

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

October 2024



Dear friend,

Romans 8 tells us, "If God be for us who can be against us?" The enemy of souls tries to work against us with trials, discouragement, and sometimes physical attacks. Prayer for warriors on the front lines is heard by our Almighty God, King of hosts. Thanks again for being part of that defence system, as we join

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The GRN USA Team

- USA Executive Director:** As the result of months of prayer and searching and seeking God's guidance, we are blessed to welcome Bryan Wilson to our team, along with his wife Diane. Give thanks to the Lord for His provision of a new long-term Director for GRN USA.
- Transitions:** Pray for Bryan, the Admin Team, and the staff and volunteers as we all adjust to new leadership and seek to grow both as a team and in our ministry outreach.
- Tim Strauss:** Give thanks for Tim Strauss as he settles into the International Director role while completing his doctoral studies. Pray for a full understanding of GRN as a mission, and great relationships with staff and supporters.
- International Leadership Team:** The ILT meets this week in South Africa. Pray for each one as they seek the Lord for wisdom and as they pray, worship, discuss, and plan for the next year of GRN ministry in centers worldwide.
- Mediterranean Distribution:** Pray for partners in Italy and other Mediterranean countries who are reaching out to refugees and migrants using our materials. May they be encouraged and see their work bear fruit.
- Praying Scripture:** *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.* Rom. 8:11.
- Ed & Judy:** Pray for Ed and Judy who are touring around the United Kingdom this month with their granddaughter, Ann. They will be enjoying some vacation time as well as being on the look-out for recording opportunities with displaced people living in the UK.
- GRN Thailand:** Pray for a language helper in a remote village whose husband is ill and needs her care. This has delayed her work of translation, so also recordings for her language.
- Recordings needed:** India, Indonesia, PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu are five nations where GRN has faced challenges in making new recordings in recent years. Pray for God's mercy and grace to allow GRN to tell the story of Jesus in the languages of these nations.
- GRN Publications:** Pray for the publications that GRN produces, that we may be wise in the promotion of GRN's ministry. We need TIP and Alert to be informative yet to protect GRN members working in sensitive situations.
- GRN's AV Materials:** Praise God that GRN's audio and audio-visual materials, available in over 6,500 language varieties, can be shared freely online through globalrecordings.net and 5fish.mobi websites. Pray that people will continue to discover and use these materials to share the Gospel with others.
- New Leaders Needed:** Soon several of our international centers will be looking for new directors, as current leaders look to retire or step down. Pray for South Korea, Philippines, and Germany. Our United Kingdom centre has just appointed Sanjay K to begin in January.
- Praying Scripture:** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* Rom. 8: 35.
- GRN South Africa:** Increasingly, to work for the Lord is to be part of a spiritual battle against forces of evil. Pray for Dalene and all her team in South Africa as their effective work for the Lord has provoked opposition. May the Lord guide and protect them in everything they do.
- GRN Togo:** Recordists in Togo recently visited an area where recordings were done in 2002. They found several churches are now growing in the area. They made new recordings in Temberma, Sola Kanti, and Lamba Kadjala. Pray these recordings will also bear much fruit.
- Nepal:** Give thanks that GRN has the story of Jesus recorded in each major language spoken in Nepal. Ask our Lord to allow the Nepali people to discover those recordings in the languages they speak best and for our Lord to draw them to Himself.

17. **Safety for GRN's Workers:** Pray for the safety of all GRN workers around the world – whether travelling or at home, in the outback or at an office. Pray for wisdom in what they do and where they go, particularly in locations and activities that carry additional risks.
18. **Volunteers:** Praise God for our volunteers who use their skills, knowledge, and experience to serve the Lord through GRN. From data input to property maintenance, software testing to language research, all input is valuable and much appreciated by the GRN network.
19. **Cyber Security:** Pray that the website, staff computers, and the 5fish app will all be protected from the many dangers of viruses and other malicious interventions that infect the internet. May He give wisdom to the team in Australia who are striving to protect our technology in an ever-changing world.
20. **Praying Scripture:** *Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* Rom. 8:26.
21. **Missionary Kids:** It is not always easy for the children of full-time Christian workers. Pray for the children of GRN staff across the world; may they grow up to know and love the Lord their parents serve.
22. **GRN Mexico:** Thank God for the Baja Project. Jose and Guille, the coordinators, have worked hard to get ready for this new outreach taking place this month among the migrant ethnic groups of Mexico in Baja California.
23. **New Recordings:** Praise the Lord for recordings recently completed in Mexico. Pray for the people speaking these languages, that God's Word will bring transformed lives. Pray for the Lacandones of Nahá, the Zoques, and the Tepehuanes of Durango.
24. **USA Finance Department:** Pray that Marc, Shannon, and Wayne would have divine wisdom as they seek the right database software to replace one of our current programs. Pray for divinely wise planning and execution as we transition to this new program.
25. **The Accounting Team:** Pray for Shannon, who does the vital everyday tasks; for Wayne and Michelle (accounting firm), who offer advice and consultation; for Ruth and Ralph doing donor relations communications; for Roland and Irene, who mail weekly receipts; and for volunteer Cathy who helps input data.
26. **Thanksgiving prayers for God's faithfulness:** We must demonstrate contentment with what we have, generosity in our giving, gratefulness for what we receive, and kingdom perspectives in using resources. Let's bless the Lord – all we have comes from Him, the ultimate source.
27. **Praying Scripture:** *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?* Rom. 8:31-32. Thank the Lord for all that He gives us.
28. **Passing the Baton:** Recently we celebrated the lives of two saints who passed to Glory. They labored much in God's kingdom: Kent Wiestrand (SIL translator and GRN cheerleader) and Kathleen Hoffmeier Petrie (who recorded hundreds of African languages). Pray for a new generation of workers to join us.
29. **Kerry and Von:** Pray for this USA staff couple who serve at the center in Thailand. They are currently on home assignment, traveling the USA to visit friends, family, and supporters. Pray for safe travel, and that this time is a refreshment to them, even while busy taking meetings and making or renewing contacts.
30. **Dan and Na:** Please pray for Dan as he is trying to update the Thai Good News app and is having a variety of issues. Please pray for God's wisdom, clarity of the issues, and the right people to ask for help.
31. **His Grace:** May the Lord grant each of us the grace to be more than conquerors, to bear fruit, to be peacemakers, and to make the most of the time and opportunities that remain to us.

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