

Christmas Project 2007

I love to visit Christian bookstores and browse through the latest titles. It's great that we have resources that challenge and inspire us to serve our God and Creator. In many parts of the world where GRN works there is a lack of good material in the local languages.

In March, when I was at the Kenyan office, we received a visit from Pastor Nikone from Maasai land. He was in need of new picture books to go along with the GRN cassettes. His books had been used extensively and were worn-out. Pastor Nikone is pictured here with Director Winston Omenya. He explained that the picture books helped many people understand the Bible stories better. We were not able to provide a new set of picture books at that time due to the lack of material. The office has since received a shipment of material, including the *Look, Listen and Live* flipcharts from GRN Australia.



Pastor Nikone & Winston Omenya



GRN Kenya has an ambitious goal of printing the colour picture books that accompany the audio recordings. The shelves are almost empty of the *Look, Listen & Live* and *Good News* booklets. This has resulted in orders not being filled or only being able to provide part of the order. A thousand copies of the *Look, Listen & Live* booklets #2 and #7 along with the *Good News* booklet were recently printed in Kenya, for the first time. The cost is approximately \$1.50 per book, much less than having them shipped from Australia and paying import duties.

Your donation to the **Christmas Project** will enable the printing in Kenya of these valuable resource materials. I would love to tell Winston to go ahead with the printing of all six remaining *Look, Listen, & Live* booklets, in order to complete the sets.

A gift of \$1,500 will enable the printing of 1,000 booklets. On behalf of Winston Omenya, we thank you for praying about this need. Please see the enclosed donation slip on how you can give to this project. **Giving a donation by means of a credit card is easy and safe via CanadaHelp. Go to our mission webpage www.globalrecordings.net/ca and click on the blue **Donate Now** button. Select from the list of GRN projects.**

--David Elliott



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Kenya Outreach



Twenty-five of us spent our first night in a truck. Our church group had to leave early at 4:30 a.m. We used a tourist truck because of the nature of the dirt roads and it was fitted with all the necessary facilities including drinking water. We bought vegetables and fruits as there weren't farms along the way. The journey was 600 kilometers or 13 hours of driving. We had mechanical problems (3 hours delay for repairs) and two tire bursts with no spare tire. We prayed and proceeded by faith and by God's grace, we arrived there at 5:30 p.m. tired and dusty.

We did a prayer walk in the town covering all the residential areas where we did door-to-door evangelism the following days. The Devil was working around the clock to frustrate our efforts for the outreach, but he was defeated because of the prayers of the saints. Prayers were made to free people from religious bondage and sin. A total of 19 people gave their lives to Christ.

We also ministered to prisoners in the local Government prison where we met about 60-80 prisoners. The Word of God was shared and 17 prisoners surrendered their lives to Christ. The local church was left to nurture them in their new faith. Saturday afternoon we held the last open-air meeting at the local market place. Prayers of deliverance were made for the people because we were not allowed to make altar calls in public areas.

On Sunday, I spoke on Matthew 28:19-20, challenging worshipers on missions. After the service, I presented to the pastor our Bible teaching materials. Evangelist Emanuel earnestly asked for more materials as this is a very safe and convenient way of evangelizing in this area. He said many had come to Christ when GRN materials were left in the local language. However, many Ethiopians cross into Kenya and they speak only Amharic and need to hear the Gospel, too! Emanuel was so enthusiastic to reach these Ethiopians that we donated one set of *Look, Listen & Live* tapes in the Amharic language to listen to God's Word on the hand-wind players.



Local Housing

Please stand with us in prayer for more materials for these on whom their religion has a stronghold; that God would deliver them through His Word. **—Winston Omenya, Kenya Director in Nairobi**

Editor's note: Due to the sensitive nature of the outreach, we have removed any reference to the exact location and people group being reached.

See our new mp3 player on page 3.

Director's Desk – David Elliott



I recently attended the Montreal Mission Fest conference in order to share with the visitors about the ministry of GRN. It was also a pleasure to spend

time with Samuel Gutknecht. We manned the booth together. Samuel is a volunteer who has a desire to reach out to the French speaking people of Quebec. He came in contact with GRN through our Swiss office. It is our desire that we will be able to encourage Samuel in his desire as he promotes the GRN materials in Quebec.

I have included some recent highlights that our Canadian office is involved with around the world.

Medical Update: Beatrice is improving from her stroke and her memory is coming back. She still visits the hospital three times a week. Her left eye was affected. We thank God that she is now able to walk short distances on her own. Boaz and Beatrice Inyama express their appreciation for the funds to help with her medical expenses.

Recording Project: Boaz Inyama on the left is pictured with John Deng from Sudan. They were working on the Dinka Good News. They also completed the Dinka HIV/Aids recording. The recordings were taken with Director Winston Omenya on his recent outreach to Southern Sudan.



Togo Generator: GRN Togo can now work on editing and duplicating, even when the city electricity goes out, which is often. Director Sodalo Clement is in the centre behind the new generator, along with his two co-workers. They are thankful for this new tool that will enable them to go about their ministry.



Australia Experience: Ruth Elliott has been on short-term ministry for the past three months serving in the Australian office. She shares some of her thoughts about her experience. "I have done several different jobs, including; working on the web page, taught English to an Egyptian lady, worked with the GRID [the GRN database], and I have done inventory on 1,000's of recordings. I have been kept busy and I have enjoyed the work. I have learned so much about what goes on in GRN and the process involved with the many details of recording." Pray for Ruth as she considers future involvement with the mission.



BFM Distribution: The initial response from the thrift store distribution has been good. Vernon Lambie, our Distribution Manager, has already sent a second batch of CDs to replenish the display case. Gospel messages being distributed include Arabic, Farsi, Portuguese, Hindi, and Urdu.

Annual Banquet 2008

Saturday, April 5
Hamilton, ON



Guest Speaker:
Winston Omenya
National Director,
GRN Kenya

Please mark your calendar!

Downloading The Gospel

In the last decade, my wife and I travelled far and wide looking for migrant farm labour camps that dot the Mexican coastal plains. Our goals were to reach out to the migrant farm workers with the Gospel, minister to our accompanying team, and to the Mexican churches.



This year on an outreach trip, God brought great joy to my heart as we started to use CDs. While at the labour camp, I heard a stressed cassette duplication crew say, "Philip, we are missing a master for one of the languages we need!" "How many copies do we need?" I asked. "At least three," he replied. Knowing that GRN has amassed a collection of downloadable recordings online, I drove two miles to the nearby Internet Café. I found the very one we were missing, downloaded it, burned the three CDs needed and returned to the camp in about half an hour. Our Mexican co-workers were curious and inquired as to which site had the downloads. I scheduled a time for training on the internet. What a delight when several guys showed up, one from a church eight hours drive from us!

Computers are becoming a way of life in Mexico and most kids learn how to operate them in school. It was easy to show them how to navigate the English site to locate and download any recordings they needed. One fellow who spoke Mixteco was so happy when he discovered there were 9 recordings in his language! "I want to download them all for my friends and neighbours," he said with a gleam in his eye.

For the first time, our work was transferred to the Mexican believers who were able to use equipment that is familiar and accessible to them. It opens doors to a greater level of ministry than we have ever had before. Praise the Lord for access to GRN recording archives through the internet. --Philip Young - USA

Pray for GRN Mexico as they prepare for the Culiacan Outreach in February. They are in need of a CD duplicator.

The Saber Player

Our Mission is about to release a hand-wind digital audio player called the *Saber*, with built-in generator, amplifier, and speaker. It is the latest in a long line of players which were originally designed to play records (including the *Cardtalk* -- a cardboard record player), then cassettes, and now digital mp3 files. There are several features that make it unique from other digital players.



High Volume Output allows many people to listen, not just one person with earphones.
Inexhaustible Power Supply is provided by a hand-wind generator. Five minutes of turning charges the batteries for 20 minutes of playing.
Reliability is assured by design for long life under adverse conditions. Made of tough ABS plastic with impact-absorbing Neoprene corners, it is fully sealed against dust and moisture.
Flexibility makes it simple to use. GRN audio programs can be downloaded from the Internet into the machine. Other programs can also be loaded into its memory. It can be used to teach the Bible in any language, play music, teach about health, hygiene, AIDS or whatever is needed.

This player has been under development in our GRN Australia office since 2002 and will be available for use in 2008. The designers had to keep in mind that this was not a player for "technology savvy westernized users" but perhaps for a remote village pastor or a small tribal group.

Please pray with us that this player will be used by God to tell the story of His love and the provision of salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ to many people who otherwise might never hear the Good News in their own language.