



# ALERT

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## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US

Don't let language barriers hinder your ministry! Use our tools.



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by Colin S

Believing that all peoples should hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in their own language, GRN is totally committed to the task of recording evangelistic and culturally relevant messages in every language. We haven't recorded every language yet ... but we do have 6400+ ... thanks to God's great faithfulness and enabling.



Our heart's desire is to make these recordings available to missionaries, national believers, Christian workers – in fact anyone who has opportunities to share Christ with other cultures but is unable to do so because of language differences.

So don't let a language barrier hinder you! Take advantage of our materials. These tools have proven effective over the years in sharing the Gospel message with unreached tribal groups, refugees, and foreign students the world over ... because they speak God's truths in their own heart languages!

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# DIRECTOR'S DESK

Tools for the Body

One of the highlights of springtime this year was the privilege of meeting with the rest of GRN's International Leadership Team (ILT) in Spain for a week of concentrated interaction. Our ILT includes GRN leaders from five regions of the world. We are diverse in culture but united in the Spirit. It was a blessed opportunity for us to worship, debrief, listen, discuss, and plan together.



With that variety in cultures also came variety in experiences and in perspectives, all bringing a breadth, depth, and richness to our collaboration. Each person's contribution to our multi-faceted conversations added insight regarding the important decisions for which we humbly and diligently sought God's wisdom (cf. Proverbs 15:22).

In a similar way and a broader context, GRN as a global ministry is one significant component of many that our Father is using in conjunction with many churches and other mission agencies around the world. Together, hundreds of mission agencies and thousands of churches are one reflection of the word picture described in 1 Cor. 12: a person's foot differs from a hand; an ear differs from an eye – but each is an important part of that whole body.

So it is with the Global Recordings Network. GRN is for *hearers* of the Word, "the story of Jesus." Other ministries print Scriptures for *readers* of the Word. Yet others provide evangelistic outreaches to help people *come to faith* in Christ Jesus. And other ministries plant churches to help disciples *grow in faith*.

Different parts. One body. What a privilege – and responsibility – it is for us to be part of God's global body of servants! This is why we invite you to embrace GRN tools and services, but not to replace other ministries or ministry tools that are also part of that one, very big, picture.

In all our doing, may Jesus Christ be praised.

*Skip Arnold*



# WE CAN HELP

by Wayne J

We all look forward to that glorious future day when multitudes from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation rejoice before God and before the Lamb, Jesus Christ, in



heaven. But today, we are part of a grand mission: to spread the Good News of Jesus' death for our sins and His

resurrection from the dead to the whole world, even to the ends of the earth. Indeed, this includes every tribe and every language, as God tells us. Jesus spoke of the good shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep to find the one lost sheep. God desires for all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). The apostle Paul had the ambition to preach the good news where the name of Christ had never been heard before (Rom. 15:20). And indeed, this mission is not just for professional missionaries or full-time Christian workers, but for all of us who name the name of Christ. For we read in Acts 11 that the Christians dispersed from the persecution in Jerusalem spread God's holy Word of truth to Antioch, leading to an amazing work of God and a strong assembly of new followers of Jesus.

Today, globally, 100 million people representing 1200 languages have no material of any kind by which they can hear the Good News of Jesus in their own language---except for the audio and visual resources available from Global Recordings Network. Like the paralytic lowered through the roof of a house in a desperate attempt to receive Jesus's healing, many people



today are similarly in desperate need of God's life-saving message. And yet it has been shown that people who hear and understand

this message in their own native language are four times more likely to respond to it than those who hear in a secondary language.

In recent times, people from many tongues are coming to our land. Yet so few of them have a single Christian friend. People typically come to the Lord, at least partly, from observing some Christian's remarkably different manner of life. What are we doing to reach them? Yes, there is a natural fear of the unknown in meeting different kinds of people. Yet, from our experience, we overwhelmingly see that other people are thrilled to hear messages in their own language and are so grateful. Global Recordings Network's website and the 5fish mobile phone app make these materials readily and freely available for you to share with others.



Like Nehemiah in the Old Testament, who so unswervingly labored to rebuild and complete the destroyed wall around his city, we also are part of a great mission, to fulfill God's call to reach the whole world. What will you and I do to play our part in this wonderful work? Whatever role God calls you to play, we have tools: resources that can help the message of salvation be shared across religious, cultural, and language barriers.

## SHARING 5fish CARDS

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Ask for them and we'll send you a supply—in English or Spanish.

Pastors and missionaries in remote areas can order a "library" of messages, loaded with material for their area, country, or language. [Contact us!](#)



# SUPPLEMENTING YOUR MINISTRIES

by Deb M



We just met a lady from Utah who goes often to the more arid parts of Africa to dig wells for villages.

She has just heard about GRN and contacted us to get some of our picture

books and to find out how to share our messages with those who gather to see the excitement of a well being dug.

Wells, clinics, crossroads, markets — all are prime locations to draw a crowd with picture books and Bible stories in the local language. God can use the simplest tools to reach people for His kingdom and His glory.

But you don't have to go to the ends of the earth to share in many languages. Did you know that there are reported to be almost 3 million international university and college students in the US and Canada alone? These students come from all around the world, especially Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Does your church have a ministry to college-age students? Try focusing on those from other countries. They are often bewildered and challenged because of doing higher education in a tongue besides their first one. They may be lonely or in culture shock, and all need a friend. Imagine being able to play a variety of recordings, from simple Bible stories to the Jesus Film, in THEIR language!



Enhance your existing ministry to young people by utilizing our 5fish app or our website. Invite these young adults to get to know God—in their own heart language.



English: USA

Baya  
Faqir Parsi  
Hmong

Picture 3. The Snake in the Garden

Did you know people are using our materials in their ESL ministries? Listening to a story with the same script, first in their language, and then in English, can be a tool to learning English. Many churches are starting up ESL-type ministries for their neighbors who have just come to America. GRN also has “Welcome to the USA” messages in over 20 languages, used as bridge material.

So, there are many ways our materials can supplement your own or your church's outreaches within the US. But for churches who support ministries overseas, GRN tools are must-haves.

In many countries around the world, local pastors and Christians are reaching out to those more remote, farther away from church influence, harder to get to. We honor these frontline pioneers. Can your missionaries and those they are training benefit from our materials? Why not find out? They will be surprised to see how GRN's tools enhance and supplement their own efforts, and even spur wider outreach.

Here is a report from the Amazon:

*Two outreach teams left heading to different villages on the Orinoco, Ocamo and Iyowei Rivers. The villages they are going to have sent word asking for someone to come and teach as they have questions on what they have heard on the [simple players]. One of the villages, the village of Bacala, has been hostile to the Gospel for as long as I can remember but about a month ago, they sent word up here and Timoteo led a group down there to speak with them. They have been invited back. Pray their hearts are prepared to really hear and understand the Gospel and they would accept the claims that Christ has on their lives.*

In other countries, villagers — newly come to the Lord themselves — are challenged to carry this Good News to the next village, and the next, even over national borders. Praise His Name!



# WHAT ABOUT YOU?

by Patti E

Ha Ha Ha! – Is that paper I hear as you turn the page as quickly as possible? It's so easy to read about what others do for the Lord and His Great Commission, but sometimes a little more difficult to be open to asking God, "Where do I come in?"

Our callings are as different as we are, and God has designed us precisely for the service that He has in mind for us. He knows our strengths, our weaknesses, our interests, our talents and how much He can stretch us day by day to be transformed to the image of Christ. And isn't that what He calls us to? As we are transformed we begin to be more and more concerned about the things that concerned Christ. His last direction to us all must have been very important to Him. Don't we also tell our children what's most on our minds and hearts as we step out the door to leave them for a while?



His direction is different from our "Don't hit your brother" or "That cookie jar better not be empty when I get home." It reflects the love He has for the people of the world. "Go. Make disciples. Baptize them. Teach them all that I have taught you." And that brings us back to our question: what about you?

Did God create you to be a faithful churchgoer, sitting in the pew, full of praise and worship, loving Him and serving in your local fellowship? Then, praise God, you are just where you need to be to influence the world for Jesus. He will show you how.



Perhaps you can approach your church's mission board with samples of the numerous tools Global Recordings Network (GRN) provides. You probably have missionaries you are supporting who know nothing about the Bible messages and Christian music in over 6,400 languages to be found on the GRN free app called 5fish. More souls have been saved and churches planted from this simple tool than can be counted on this

earth. We may only know in heaven when someone says, "My village found the Lord because you told your church's missionaries about 5fish. We formed listening groups, then our hearts were pierced with the Gospel, and we soon formed a church. Thank you for speaking up for us. God has surely used you."



Are you the one into whose heart God has put a burning fire to boldly reach out to others? What do you do when you try to share with someone who doesn't speak your language? Or, what if you decide to purposely go to a part of town rich with ethnic people? Do you know that you can sit on a bench in a park, for instance, and hold the large picture book called "Good News." Then on your phone you can play any 5fish language that has recordings of

Good News in the language spoken by the people in that area. Simply play the Bible stories in their language while turning the pages of the picture book. People are usually very attracted and surprised to hear their language, and they listen to a short panorama of the Bible being beautifully presented.

And what about you, the missionary? You're preparing to go to a distant land. You don't know the language well yet, but your heart is yearning to share Jesus while you become part of the people. Or perhaps you're already part of each other's lives. Wouldn't you love to multiply your efforts by training disciple-makers to go into unreached villages where they might go much more easily than you? A phone or a player/speaker with the language of your chosen country or area, and picture books in hand, and you have an army of people instead of only you.

Did God call you to be a pastor or youth pastor? Have you wondered how you can enlist your congregation in hands-on evangelism? First, try it yourself. Go to the beach, the park, or the downtown bus stop and use these GRN tools to tell the story of Jesus. Then take your co-workers and let them experience the joy of obedience by building the kingdom *outside* the stained glass windows. Then tell your congregation the stories of what God has shown you--and if you have prayed and followed Him, He will show you. There will be people whose moms and dads, siblings and friends are diligently praying that someone will tell them. There will be those who have never heard the Good News. There will be suffering people who are desperate for what you have to share. The harvest is ready, but the laborers are few.



No matter where God has placed you, no matter how He designed you, there is a place for you in this Great Commission. When Jesus gave those last words He didn't say, "Everyone go but George and Maryann." The Great Commission is for us all. Let Him stretch you just a little, to be more like Him. Let Him show you the joy of sharing the greatest news ever given. Since someone once told you, won't you tell others? And won't you share with others, as well, about tools for telling the Good News?

# Get involved in reaching your world with Global Recordings Network



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## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR STAFF

Our renewed vision is to have our GRN-USA center be a mobilizing force for people using our materials worldwide. (Did you notice?) In doing this, we would like to reinstate something that was always a part of life for all missionaries everywhere: what we used to call "deputation" or "taking meetings." This largely became extinct during the pandemic, when so many churches were closed, when any meetings anywhere were frowned upon, and when letting strangers into your midst was considered dangerous.

We invite you to go back to thinking about "missionary meetings" and invite one of our staff to come to your church, college, Sunday School, or prayer meeting. We believe God's people here have not lost heart for the Great Commission: "Go therefore... and I am with you always..."

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



If you or your church have such a desire, email [debmarcusse@globalrecordings.net](mailto:debmarcusse@globalrecordings.net)

New URL for the MapApp: <https://GRNMapApp.org/>

Watch how one busy missionary pair furthered their reach by sharing recordings both outside her health clinic and on his evangelistic trips walking to the hardest-to-reach areas of Ethiopia:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T\\_HJxx1MlIug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_HJxx1MlIug)



Watch a new video made for our 85th Anniversary:

<https://www.globalrecordingsusa.org/videos-2/>



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PRAY?



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# Psalm 67

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS  
IN EVERY LANGUAGE