

# ALERT

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**MOBILIZING God's People for God's Global Purpose**



**Perspectives**  
on the World Christian Movement™

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# WOULD YOU LIKE...MORE?



Christians know that “this is not my home,” that we are destined for a higher existence. But admit it. Most of our time is spent thinking about this world. Rom. 8:1 applies—thank the Lord! But would you like... MORE?

As a World Christian, you live in the “MORE.” You know that while there are many “unsaved in our Western counties, there are millions of UNREACHED in other countries, with NO access to radio, TV, literature, or people that could tell them of the Good News. Your tears flow at the thought of those millions dying without ever hearing the name of Jesus.

As a World Christian, you may begin living globally whether or not you ever leave your home. You can start to pay attention to international news, travelers’ stories, and missionary biographies. You can’t stay away from the Joshua Project’s interactive Light the Nations Prayer Map (see lower half of p. 11). You might practice rock-climbing, live frugally, learn a language, or do without things your culture calls necessities ... all to be ready for hearing a Voice call your name (see Isa. 6:8, Ez. 1:3, Acts 16:9, 2 Tim. 1:9, Gal. 1:1).

The call may be to anywhere, including to our own home place. As World Christians we see even our own culture, or city, or home, with different eyes. Yet, somehow, those “unreached” ... Whatever the call, we look to see how God is at work in that particular place on earth, and pray for a heart that will respond in obedience.

If any of this stirs your heart, check out this *Alert* for more on becoming a World Christian. If the Lord speaks to you, contact us or use the return card (p. 15) to let us know that you would like more info or a phone call from us. You can also pass this *Alert* on to someone you think might be interested!

GRN produces and distributes audio recordings of Bible messages in over 6,700 languages.

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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

## Becoming a World Christian: the Example of Paul

Paul’s missionary methods in Acts and the work of Global Recordings Network share a common foundation: responding to God’s heart for all nations.

In Acts, Paul consistently looked beyond his immediate community, traveling across cultural and geographic boundaries to proclaim the Gospel. [Acts 13:2–3](#) says that the Holy Spirit set apart and sent Paul and Barnabas, showing that mission begins with discerning what God is already doing. In [Acts 16:9–10](#), Paul responded to the Macedonian vision, again asking, in effect, “What is God doing in the world?” and joining that movement with obedience. Similarly, GRN seeks to discern where God is moving globally, especially among un-reached people groups.

Paul modeled adaptability ([Acts 17:22–23](#)) when he engaged Athenian culture



by referencing their altar “to an unknown god.” In the same spirit, GRN creates audio recordings in thousands of heart languages in order to communicate the Gospel in culturally meaningful ways.

Paul also reflected on what God was

doing in his own heart. His calling led to action despite hardship, as seen in Acts [20:22–24](#), where Paul remained committed to his mission even in the face of suffering. This inward response mirrored the challenge for believers today: how does God’s heart for the nations move us personally? If you want to know more about God’s heart for the nations, consider attending a “Perspectives Course.” (See pp. 4-5 and use the [card on p. 15](#) if you wish.)

Knowing God’s heart is essential to becoming a World Christian. Both Paul and GRN show that mission begins with an awareness of God’s global purpose and leads to faithful, creative action.

Bryan Wilson  
Executive Director



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**FOR** God's Global Purpose

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The **World Christian Movement** is a global endeavor focused on advancing God's purposes in missions to reach all nations and peoples. It emphasizes the church's role in global evangelism, transforming believers from self- or culture-centeredness to a life of service in the Great Commission.

### Key Aspects of the World Christian Movement:

**Global Mission Focus:** It emphasizes that Christianity is not solely a Western religious system but a global spiritual movement, growing significantly in non-Western areas, prayerfully expecting to have over 3 billion adherents by 2050.

**History:** The historical study of this movement covers the expansion of Christianity through cultural interactions and missions throughout Asia, Africa, and the Near East.

**Core Purpose:** The goal is to reach not just the unsaved here, but the truly unreached all around the world, ensuring that all people groups have the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ available to them.

**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement:** A prominent 15-week educational course (and book) that teaches the global purpose of God across *biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic* perspectives (see directly opposite). The course is offered in person (also online) and can be taken at 3 levels, each with different requirements, including an option for college credit. Each of 15 lessons contains about 2 hours of lecture from a unique instructor. Students complete weekly readings and reflect on the content based on their enrollment level. **You may attend the first class at no cost to get a taste of the content and register after you've experienced this unique opportunity.**

# MOBILIZING GOD'S PEOPLE

LIFE-CHANGING

EVERYONE WELCOME

We are thrilled to announce that the **Perspectives Course** will be held at our GRN Auditorium in Catalina, a northern suburb of Tucson, one evening per week from August to November. Space is limited; sign up early! Watch God grow your life from the inside out as you become more of a **World Christian**.

**15 WEEKS**

**15 GUEST INSTRUCTORS**

**1 PURPOSE:**

**Equipping the Church  
to Participate in God's  
Global Purpose**

Tues, Aug 11—Tues, Nov 17, 2026  
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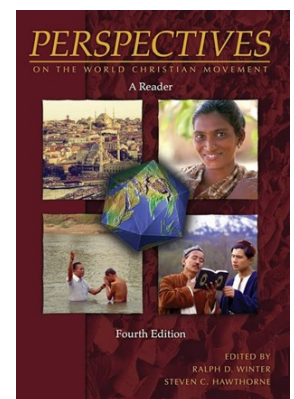
### Perspectives Course Highlights:

**Biblical Study:** Focuses on God's desire to be glorified among all nations.

**Historical Development:** Examines how the church has expanded from its early days.

**Cultural Understanding:** Highlights the need for cross-cultural communication of the Gospel.

**Strategic Action:** Discusses modern methods for reaching the world's remaining unreached people groups. The movement aims to help believers participate in a "global purpose" that transcends cultural boundaries.



# USING GOSPEL RECORDINGS



## TANZANIA

### First Bible Stories for the Matambwe

The Matambwe are a sub-group of the large Makonde people group. They live in SE Tanzania, with some near a river bordering Mozambique. On the surface they practice Islam but really they are animistic, practicing their traditional religion which centers on venerating their ancestors.

The very first Scripture stories have now

been translated orally by Wycliffe South Africa, and are now available in Matambwe. GRN South Africa has now published these recordings on 5fish.

Listen to the **Matambwe Oral Scripture Story Set** at <https://5fi.sh/A68497>

*from GRN South Africa Center Leader Dalene*

### An Exciting Initiative—Listening Groups

The ministry team of our partners at Audio Outreach recently came to Cambodia to train two groups of leaders how to approach a village to start a Bible listening group. The core audio resource used in these newly-formed listening groups is the Good News program by Global Recordings Network. What a wonderful blessing to hear stories about non-believers coming to faith as they hear the Gospel in their heart language and come to know and follow Jesus! Check out our Good News program at:

<https://globalrecordings.net/en/goodnews>

or to view the script and 40 pictures:

<https://globalrecordings.net/en/program/64560>



## CAMBODIA

## VENEZUELA

### Dying Woman Leaves Her Voice Behind

God continues to grant us glimpses of what HE is doing in the lives of the believers here. We visited the death bed of a dear long-time friend. I left there extremely encouraged after seeing Margarita's unwavering faith in the Lord. Though so fragile, she was radiant in her eagerness to get to heaven and meet her Savior face to face.

Before we left, she asked if we could come back and record her testimony.

"I know I am going on before you all. Some of my family are saved but others are not. I hope by leaving my testimony behind, I can encourage family members and challenge those who are unsaved so one day they will come to be where I am going. While I was still a very little girl, our missionaries put their voices in song along with my relative who spoke. This is what I want to do—to talk, then sing so people can hear about my Savior. We stopped listening to those words years ago, but now those recordings are once again alive. They encourage me as I lay here sick. So please come back and record my testimony and my song."

Of course we returned. Her voice was so fragile I was afraid that she would be unable to talk for long, much less be able to sing. There were long stretches where she had to pause to catch her breath. But as she talked, her voice strengthened and her joy and faith in her Lord shone forth. And yes, she was even able to sing her songs. As we were packing up to leave, she asked if I thought her words were going to be good enough. I assured her that her words would bless her people long after she was gone. She smiled.

Folks, we serve an awesome God.

*from Michael D, Missionary to the Amazon*



## CENTRAL ASIA

### A Church Grows

"A few years ago our new pastor began gathering a group every Sunday and sharing GRN's recordings with them. His 10-year-old daughter would turn the mp3 Saber's handle, he would hold the flip charts, and his wife pointed to details of pictures as the recordings were played. Now our church has grown to over 400 people. Praise God."



# FIELD FOCUS

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

## Outreach Report to the Gbagyi Communities

NIGERIA

What began as a vision gradually unfolded into a meaningful out-reach as the leadership of ECWA Rantya Jos Local Church, in partnership with



Gospel Recordings Ministry (GRN), identified the importance of outreach to unreached Gbagyi people in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State.

The focus communities of Papo and Nasarawa Gebu are predominantly rooted in African Traditional Religion, with a growing but not yet dominant Islamic influence. Despite this presence, many of the people have not fully embraced Islam, leaving a significant opportunity for Gospel engagement. Like many rural communities in Nigeria, the people face challenges of multi-dimensional poverty, low literacy levels, and moral struggles.

One of the major barriers encountered was communication. The low literacy level and limited understanding of commonly used trade languages made it difficult to effectively share the Gospel through conventional means. However, this challenge was overcome through the use of GRN materials in the Gbagyi language. These audio and visual tools became a vital bridge, presenting the message of hope in a clear, relatable, and culturally appropriate way. The response from the communities was encouraging, as many listened with deep interest and understanding.

### Highlights of the Outreach

- Missionaries from ECWA churches in surrounding communities actively participated in the outreach. Together we were organized into groups and carried out house-to-house evangelism, relying largely on GRN materials to communicate effectively.



- A total of 10 new converts were recorded during the outreach. In addition, several individuals expressed genuine interest in the Christian faith and are currently being followed up for further discipleship.

- Two evangelistic film shows by the GRN Team were held on two consecutive nights, featuring “Walking with Jesus” and the “Jesus Film” in the Gbagyi language. Attendance was remarkable, with large crowds gathering each evening, demonstrating the community’s openness and curiosity toward the messages.

- A new church, ECWA Papo, was successfully planted as a direct outcome of the outreach. The inaugural service was held on Sunday, 29 March, 2026, marking a significant milestone in establishing a Christian presence in the

community.

To ensure continuity and spiritual growth, the parent church made arrangements for a trained evangelical missionary to serve as the resident pastor of the new church.



### Challenges and Testimonies

The outreach was not without its challenges. Issues related to security concerns, transportation, and logistics posed significant difficulties. However, despite these obstacles, the team experienced God’s provision and guidance throughout the entire process.

### Conclusion

This outreach has laid a strong foundation for lasting impact in the Papo and Nasarawa Gebu communities. With continued follow-up, discipleship, and support for the newly planted church, there is great potential for sustained spiritual growth and transformation. We remain confident that the seeds sown during this outreach will yield lasting fruit, bringing glory to God and expanding His Kingdom among the Gbagyi people.

# A GREAT BIG WORLD OUT THERE

If God is moving in your heart, maybe GRN has an opportunity for you to explore that world. Whether you are a student looking for a summer assignment, a recent grad, or an adult of any age looking for meaningful work in God's kingdom, there are many ways to use your skills globally.

[Rhonda](#) continues to make contact with some of the dozens of young people who expressed interest in GRN at Urbana. She has worked tirelessly to fine-tune projects and plans for interested young adults who would like to explore what He may have for them in world missions.

## Opportunity to Partner

Urbana has put us in contact with several next-gen mission-minded professionals – many with much needed technical skills. We are especially excited at the opportunity to welcome our first AI/computer science missionary, Joshua Z. He is a recent grad of Colby University who has been involved in Inter-Varsity student ministry on his campus, loves music and leading worship. Joshua will be serving with GRN for the summer at our Australia center. This will promote the sharing of our digital resources, updating our apps and recordings, and growing digital evangelism. If you'd like to sow into this entrepreneurial missional assignment and have the opportunity to support Joshua, you may give towards this tech project at <https://bit.ly/4ti7Tlb> or by sending your gift to our office with a note "for Joshua Z".



There are still international opportunities being offered, with on-going options for going on outreaches going into Mexico:

## 2026 Short-Term Trips

PHILIPPINES – Engage in street evangelism and learn from our staff about children's ministries, and more. **(December 2026)**

Unnamed ASIAN country – For those with a special interest in deaf ministry to be able to work with a team right there. **[THIS ONE IS FULL]**

ARIZONA /MEXICO outreach teams go among indigenous people at large agricultural camps, sharing the Gospel in Spanish and indigenous languages. **(Autumn and winter opportunities also)**

**Even more crucial than your skills is a heart thirsty for God and a passionate desire to share the Lord Jesus Christ with the world.**

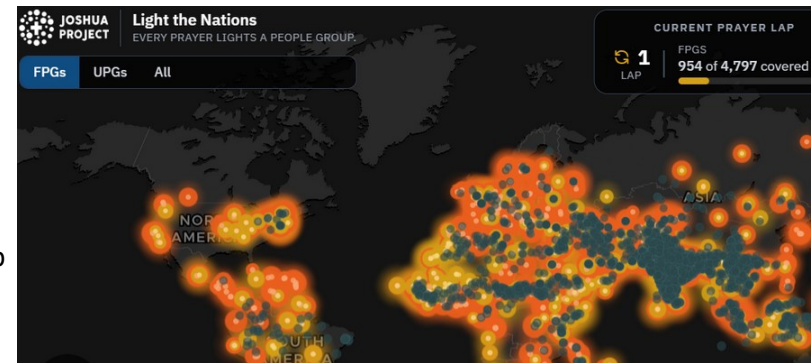
If this summer is not possible for you, stay in touch! The Lord is enlarging our property, and we have a vision of using these facilities to train people of all ages. We need Maintenance/Construction Workers, Audio Engineers, Writers, Graphic Designers, Digital Content Creators, Videographers, Finance, ...more!

- **Develop your talents** to further the vision of people in EVERY language being able to understand God's Good News.
- Join us as a **short-termer**. Rub shoulders with mature missionaries, serve under mission leaders with a world perspective, have some fun!
- If you're passionate about following God wherever He leads, help us plan new programs to **involve local churches** (perhaps your own?) in sharing the Gospel with students or immigrants.
- Spend a semester with us in AZ (August-November). Do practical work and help support GRN's global mission. Attend a **PERSPECTIVES CLASS** each week (may be taken for college credit) to **nurture your own growth towards being a World Christian**. [[Contact us](#) or use [card on p. 15.](#)]
- Pray about whom you might invite into your journey and mission, building a network of prayer and encouragement to support your time in ministry!

Committed to your present location? You can make a difference ANYwhere.

- Joshua Project and MissioNexus have built something wonderful called the **Light the Nations Prayer Map**, a live, interactive map of the world's unreached peoples (see [prayermap.joshuaproject.net/](http://prayermap.joshuaproject.net/)) As believers

around the globe pray, each people group lights up on the map. You can



see where prayer is rising and where the dark places remain. You can choose a people group, learn their story, and pray for them by name.

- Learn to share the Good News of Jesus with the third of the world that still has no access at all to the Gospel. See **"BOOST"** on pp. 12-13.
- Adopt a people group! See <https://www.imb.org/pray/adopt-a-uupg/>
- Use the attached card to contact us for a number of possible adventures. We can even help you connect with some other ministry in your area.

# GIVING THE GOSPEL A BOOST



We are excited about a productive pathway for sharing recorded Gospel messages with hard-to-reach groups. Mailing records, cassettes, or CDs around the world has given way to recorded Gospel messages all being able to be digitally accessed on the internet. Anyone with cell phone or computer, anywhere in the world, can access recordings in their own language... IF they

know about them. BUT how will they know these materials exist?

That is where social media platforms, used all over the world, can be our friend... and if God so leads, YOU can assist us in this exciting outreach!

There are 6,700+ languages on GRN's 5fish app and website. On Facebook, we can "boost" a post containing a link to a certain language's recordings that will reach a specific language group in the specific location where that language is spoken. The majority of these boosted posts are focused on the least-reached people groups around the world, with many of these groups having no written Scriptures!

Typically a *boost* is run for about 7 days. Our goal is for people to be given access to the Gospel who might otherwise never hear it. Results of these social media posts have been amazing. Facebook *boost* results for 2025:

- **Reach Total:** 5,057,757, the area with the highest number coming from the Middle East.
- **Link Clicks to <https://5fish.org>** totaled 145,585. The country with the highest number of clicks was Afghanistan.
- **Post Shares:** 957, the highest number coming from the Middle East.
- **Watching 100% of a GRN language Video:** 233,042. The highest number was in Spanish from Venezuela.

These are astounding numbers of people currently hearing and/or seeing GRN recordings. Praise the Lord for seeds of the Gospel planted in **many** unreached language groups just this year!

And our prayer is that this will encourage new believers who will start to live out their faith and become bolder in sharing the Truth with others.



## FOUR specific ways to get involved:

1. Become a digital responder, assisting us by responding to comments in Hindi, Indonesian, Arabic, French, Chinese, and other languages.
2. **Pray** that these *boosts* will reach open hearts as people all over HEAR the Gospel in their heart language.
3. Fund a *boost*. We spend an average of \$25 for each language boost. Would you consider sponsoring one, five, or ten languages? **If so, please indicate "Social Media Outreach" on a note with your gift** when you send it in.
4. Donate time. As well as graphic artists to make boosts appealing, we pray for an army to help us *boost* these links out to the world. Will you consider this exciting way to serve the Lord from home? [Contact us](#) if you are interested in learning more about this out-reach. (You can use the [card, p.15.](#))
5. Do you and/or your church seek to bring the Gospel to an unreached people group? **Send us the name of the group** and (using social media) we will create a GRN audio/visual post in their heart language!

### A few actual responses:

- I am Kikuyu and can understand everything.
- I'm Kamba from Kenya. Is amazing, I understand 100% what they say.
- Excellent video! I'm a new subscriber. I hope you produce more videos of this wonderful language.

We conclude with a couple of stories of how God has used these efforts:

Eduardo works with a South American team share the Gospel in a refugee camp with a very unreached language group. They made audio recordings and were about to train some new believers that lived inside the camp to share them. But camp officials began to restrict access to the camp, and then covid-19 hit. The whole team felt defeated. Then they remembered a recent picture of a co-worker with a phone standing inside a camp and **sharing the Gospel from the 5fish app to phones in the group**. So the Lord led them to post a GRN **video** in that language. Later, results from that post going into the refugee camp showed: 60 people saw/heard 75-100% of the Gospel story, and 1,400 people clicked on the link for the [www.5fish.org](http://www.5fish.org) app to **hear additional audio recordings in that language!**

"Wow! I can't believe such wonderful recordings are to be found on this amazing website. My village is located in the middle of the PNG jungle, so remote that those from both government organizations and NGOs are not able to reach it. You went beyond. Thank you, GRN, very much for this."

May the seeds of the Gospel sown in this way grow into a harvest of souls from areas where very few yet know about God's love and plan for salvation.

from the Advancement Team

# WHAT MOTIVATES A WORLD CHRISTIAN?



Rooted in God's heart is His desire for all nations to know Him and to proclaim His glory.

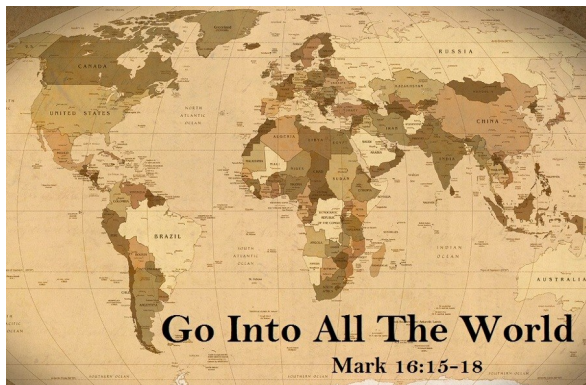
Throughout the Bible, the task of world evangelism is driven by God's desire to bless all nations through Abraham, the redemption mandate of Jesus Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to witness to the ends of the earth.

## Key Biblical Themes for Missions:

- **The Missionary God (Genesis to Revelation)** tell a cohesive story of a God who actively pursues all peoples as He owns all things (Ps. 82:8, Hag. 2:8).
- **The Creation Mandate (Genesis 1:28, 9:1,7):** God instructed humanity to fill and rule the earth, which implies spreading His glory everywhere.
- **The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3):** God chose to bless Abraham's descendants so that "all peoples on earth" would be blessed, creating a foundation for international mission
- **The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):** Jesus explicitly commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them.
- **The Power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8):** Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to empower believers to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- **A "Whosoever Will" Salvation (Revelation 21-22):** The Gospel offers salvation to all people and promises a redeemed gathering of every tribe, tongue, and nation in heaven.

## Key Aspects of the Mission Mandate:

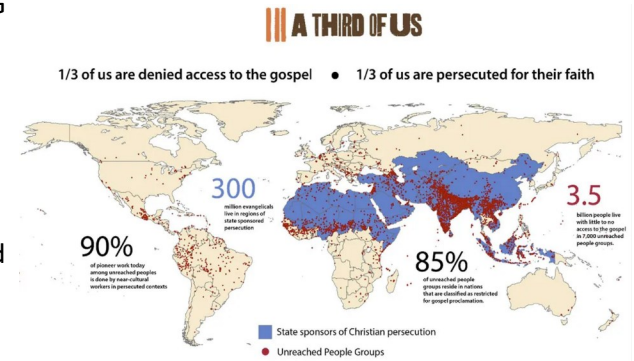
- **Universal Offer:** God desires all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of truth (1 Timothy 2:4).
- **Proclamation Task:** The Gospel must be proclaimed to all ethnic groups before the end of the age (Matt. 24:14).
- **Exile and Dispersion:** God often used scattering and exile (e.g. in Daniel and Esther) to bring His message to foreign lands.



# PARTNERS IN THE TASK

In seeking to fulfill the Great Commission ([Mt. 28:19-20](#)), more ministries are reaching out to the [one third of the world's population that has been denied access to the Gospel](#). Partner organizations are providing useful and up-to-date tools taking on this task. See [prayermap.JoshuaProject.net/](#) and [People Groups.org](#). Our own [GRNMapApp.org](#) helps identify needy languages.

But the task is huge. UUPG ([unengagedpeoples.com/](#)) estimates that only 1% of dollars and 3% of workers go to Unengaged People Groups. All these partner ministries need more people, more support, and more prayer. Every one of us as believers can do one or more of those things. How about you?



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Perspectives Class at GRN in Tucson starting in August.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteer online projects I can do from home.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to create social media posts for languages worldwide.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in an international trip or a semester with GRN

\_\_\_\_\_ Add my name to receive the weekly Echo (emailed).

\_\_\_\_\_ Pray with me about where the Lord would have me serve Him.

\_\_\_\_\_ Call me as I have questions about how I might fit into full or part  
time service with GRN.

