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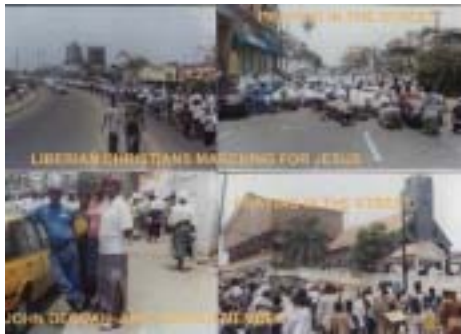
**FAITH COMES BY HEARING**



**TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE**



Language Recordings UK is part of a world-wide Organisation called **Global Recordings Network** that provides culturally relevant evangelism messages on cassettes & CD's. This means that non-literate peoples of the world can hear of the life changing message of Jesus Christ, in their own heart language.



GRN Liberia does a lot of village distribution with our materials. Pray for John Deguah and staff as they travel and do door to door evangelism. Many souls have been touched resulting in many coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Funding for materials is needed for further distribution work. Pray for this to be available.

GRN Ghana hosted the much needed African upgrading of equipment programme. Staff from GRN Australia spent many weeks doing this very important upgrade. Praise the Lord for getting them over a few hurdles along the way. African recordist need your prayers as they travel quite a lot to do recoding and distribution work.



GRN Kenya Team. Pray for Winston Omenya (back right) As he leads the work forward in Kenya. Recording and distribution are a large part of the work as they reach out to many who need to hear the Good News. As they trust the Lord to provide the needs for the work and their families, pray that funding will be available when needed.



David and Jenny Mc Kechnie continue to serve the Lord in many different ways in Chiang Mai. Callum and Erin are still enjoying their school. They have quite a busy time now that they are getting older and being involved with various club activities in the community. Jenny is still working in Kiddy Bear as seen here & also helps out at the Radio station. Jenny also helps with the music in their local church as well as being a busy housewife.

David has been recording in the KAYAN language and during March, will be recording in Mongolia for nearly three weeks. Pray for safety for him and the people who are travelling with him. It is good to see how the Lord is using the Team in Thailand to give the people the Good News in their own mother tongue language / dialect.



The Radio work that David does in the evening is becoming very popular to the Thai people. It brings them in touch with the local community and opens up many good conversations. Opportunities to share about the work of GRN Thailand arise, so this is good for the work too. Helping hand radio program has been extended to six hours from one and a half. PTL.





GRN Mexico leaders David and Gerry Guterrez have had a very busy time recently with the work of the Culiacan Project. This project reaches out to thousands of migrant farm workers every year at this time. The distribution of cassettes plays a large part of this project. Teams from the USA, and national Christians took part in this event.

Thousands heard the Gospel resulting in many making decisions to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for the people as they travel back to their homes, that their lives will be changed and for them to find a local church who will disciple them. David and Gerry also give oversight to the work in Brazil, Peru, and Bolivia. Pray for all that is needed for the work spiritually and financially to be provided.



GRN Burkina Faso continues to have a very busy time with distribution work. Jacques Nignan has covered a lot of territory during the past year visiting 60 villages and seeing 10 new churches being started. This was with the help of Every Home for Christ, showing the need of partnerships that leads to better results. Teams working together are very effective indeed and shows that there is no competition with other agencies, it is the Lord's work and it pleases Him when we work in unity. We and our UK supporters have been able help with supplying the materials for a lot of the distribution that has taken place

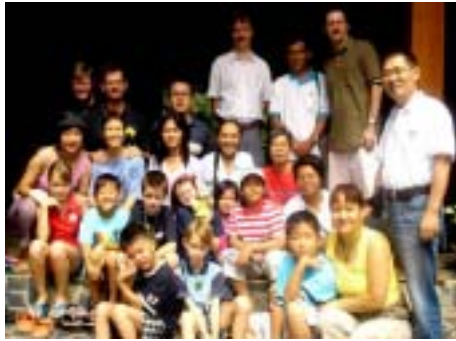
during the past year. Let us continue to do so and encourage them in their task.



GRN Nigeria reported that response to a recent distribution trip was very encouraging. People were asking for more cassettes and picture books in the Good News. Kish Hai Bai is the Director of this Centre and is in need of people to support the work in this troubled country. Pray for the staff, as they look to the Lord for provision for their families. It is only with your help that we can assist them with the materials they need for evangelism, and able to help

them with some support from time to time. Although they are very distant from us, let us remember them before the throne of grace. Our God is a mighty God.

*Please ask the lord to show YOU how you can be more effective in supporting the staff of our world-wide Centres and Bases. Please phone Irene or Jim if you know the Lord wants you to help in bringing the Good News and much joy to those who need to hear it in their own language / dialect ...THANK YOU.*



The work in Chiang Mai Thailand is developing very well and we give thanks to the Lord for the piece of land purchased for the new Sounds of Language Foundation to build on in the near future. Please Pray for the funding to be made available when it is needed. Pray for Jon Rulison as he leads this team in Chiang Mai and for the wisdom he needs to move this work forward. As you can see from the photo, the increase of people coming into the

work has been encouraging.

It has been good to see the reaction from people as we give cassettes and picture books in the Good News to them. What a way for people to hear about Jesus. The Gospel in a way they



understand. It is seeing the faces change as they listen to the cassette and look at the pictures that makes it all worth while. Let us pray, as people listen to the message they will be challenged and come to repentance. We trust that they will hear the voice of the Master calling them to follow Him. Faithful is He who calls us. He will do it.



Visitors to the work in Thailand are always welcome (mother -in- laws too) and they do get to participate whenever possible. This group from Marlow Christian Fellowship (UK) enjoyed visiting schools, a hospital and participated in one of our distribution of materials projects. It is good when home churches support their missionaries in a way that unites them and the work together.

*Missionaries do need you.*



## NORTHERN IRELAND

We praise the Lord for the vast improvement in Kenny's health. Kenny and Joan have just come from a recording trip to Bosnia. Everything went very well, recording, travelling, and health.

Kenny writes; We set off from Dublin via Budapest in Hungary and had very good flights.

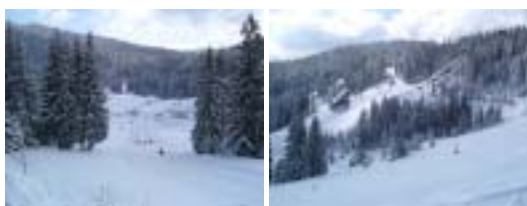
We arrived in Sarajevo and were met by Todd Golden who organised the translation. The next morning we started doing the recordings at their office and the language helpers were excellent as they had read the scripts many times. They are so excited about getting cassettes for distribution among, taxi drivers, the blind and other groups of people. We made a total of 5 recordings in Bosnian and one in Macedonian, when Goran and his family drove up to meet with us. We recorded the LLL.5 with him and this meant that the whole of the LLL.1-8 is now complete.



On the Saturday about a foot of snow fell and turned the place into a winter wonderland and up the mountain, it was a lot deeper. The 1984 Olympics were held in Sarajevo and we got to see the ski runs and various ice rinks. Bosnia has a population of four and a half million people made up of Muslims, Serbians, and Croatians. The Muslims are about 50%, Serbs 38% and the Croatians 12%. There are only about 350 born again believers in the whole country, so there is a great need for our materials in this war torn place. The trip was exciting and very worth while. Thanks to Todd and his group there in Sarajevo.

Pray for Kenny as he edits the recordings and gets them ready for distribution.

Pray for Todd and his team that they may see lasting fruit from this project.





Kenny and Joan have been helping out with the Exhibition work in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Pray for them as they make contacts with various groups about our resources and that we can equip them with the tools they need for evangelism. The interest at the stand has been very good and gives us opportunities to share about the work of GRN.

Desi and Rosemary Wright continue to promote our materials to many people whenever the occasion arises. Just recently Rosemary heard that a woman who received the Good News in Cantonese gave her life to the Lord. More cassettes were sent for her to give to some friends. Pray for this lady to grow in the Lord.



Desi has had trips to various counties and always promotes our work and materials wherever he goes. He has had a few enquiries about our materials and we have been able to supply his contacts with the materials they needed. It is a great idea, that whenever people travel to another language group that they take something with them in the heart language of the people. Pray for Desi & Rosemary.

### ***TO EVERY TONGUE AND NATION***



### ***TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN EVERY LANGUAGE***

## ***MACEDONIA***



We welcome Goran Dojcinovski and his family into the family of GRN UK. They are (back row) Vasilka, baby Estira and Goran (front row from left) Rahela, Kornelija and Debora in front of dad. Ever since Goran and Kenny first met, things began to happen, leading to Goran apply to join the staff of Language Recordings UK.

The UK Board were delighted to accept Goran onto the staff and to have him set up an Agency in Skopje in Macedonia. Goran will promote the work of the mission in the Balkan region and also be involved with the work already established

in Europe. This is an exciting step of faith for GRN UK. We are trusting the Lord to develop this work and to provide the extra funding for housing, equipment and travel costs that are needed to make this new Agency successful. Pray for Goran and his family to have all their needs supplied as they begin this new adventure serving the Lord in Macedonia.



Goran represented GRN UK at an Exhibition of Charities, Non Government and Religious Organizations in December. How it came about was a miracle. The UK had sent a large quantity of materials to Goran, but they were held up in the customs for several months and he could not get them cleared.

Goran felt disappointed that he could not get them out to give to the people in the house churches he had founded. Goran says "Our experience proved God is in control all the time. Cassettes and all the other material were released just in time for this Exhibition. Glory to God."



## ***EUROPE***

GRN has Centres in Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland and Agencies in France and Macedonia. The Ishmael Project has an office in Spain.

We believe the Lord is beginning to answer the prayers of His people and has raised up people with a heart for missions. GRN Switzerland have recently applied to establish an Agency in France. Pierre Andre & his wife Nicole met with a few people who are willing to work and promote the work of AVF-GRN. **(Pierre & Nicole on the right)**



Gerhard and Elisabeth Koester lead the work of GRN Germany. The team in Germany are all volunteers and are very faithful to the work. We are praying for people who will come into the work and do promotion of the work at Churches and Bible colleges. Please pray for the Board Members and all who are involved, that they may be encouraged as they look to the Lord for His plans to be established in this part of Europe. The ETM (European Team Meeting) is normally held every year in Halver, where Gerhard & Elisabeth live.



GRN Netherlands Director Wil Bakx is looking to the Lord for new direction for the work. Many changes have taken place over the last couple of years and they have seen a large drop in cassette requirements. Pray For Wil and the Board to have wisdom from the Lord regarding important decisions that need to be made. Pray for his wife Marjo to be strengthened after her operation and that all things will work together for good.



The past year has been quite challenging with Jim and Kenny being in hospital and not being able to work for many months. The Lord certainly gave Irene, Peter and Anne the strength to carry the extra work load.

We praise the Lord that Jim and Kenny are now back in circulation and getting back to work again. We are beginning to get busy again with orders for our Good News presentation box still in demand. We have another thousand being done at the moment and hope to send them out in April.

Supplying this pack has been very encouraging indeed. I trust that you, our supporters will be encouraged to know that many people have come to faith in The Lord Jesus Christ through the distribution of the Good News. There are still many who need to hear the gospel, so please continue to support us in reaching the lost for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Jim and Irene were asked to take along materials to show the Candidates at W.E.C. It was a great encouragement to see the excitement of the students when we gave them the cassettes in their own language. Some requested more of the cassettes and picture books in languages they are going to study.

This student is going to work with a language group we have been trying to do recordings for, but no translators could be

found. We are praying that this will now happen and that the scripts given can be translated later this year.



Since we moved into the office next door and having an extra room, things have been a bit easier for us all. This is the new cassette duplicating room with all our master cassettes on display.

***Please pray with us for new members for the Board and also for people who would be willing to represent our work in their own areas. Thank You***

## ***COUNT IT ALL JOY*** EVEN WHEN YOU FIND IT HARD TO SING

***“Spring up, O well!”***

The children of Israel were famished and there was no water. They were advised to sing to obtain it. They did so and the water flowed. They took their staves and dug deep into the burning earth and as they dug they sang, ***“Spring up, O well, sing ye unto it.”*** And as *streams in the desert* says, “Lo there came a gurgling sound, a rush of water and a flowing stream.”

How did they reach the well? It was by praise. In East Africa we travelled for many weeks in the dry season, and everything was parched and arid. There were no evergreens to relieve the landscape and we often would see woman returning with their meagre supplies of water, carried in bottles on their heads, after a considerable walk to one of sparse water holes.

Then all of a sudden right in the middle of the desert we saw a tree - the leaves just fluttering in the breeze as though showing off its sparkling green dress. What a thing of beauty and Refreshment it was! There must be a secret - its roots had surely tapped a hidden spring.

And right today, no matter what your environment or circumstances are, no matter whom you live with or work with, you too can display the joyous dress of His sufficiency. Your situation may be just as dry and unyielding and fruitless as the desert. ***Sing ye to it and the water will flow!*** Praise your Saviour that His promise is true, and your stave of faith and rejoicing will touch the spot that will spring forth His blessing into your thirsty soul.

***“Thou waited for deliverance, O Soul, thou waited long, Believe that now deliverance doth wait for thee in song.”***

*Remember...*

**EVEN WHEN YOU FIND IT HARD TO SING ... COUNT IT ALL JOY!**

**JOY RIDDERHOF FOUNDER OF GOSPEL RECORDINGS INC.**

## **TIME TO STAND FIRM ON THE WORD OF GOD**

**“ If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” 1 Cor. 15:14.**



The resurrection of Jesus Christ is, as the Apostle Paul declared, the very foundation of our Christian faith. It was in an open sepulchre on a bright Easter morning that our Christianity was born. If there were no Easter, the plan of redemption would be incomplete. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the foundation of Christianity, it is also a concrete part that is important in God's plan for the redemption of the world.

It was through man's disobedience that sin and death came into the world, but God in His mercy did not leave man condemned by his own helpless, hopeless state. God prepared redemption. **“ God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** The resurrection is necessary to complete the divine plan of redemption.

Only a risen and living Saviour could conquer sin, death and the grave. Only a risen and living Saviour can quicken those who are dead in trespasses and sin and give them life...Eternal life. **Hallelujah! What a Saviour.**

Let us remember this, Jesus Christ IS the victor and not the victim as the old enemy would have us think. He HAS triumphed over sin and death, the last enemy and bringing his father a finished work—the complete plan of Salvation.

Not many days after the resurrection a **Christian church** was born. The exalted Christ gathered around him devoted believers who were prepared to lay down their lives in proof of their assurance. We read in Acts 2 “They were gathered together in the upper room,” fear drove them to fellowship and later they met openly and freely. It was a **United church**. What made them one? They had a common faith (not common fear) in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. They had a common character for they were Christ like in a semi-pagan world. They had a common purpose, the Lord had given them their mission and they lived only to do it. The church, you and I, can only be united at the feet of Jesus. Not by flesh, but by my Spirit says the Lord. It was now a **spirit filled church**. Oh, I think there were more than one Thomas in that group and I know I might have been one of them if I was there. What happened? The Spirit came upon them. Then they arose, from timidity to power, from fear to boldness, it was heaven born. They now had the unction that made them function... and it was from above them, not from under them. **Because He lives, we can face tomorrow.**

