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Saber Player Update

The *Saber* player is now being shipped around the world to be used by missionaries, churches and national workers in their ministries of sharing the Gospel. We have received our first shipment of the *Saber* players.

The *Saber* player was used by the team in Peru on the *Aventura Misionera* outreach. One of the team members shares about the *Saber* Player. "The technology is great and it is so much lighter to carry without all the tapes. The onboard memory and 2 GB memory card can hold messages in many languages or dialects, it is so much better than having to carry a pile of cassettes to suit every different language." It is more reliable and produces better sound than cassette players, for about the same cost as the *Messenger II* cassette player. It is a solid-state digital player with a built-in amplifier and speaker, so it can play both music and speech at significant volume with good quality.

The *Saber* has been designed particularly to enable the Gospel to be presented in audio form to remote people all over the world.



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During our first day at San Ramon, the *Aventura* Team was taken out to an Ashaninca community at Pampamichi. We basically went as tourists to develop relationships with the people before making another visit to present the GRN materials. This community is seeking to preserve its culture, language, and traditions by having tourists visit them.

A few days later we returned to the community and slept there for the night to be ready to present the Ashaninca cassettes with the picture books the next day. The chief of the community welcomed us and the materials in their own language. Many of the women, who listened intently to the recordings, were enthralled to hear God's Word in their heart language. At this point another group of tourists came and I asked the chief if we should stop playing the cassette while they were being looked after. The chief said,

"No! Keep playing the cassette. This is more important than looking after the tourists."

Our next stop was at San Cristobal, which is another Ashaninca village at the end of a mountainous road. We were warmly welcomed by the chief who was eager to listen to the cassette which we played to the adults while the children had their own program. There was great anticipation and expressions of awe and wonder on the people's faces as

they listened. After giving the chief a *Messenger* player, and an Ashaninca cassette commentary to go with the Bible picture flipchart, it was important to give instructions on how to take care of the player so that it will serve the community well.

In Alto Palmichi, high up on the mountain side where there is no church, the people received us gladly. They were very interested and attentive while listening to the cassette in their language. They were hungry for the Word of God in Quechua: San Martin. A short Gospel message was given in Spanish and a number of people responded to receive Jesus into their lives.

In Misquiakillo there was a church so the pastor arranged for the Quechua *Good News* cassette to be played on the loud speakers on a 20 foot pole so everyone in the area could hear.

--Alex Shaw,
Recordist, Australia
July, 2008



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The Amazing Race to San Vicente, Mexico

July 12, 2008 began the adventure for the third youth team from Faith Baptist Church (Huntsville) to the small town of San Vicente, Mexico, an adventure it turned out to be. It began smoothly enough, until we reached the airport. After beginning our day at 3 a.m., we were greeted with a delay leaving Toronto, that caused us to miss a flight in Chicago, which turned into 17 stranded travelers wanting desperately to get to San Diego and then off to Mexico. After an hour with a manager trying to work out possible routes to San Diego, I found myself on the way to San Diego alone while my wife Kristy took the rest of the team to Orange Country, California.

It looked more like a scene from the "Amazing Race" TV show, instead of a youth missions trip. Dave and Marian (Elliott) met me at the airport. Together we headed north to pick up the rest of the team. After an overnight in California we continued our trip to Mexico, only to find that just across the border Dave's van broke down. We were able to get it repaired, enough to get back to San Diego to retrieve another van enabling the group to arrive later that day in San Vicente, Mexico, to begin our ministry.



The rest of the week was great. We were involved in work projects in the community, as well as running a Vacation Bible School in one of the local camps. We completed each day going door-to-door to diagnose and distribute Gospel messages in one of 300 languages and dialects in the region. The door-to-door ministry also provided many opportunities for our team members to be involved in personal ministry, as we prayed for numerous



people. One such situation was to one young lady who had her husband walk away from her taking her three children that very morning. Through all the different obstacles we encountered, we saw God's hand of protection and guidance each step of the way. Through the help of the unknown manager working so hard to get us to San Diego, the help of Marian's cousins, the provision of a mechanic who just happened to be walking by when we faced mechanical issues, to the safety and ministry opportunities that we experienced, God had it all planned out. Those who were involved in this trip, myself included, learned what trusting God was all about and we were able to see firsthand how faithful our God is to meet the needs of His people.



—Pastor Mark Nowell
Associate Pastor, Faith Baptist Church Huntsville, Ontario.

Patrick shared about his experience in Mexico. "I enjoyed been able to be with people that believe in the same thing as me and work together as a team to get the jobs done. To see the smiles of the kids when we were playing with them was a highlight for me. People were very interested to hear about our trip. I would recommend this trip to everyone. I am thankful that I had the chance to go on this trip with so many amazing people."



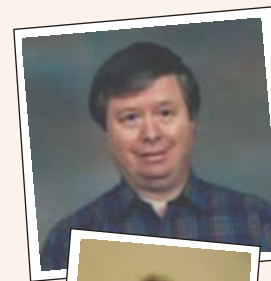
David & Marian Elliott - Director's Desk

Taking a group of 15 young people on a mission trip is quite an experience. It was a great opportunity for Marian and me to see the commitment and enthusiasm that young people have to reach the lost with the Gospel. Each time we have taken a group to Mexico it has helped to re-energize and challenge us to the unfinished task of missions. This is only a small part of what GRN is about, but it is a significant part. The young people see missions firsthand, as they visit with the children in the camps and go door-to-door to find the language the people speak. The comments of the group were positive. They wished that it was longer and it stretched some beyond their comfort zones.

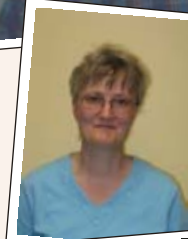
TEAM CANADA

Did you watch the Olympics this summer? I was fascinated to see the various events, from swimming to the eight-man rowing team. It has taken the athletes hours of training and preparation to arrive at that moment in which they have the opportunity to reach for the top spot, the GOLD medal. Just the thought of the goal of representing their country with the hope of receiving the coveted prize makes them push themselves beyond all measure.

I would like to introduce our small team of workers here in Canada. We are not striving for a medal, but we are seeking to serve the KING of Kings. These are people who work behind the scene to support the ministry in places like, Kenya, India, and South America.



Vernon Lambie has faithfully served GRN Canada longer than any other member in its history. He has transitioned from records to cassettes, CDs and now the digital *Saber* players.



Ruth Somers serves as Executive Secretary & Receptionist and does a great job. "I will give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify thy name forever." --Psalm 86:12



Ruth Elliott is looking forward to having her support in place so she can serve in Australia. She will be involved in studio administration as well as other responsibilities.



New
Team
Members

Barb and John Ray have been accepted as new GRN missionaries. In our last *UPDATE* the need was expressed for an Office Manager and a Sound Technician. Upon reading about this need Barb contacted our office. Barb is well gifted to help in the finance department while John is interested in helping with the GRN sound files. They sold their home and moved to Hamilton on September 11. They will be serving as part-time workers in our office. If you would like to support their ministry, please use the enclosed form.

Volunteers are an essential part of any non-profit organization, including churches and missions. I want to thank **Ian Arnott** for his service in the finance department. He has done a great job in paying the bills and will be orientating **Barb Ray** as she starts with the mission. **Sandra Grant** gives countless hours helping in the office from cleaning, painting and is our Prayer Co-ordinator. **Roy Grant** serves on the Board, speaks at meetings for the mission, as well as continues to help in the finance office when needed. There are many others who come into the office to assist with our mailings and to join us for our monthly time of prayer. **Norman Greig** continues to volunteer his time to represent the mission at churches, Bible schools, and mission fests in Western Canada.

Thank you for your faithful service, Volunteers!!

Recordist - This is a vacant position that needs to be filled. I would dare to say we could use a few good recordists. Pray with us that God would send suitable candidates to fill this need.



Recordist Needed

Jesus told His disciples, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.*"