



## Director's Desk - David Elliott

A friend of mine used to say he was between a rock and a hard place, when he experienced problems. He never once gave up and kept a positive spirit, he sought God's direction and at times His deliverance. This reminds me of the life of King David whose very life was threatened. We have recorded for us in 2 Samuel 22: 2-3, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my Saviour . . ."

GRN workers no doubt at times find themselves in this very predicament of being between a rock and a hard place. Swapan from India shared some of the challenges he faced in recording and getting the Gospel message out to the least reached. Director Thejus Anand, from India, is presently being squeezed between a rock and a hard place. There is a shortfall of \$625 US to pay their missionaries. Can GRN Canada be of help? As I write this I do not know the answer to this question though I know we need to help our brothers. It is great that the God of David is our God and the believer in Jesus can say, "The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!" 2 Samuel 22:47

From the very early days of the mission the inspiration of Joy Ridderhoff enabled recordists to face apparently insurmountable hurdles. The common phrase that rang out from Joy was that of "Rejoice." We can all "Rejoice" because the Lord lives. Ruth Elliott experienced obstacles as she waited for her two-year visa to go to Australia. The initial reply was a "No," but then another opportunity opened up which enabled her to receive a one-year visa in three days. Rejoice, the Lord Lives! Ruth left for Australia on September 11 for a one-year assignment.

### Kenya Update

Director Winston Omenya was involved in an outreach to the Samburu people in August. He will also be doing outreach to Rendile and Borana people of Northern Kenya from the 21-27th of September. These are some of the languages that recordist Boaz worked on this past year. We are continuing to receive donations for the purchase of a 4-wheel-drive vehicle for Kenya.

**Recordist Training** - The pace has picked up in the area of training, thanks to Recordist Development Mobilizer, Alex Shaw, from Australia. Recordists and helpers are being trained in Nepal, India and in Africa. Our Kenya recordist Boaz Inyama will receive upgrading of equipment as well as additional training this fall. Noel and Mary Bachelor will be spending 6 weeks in Kenya starting October 9th.

### Wedding Vows



Staff member Doug (Vernon) Lambie was married on August 1st to Evelyn.

## 40th Anniversary Celebration

November 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. Allan McGuire

Music: Crimson Cross



Mark Your Calendar!

Hill Park Bible Church

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## Trials to Triumph

### - India

The Himalayas are considered by the Hindus to be the abode of gods and goddesses while North India is known as the gateway to heaven. However, these regions are highly influenced by evil forces and demonic activity. Whenever Swapan tried to work there, he ran into many unexpected problems when he tried to record Bible stories for the Mathura people of North India.



Mathura is a dialect of Braj Bhasa, a language said to have been used by the Hindu god Kirshna. In preparation to make these recordings, Swapan visited the area and sought help from four area churches. Only one pastor was willing to help and to make recordings by August 2008.

From August to October there were problems to get together to record. Finally a time was set to do the recordings. The day before the trip, Swapan went by the GRN office. There was a cooking gas cylinder that had a problem with the regulator. He decided to check the problem. When Swapan turned the appliance on, he suddenly found himself engulfed in flames that reached nine feet high. Swapan's face turned black and blistered. His eyebrows, eyelids and hair were singed, but by the grace of God both his eyes were kept from the flames. He was badly injured but still his concern was for his next day's trip to Mathura.

Swapan's family was very concerned and wanted him to cancel the trip. He felt that he could not do this. He knew in his heart that the Devil would attack him again and again in this battle to make these recordings. He prayed for God's grace and strength.

When he reached the destination to record the Mathura language, he found that one of the intended helpers was in the hospital after a serious car accident. Praise God, Swapan and another language helper worked for a long time and finished the Good News and 13 Bible stories. The enemy tried to stop them by his craftiness, but he failed.

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More stories from Swapan continued on the next page.



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## More stories from Swapan



Swapan received orders for 200 CDs in the Bhojpuri language and 200 in Magahi and made preparations to hand deliver them to the evangelists who had asked for them. He booked the train ticket for the evening of May 25th and on the 24th, cyclone Alia hit Kolkata. The next day as the storm hit, hundreds of trees fell, power lines were cut, homes and lives were lost and traffic came to a standstill, but he was determined to deliver those CDs! When Swapan reached the main road, he saw hundreds of people returning home from work on foot as roads were blocked and there was no public transportation. Amazingly, he found a taxi which was able to get him to the station through many back lanes!

The train arrived seven hours late and the person who had come to meet him had long since gone home. Thankfully, he was able to contact another Christian leader who came to the station and took the first consignment of CDs to deliver them to the evangelist who ordered them. First delivery complete!

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Swapan was to meet with another evangelist at 9:30 p.m. in Bihar State. When Swapan arrived by train he was not able to make contact by phone. This was a dangerous place! There was no electricity and everything was dark. There were some "unsavoury" characters around. Swapan prayed and started asking people where his contact lived. He only knew the name of the area. Nobody was able to help Swapan until a cycle rickshaw driver offered to take him to the area and said that they could ask people there if they knew the evangelist. He didn't have any other options so away they went. It was so dark that he could not even see the road. Somehow they made it to the right area and found two drunks! Swapan was really afraid but they insisted on trying to help! In somewhat slurred speech they said they knew the man that he was looking for. They got behind the rickshaw and pushed while shouting directions to the driver.

Praise God, these drunks took Swapan and his driver straight to the right house! The evangelist started playing

the CDs right away and many Hindu people gathered around to listen to the message of God's truth in their own language and in the right "style." The night was a nightmare for Swapan as there was no electricity, no bed (floor only) and mosquitoes! The day trip was hectic and painful but he rejoiced that he was able to deliver 400 Gospel CDs which enabled many to hear the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ.

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Swapan's colleague Gopal came back very excited after delivering 300 CDs in the Maithili language. He said, "I played the CD to a group of people for hours and they wanted to hear it again! They took the CDs home to listen over and over. One of them said, 'I have never heard such a good message and song in my own language. Now I know that outsiders have a heart for us.' "



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"Mr. Pradip Sikdar was 64. He was bed ridden for some time. I wasn't sure if he was a believer, but in his early days he used to go to church. A week back we gave him 3 CDs in Bengali. He asked his wife to play them many times and even started singing the songs. Yesterday, he said to his wife, 'I am going to see Jesus. Now I need to give some offering. Please bring an offering bag.' His wife brought an ordinary bag, and he put in some money. He slipped into unconsciousness and this morning he went to be with the Lord.

"His wife told me, 'The CD you gave us is so beautiful. My husband felt that he is in a church, and all the time he sang some of those songs. Thank you so much for this spiritual CD. My husband's soul found Jesus just before he died.' "

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*"Please continue to pray for our work. Pray for the materials that they may penetrate many hearts with God's truth and change lives."*

GRN - Canada contributed to the 10K Challenge - Project India. To provide effective Bible resources to the remaining 1,000 and more unreached language groups.



--Swapan Roy  
Recordist, India



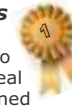
The last few years have been so full of wonderful changes in the Bassari people and also in those whom God has brought into involvement with His work among them. Last year we celebrated 50 years from when we first observed that God had become interested in this tribal group. One major rejoicing point this past year has been the planting of another church in the interior of **Guinea** (West Africa) by the Guingan church.

We don't really know when this poorest of the poor, disinherited tribal people **caught His attention**, but to look back and see the fruit of that involvement until now is amazing. Even with the changes in development and technology, God has kept up and even been ahead of us in using it to advance His Kingdom among this people group.



Since the initial contact with the Bassari, Global Recordings has provided a tool that was very useful for evangelization and then for edification and as technology has changed they have continued to produce and provide

### SABER Player receives Awards



The **SABER** hand-wind MP3 digital audio player continues to generate a great deal of interest and awards. The GRN designed **SABER** player won 3 awards at the International Conference on Computing and Mission's Technology. Of the 4 criteria, the **SABER** player came first in 3 criteria of impact: quality, re-usability, and a communication project in India.

The GRN **SABER** was demonstrated to have a high impact in reaching the unreached people in the world who are oral communicators. Quality was demonstrated in its ability to be heard by the conference and that it continued to work after being dropped repeatedly. The ability for missions to load their own MP3 material into the player fulfilled the re-usability criteria.

## "Caught His Attention"

what has actually been a "robot" missionary. Because of the amazing talking boxes, people have taken them to their villages and homes and the Gospel has spread "without the human" missionary who would have trouble with the food, language and culture.



I remember the first player was a folded piece of cardboard with a needle on one edge that played a record while you turn it with a pencil. Then came the gramophone that you wound up and it played by itself. Then the plastic "turn-as-you-listen" record player, then, cassettes came into being, and now the new **SABER** MP3 player.

Just last week, I had another encounter with a young man from an unreached village who had heard the Gospel at a bush market by a Christian man who came with a tape player. Praise God, He continues to use these tools as He continues His Kingdom work among the Bassari!

--by Pastor James Stanley

### In Memory of Rev. John Gray

On August 24, 2009, the first director of the mission in Canada, Rev. John Gray, was called to his Eternal Home.

John and his wife, Lillian, were first introduced to the ministry of Gospel Recordings by the Founder Joy Ridderhof while they were missionaries in India. John was very much a part of getting Gospel Recordings established there in Bangalore.

Joy challenged John to begin the work in Canada. In 1967, they committed themselves to establish a Canadian office in their Toronto home. John became the first director from 1969 to 1976.

Under John's leadership, the ministry expanded in Toronto and in Quebec where the upsurge in evangelism necessitated thousands of Gospel records for distribution.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." John is now in the presence of the Lord he loved and served.

