the USA headquarters we had a digital counter on the prayer room wall that ticked over by one as each new GRN recording was added to the library. And we would sing, "To God Be the Glory" as we prayed with joyous thanksgiving over each one.



Over the years, through efforts of Wycliffe, GR, the Joshua Project, and others, linguistic data became much more complete but also got very complex as missions worked together to share info and findings. Around the first of the

new millennium, I think, we expected that there were about 14,000 language varieties spoken on earth. The task still seemed unending.

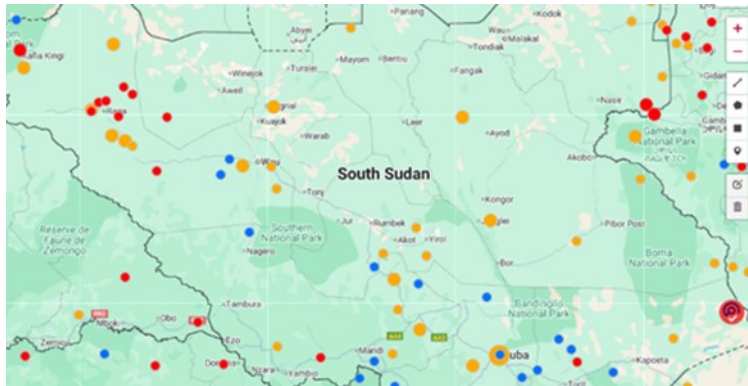
Then just a few years ago, I believe it was Finishing The Task ministry that compiled data from many, many organizations working around the world. They came up with a list of around 230 language groups that were completely unreached by anything or anyone with the Gospel. Several missions, including GRN, began concentrated prayer over that list, with people and churches committing to pray for them until the Good News reached each one. One of our staff applied our own and others' data to this list and that revised list has only 38 groups being left without any Gospel witness whatsoever. I think it's time to sing "To God Be the Glory" again!



ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBER

Those Red Dots in South Sudan

by Allan Starling



“What are those red dots on the map of my country?” Robert was looking at a map of South Sudan, an independent country in the heart of Africa.

He grew up there before becoming a translator for the US military and later starting a translation service business of his own in Iowa.

There are two fascinating features of Robert’s language, Thuri. First, it was unwritten. Over the past two years, and all on his own initiative, Robert had created an alphabet to remedy that situation and sought approval from tribal chiefs all around his language area, traveling from village to village, sometimes by bike. Secondly, GRN had never made a recording of the Good News in his dialect. That’s what brought him to the attention of GRN recordist, Ed, about six months ago. Robert agreed to be Ed’s language helper. As the two of them worked together on making recordings, Robert became intrigued by GRN’s goal of telling the story of Jesus in every language.

While they took a break from recording, Ed showed Robert the GRN MapApp, and they zoomed in on South Sudan. “What are those red dots on the map?” he asked. Ed explained that every red dot represents a language that has no recordings of the Gospel message. Robert prayed, and talked with his wife. Then he announced that he wishes to become a GRN recordist and go back to South Sudan and deal with those red dots. So the process of applying to become GRN staff began.

We are thrilled to announce that Robert has just been accepted as staff, soon to be in training and preparing to return to Africa. He’s looking for those who will stand with him in prayer, financial support, and encouragement.

He’s anticipating a day when those red dots will disappear from the map of his birth country. Above all, he’s looking forward to praising God in Heaven with believers from every language group! (Rev. 7:9)

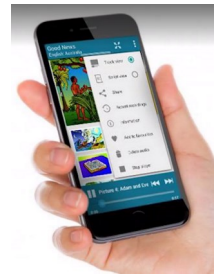


Interested in joining Robert’s support team? Go to <https://www.globalrecordingsusa.org/give/meet-our-missionaries/> and look for Robert’s picture.

AUSSIE COUPLE LEADS THE WAY

From GRN Australia

Two partners of the work in Australia, Graham and Margaret McDonald, have seized the opportunity that is offered to any person in any culture: that of sharing the Gospel in EVERY language. They have started their own **5fish Card Ministry** in Australia, as about 10 million people living there have one or both parents born overseas. The 5fish card brings people to a site containing the story of Jesus in over 6,500 languages. The McDonalds say, “It seems like a real opportunity to introduce this resource to the many immigrants attending the local churches in Australia and the students in our Christian schools. Another audience is the over 850,000 registered foreign students studying in the Australian Universities.” Since Feb 2023, the McDonalds have distributed over 327,000 5fish cards and seen over 10,000 hits per year on their website.



The McDonalds’ aim is to increase awareness and usage of this global tool. “Once people are aware of this resource, they could take this information home, on their phones or a 5fish card, to parents, grandparents, or family members who may NEVER have heard the story of Jesus in their own mother tongue. Our prayer is that these free resources will help to encourage more people in Australian congregations to reach out to those living in darkness and despair.”

This enterprising couple tell us they “are thrilled to be able to serve our Lord in this vital ministry. A friend of mine took some of these 5fish cards to a National Conference in Africa and after sharing, he got so excited that he sent back some clips of the responses of the recipients.” Check out two of these responses:

https://youtu.be/6eno-k8s_9c -- young man in Uganda

https://youtu.be/Bqdbqm_QS90 -- two girls from Burundi

So you can see that a ministry such as this almost multiplies itself. How can we keep from sharing such Good News? You too can start a simple ministry with an almost unlimited reach. Contact us and ask for some 5fish cards (English or Spanish). See people’s faces light up when they hear their own mother tongue... and pray they take this simple tool to many others who you will never see. Until Heaven, perhaps.

TO THE FRONTIER LANGUAGES

We have had a number of queries about the status of the languages on the “Least, Last, Lost” list that we published in an *Alert* a couple of years ago. We’d like to update you as much as possible. Please realize that such a list cannot be set in concrete but must be fluid and changeable. Many different ways exist of looking at the languages of the world. The list is simply representative of the enduring truth that there remain a number of very-hard-to-reach languages in this world, often called “Frontier” groups.

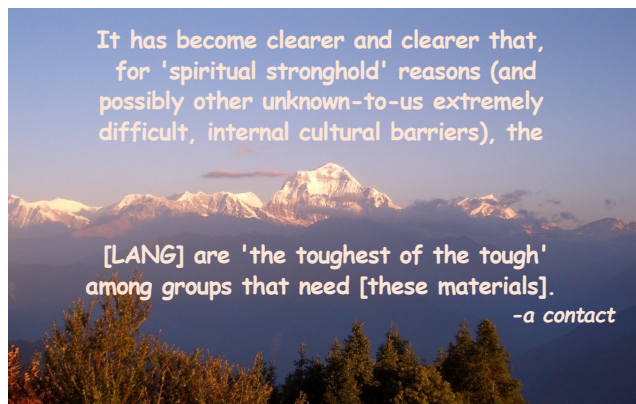
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Nyenkha	neh	Bhutan	11000
Chekha	che	Bhutan	500
Delala	xor	Brazil, Amazonas	50
Morembi	amo	Brazil, Amazonas	100
Zola	zlo	Brazil, Para	200
Sarakhal	slk	Chad	10000
Morom	bdn	Chad, Gambia	10000
Kendeje	kif	Chad, Ouaddai	4600
Banu, Wunai	bwn	China, Guangxi Zhuang	13000
Namag	ym	China, Guangxi Zhuang	400
Ten	tdt	China, Guizhou	25000
Wulinhua	wuh	China, Qinghai	3200
Ensu	ers	China, Sichuan	50000
Namag	nm	China, Sichuan	8000
Shuili	sqg	China, Sichuan	3600
Bugan	bbh	China, Yunnan	3000
Carabayo	cby	Colombia, Amazonas	200
Sentinel	std	India, Andaman & Nicobar Isles	200
Geser-Gesem	ges	Indonesia, Maluku	37000
Hlu	hlu	Indonesia, Maluku	14000
Seel-Kateku	kgn	Iran	22000
Kamngan	kgm	Iran	9000
Sa	au	Libya	2600
Awiljah	hoh	Oman	300
Hobylol	zum	Oman	8400
Kumzan	luy	Oman	45000
Shahri	shv	Oman	90000
Lasi	lss	Pakistan, Balochistan	80000
Bagvalal	kva	Russia	8800
Dakama	dtr	Somalia	34000
Tunni	iqg	Somalia	34000
Daar	dtr	Sudan	3000
Daju, Dar Fur	daj	Sudan	110,000
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Tegali	rag	Sudan, South Kord	111000
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The list as we presented it is in constant flux, as some languages get much needed attention and others fall into the “extinct” category. Most importantly, languages are on this list because they are the hardest languages in the world to reach, for critical geographical, political, and cultural reasons. Therefore, we cannot even update you on a name-by-name basis. Sometimes the country name, sometimes the language name, and almost always anyone-who’s-working-on-it names, are all searchable bits of info which could trigger unhelpful attention being paid. So pardon the generality of this update. Blanks will be used for place names, other identifying data will be hidden, and whenever you see “[LANG]” it replaces one of the languages on the original chart. Rejoice! The great news is that there has been progress in a number of cases.

Our own staff worked on a group of [LANG]s in a remote Central Asian country, but Covid put a temporary stop to that project. Pray that contacts may be renewed and [LANG]s recorded.

In the SE Asian nation of I_____, a former staffer/still recordist reports:

“We fly out to A_____ to follow up on the invitation of the King of the [LANG]. We are hoping to visit all ten of his villages and if [LANG] is not one of those villages also go there. We also hope to squeeze in a flight out to the [LANG]. That will give us contact with three of the most unreached people groups in that area. Pray that, as in Acts, signs and wonders will accompany these contacts.”

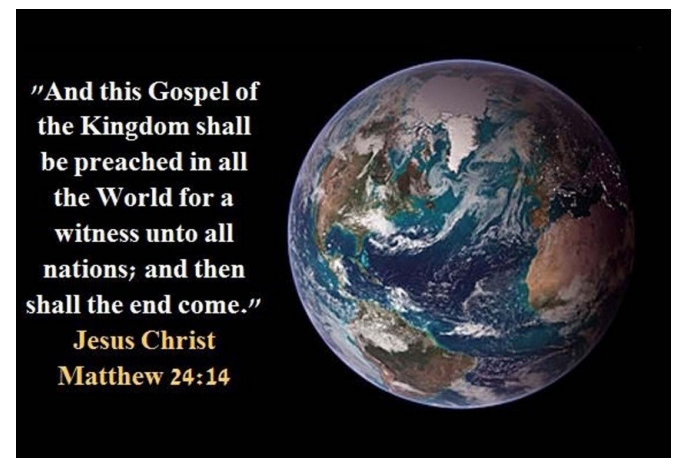


From another difficult country we hear, “Folks have been doing the Open Bible Stories in [LANG]. They have 20 stories done, which are posted in a secure site.” (We will try to link this sit to 5fish in the near future.) The wonderful news is that in another dialect of this same [LANG], “Its New Testament will soon be dedicated in the capital city. When I was there last month, a truck arrived and we unloaded 15,000 copies. During June the [LANG] team recorded the New Testament in [another city]. It is currently undergoing the ‘publishing’ process; however, I am certain they will have it up and accessible online by the time of the dedication. Feel free to link it to GRN.”

One of the Amazon languages on our list has a YWAM couple working on Oral Bible Translation. They report another ministry being interested in recordings for several Amazon basin languages. And another ministry, while not working in the specific [LANG] on our list, says, “Indigenous missionaries within the MTO (Three Waves Movement) of Colombia are currently focused on the C, M, J, J, and M languages, all of which are currently unreached” (by their assessment).

The Muslim world has always been a difficult place to work. But we have contacts in a recently newsworthy country. Christians there are working with another ministry to make recordings. Another [LANG] on our list is now having a translation done and “can be taken off the list,” for which we praise the Lord! And, for your prayers, another contact, in response to our inquiry about the [LANG] on our list, says, “Good timing. I’m asking you (and anyone who’s praying with you) to redouble your prayer intercession for relationship breakthroughs and spiritual breakthroughs for [LANG] in the months ahead--specifically all through the year 2025. It’s all very sensitive, but I am seriously hopeful that 2025 is the year that long-term redemptive relationships will become established for the [LANG]. Let’s pray and believe together, that no matter how tough, this is the year that we see long-term sustained breakthrough for them.”

In conclusion, in a number of areas around the world, things are happening among these “Frontier” languages and dialects. We believe your prayers have made a big difference. God is not asleep. He is moving among different individuals and organizations to perform His will for these long-ignored people groups. Keep praying!



FIELD REPORT

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

Spiritual Warfare in the Amazon—and “Much Fruit”

By Michael D

My father had me, age 10, cranking a hand-wind player outside our Yanomamö clinic in the Amazon, but for decades I had not thought much about those messages of foundational truths in the native languages that Gospel Recordings had sent people to record in the 50's and 60's. My own parents, along with other older missionaries who have since passed to Glory, would have said those recordings were a waste of time. No one listened back then as I played those records. No one cared.

But when I started, decades later, to use Torch players in village outreach, my brother suggested loading them with those old recordings. I tracked down Larry DeVilbiss and learned of 5fish. It would take too long to tell the entire story of how we got those recordings out to villages—despite the tribal practices of destroying ANYthing to do with the dead, like the voices on the recordings. You can find it at: <https://www.globalrecordingsusa.org/stories-plentiful-harvest-in-amazon/>

I have only space here to conclude: NOW is the time for which the Lord had those recordings made. People all up and down the Padamo, Orinoco, Ocamo, and Mavaca rivers are begging for their own Torch player and people are accepting the message of God's love like we have never seen before with the Yanomamö. It is amazing. I hear story after story about someone recognizing his or her own need for a Savior after hearing these recordings, including witchdoctors who had been very anti-Gospel and had made no secret of their hatred of anything to do with Jesus.

More than ever I am so convinced that nothing done for Christ is ever a waste of time. God's Word says, God is not willing that any should perish...and that HIS Word will never return void. So it has been our privilege to watch the Lord use these old recordings, produced with so much sacrifice, to finally bear much fruit.

If you would like to see more about the shamanism these people are enslaved to, and that Jesus frees them from, please watch my video, “Spiritual Warfare in the Amazon Jungle” at <https://rockintl.org/spiritual-warfare-in-the-amazon-jungle/>

WATCH



To Nepal's Hill Tribes and Castoffs

By Sunny S*



The Musahar and Chepang tribes of Nepal are among the most marginalized and underserved in the country. They have little access to mainstream religious and social networks. Sharing the Gospel can provide them with a sense of hope, community, and belonging. [*an alias]

The Musahar, traditionally known as rat-catchers, are considered one of the lowest castes. They face extreme poverty, illiteracy, and social exclusion. Audio formats are crucial for reaching those who cannot read. Audio formats can be accessed by anyone, regardless of literacy level.

Similarly, The Chepang people are an indigenous ethnic group primarily residing in the rugged hills of central Nepal. Traditionally, the Chepang have been semi-nomadic, practicing a form of subsistence agriculture known as slash-and-burn or shifting cultivation. They have also relied on hunting, gathering, and fishing to sustain their livelihoods. The Chepang are marginalized and isolated due to their remote living conditions and distinct cultural practices. The Chepang language has no written script, which further complicates their access to education and information.



Global Recordings Network Nepal has diligently recorded the Gospel message in the native languages of the Musahar and Chepang tribes. However, the lack of effective distribution media has hindered the widespread dissemination of these recordings. The Kulumi portable audio media player offers a practical solution to this challenge, enabling us to reach these isolated communities with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

GRN Nepal is currently buying 500 of these players for distribution among the Musahar and Chepang tribes.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Another New Member

Last time we remembered our faithful Ralph Loper in this space. In this edition I'd like to introduce you to our new CFO, Stephen McClintock.

We're grateful to report that we had two excellent applicants for the Finance Department's controller position. It wasn't easy choosing between them—what a wonderful challenge to have! We began the interview process by focusing on heart and faith. Both Stephen and the other candidate are strong believers with solid histories of serving in their churches and communities.

In the end, we asked Stephen to consider taking on the controller role, and we're excited that he's accepted.

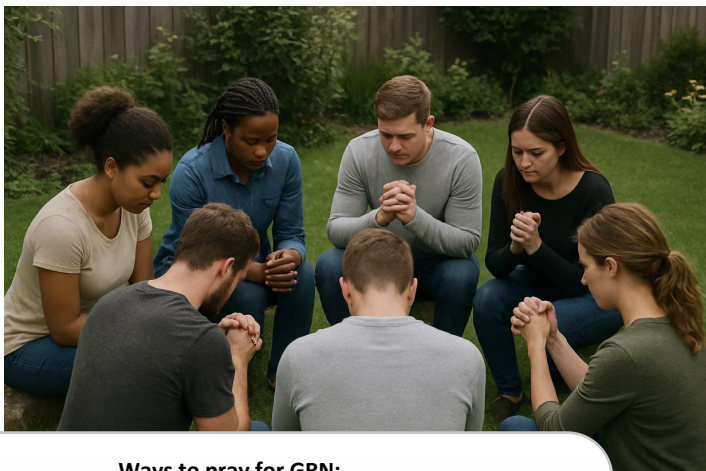
He began on Tuesday, August 5. He has over 20 years of leadership experience and five years of hands-on accounting oversight as a bookkeeper and treasurer for a Christian non-profit. He has a deep background in wealth management, including portfolio oversight, compliance, and client advising. He has a proven ability to translate complex financial data into clear, actionable insights for leadership teams, stewarding resources with integrity and purpose. Stephen has been married to Nicole for four years, volunteers with the Gideons in Tucson, and has been the main finance person for his church for 5 years.

Stephen has a very missional heart and has been praying for an opportunity to use his MBA in a ministry setting. He writes: "I try my best to walk humbly, with confidence in the Lord to provide. My heart is for people and that is what GRN is all about—touching people's lives. My marketable skills might be in finance, sales, and leadership, but being God's hands and feet here on earth is what life is all about to me. Doing His work means washing feet or making financial reports as needed. I'm not looking for a huge salary, accolades, or prestige. What matters to me are the people around me, and doing the best for them. My aspirations are family and service. From what I have seen in my short time visiting GRN, those seem to be shared values."

Join me in wishing Stephen well as he joins our staff here in Catalina!



Bryan Wilson
Executive Director



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Global Recordings is filling an important niche, and it's a large niche. There are more than 100,000,000 speakers of 1274 languages that only have GRN resources. Of these languages, 704 are primarily located in the 10/40 Window. Bill Morrison, Joshua Project