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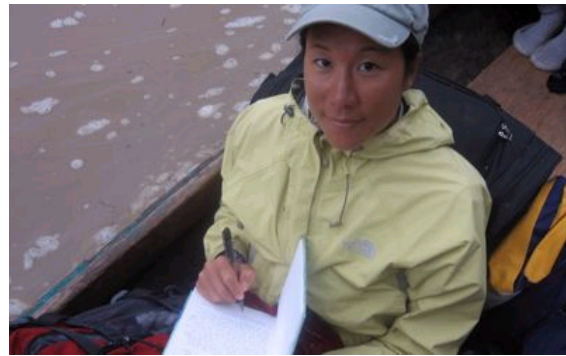
Telling the Story of JESUS in Every Language

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"Finish what He had begun."

For the next five weeks nine solid hours of recordings were done per day, except Sundays, when they would record only in the afternoon. Into their third week, it looked statistically impossible to finish in time. One Sunday, God spoke to one of the female recordists to trust Him to "finish what He had begun." And they kept going, up before dawn, recording all day, collapsing into bed exhausted and up again before dawn. They recorded all the way to departure day, finishing checking and final corrections just one hour before the floatplane arrived for them.

They sensed God's care and control so tangibly the entire time. God's peace was in these ladies' hearts and always had His assurance that He would "finish what He had begun."



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Slovenia Recording Trip - 2008



The next day, after they arrived in Slovenia (formerly Yugoslavia), they began recording the *Good News* and *Look, Listen & Live* scripts in Slovenian. Andrej and his brother, Brannie, had done a wonderful job of the translation, grammar, and checking the scripts. As one recorded with Kenny & Joan, the other one did the final tweaking of the translation and checked the final recording.

The believers are very isolated but have such a strong faith and they enjoyed Kenny's & Joan's fellowship and encouragement. Kenny & Joan will always acknowledge that it's not always about their recording work that God uses when they go on their mission trips but simply the fact that they went. After Kenny & Joan do the editing, the recordings will be available to download from GRN websites from any country around the world.

Doing God's Will in CAMEROON

Asked about some of his challenging experiences, Godswill told us about the time he hiked all day in the rain to get to a village. When he arrived, he was told that the man who had promised to help make a recording was not there. They told him, "Come back next week." Upon arriving back a week later, he was told again, "Sorry we are not ready. Come back next week!"

On another occasion he had to climb a steep mountain to get to a village. Godswill is strong, but his gear was very heavy and halfway up he had to leave his food behind. The people were busy all day and would not help him until 10 o'clock that night. It took two weeks to record seven three-minute messages for that group. "But," he reminded us, "the joy of knowing that these people are now hearing the Good News in their own languages makes it all worthwhile."



Godswill Chongsi

"Finish what He had begun."



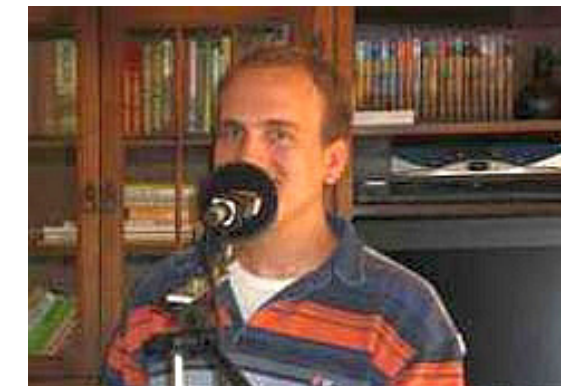
Two young women knew even before they left the base that recording the entire New Testament out in the "U" village in just six weeks would be an ambitious undertaking, and when dividing the text into narrator and character parts spilled into the first of those six weeks, they began to wonder whether it could really be done.

Despite the late start toward the end of the first week, they were encouraged by the enthusiasm of the village chief and other leaders of the church—they had arranged for a house-in-progress about 3/4 of a mile from the noisy village to serve as a makeshift studio; they set up a rotation of men to push two wheelbarrows of equipment to and from the studio each day at dawn and at dusk; they selected people to read each part and made sure there were enough readers and proofreaders to keep them busy.

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Kenny McKee, from the United Kingdom, had sent scripts to Andrej, back in early 2007, and they kept in touch by email. Andrej had worked steadily on the scripts and he contacted Kenny to say that he had nine translations finished and had a free week in August. Kenny, and his wife, Joan, jumped at the opportunity to capture these recordings and set off from London on August 18th. They arrived in Treviso airport in Venice in lovely sunshine and a temperature of 30 degrees Celsius.

Andrej picked them up and drove two hours to a little village surrounded by the most beautiful mountains, with lakes, rivers and flowers everywhere. Andrej's family treated Kenny & Joan like royalty the whole week that they were there and his parents were both wonderful cooks. The countryside was so clean and the houses were very pretty. From a tourist perspective it must be one of Europe's best kept secrets. "It's a hard life being a recordist . . . not . . . ha, ha!!"



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DIRECTOR'S DESK

-- David Elliott

In Matthew 24, Jesus addresses His disciples on a topic that continues to capture our attention as Christians. What are the signs of the end of the age? Jesus then goes on to provide some key elements to look for. A key component that Jesus lays out for us is found in Matthew 24 verse 14, "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." We find many other passages that indicate the Gospel is to be preached to all peoples.

In this issue, we have focused on the work of the recordists. Their work is essential in reaching the goal of 10,000 languages and dialects that need to hear the Gospel. Two recordists training programs are presently taking place, one in Colombia and the other in India. A third training course will be held in January in Thailand. Our Canadian office is seeking to do its part by helping to provide equipment for these training sessions and the future recordists. This is why we have chosen to make the **10K Challenge** the project for Christmas this year. Donations given to this project will be used to enable the recordists to go about their ministries and to see the material reach unreached language groups with the Gospel.

Saber Players

Through the generous gifts of supporters, our office has been able to place 55 *Saber* players around the world. This is a small start to what will be needed over the years. A missionary in Canada received a *Saber* player for evaluation and has since ordered 8 more for his ministry in Bolivia. Another mission is sending out a brochure about the *Saber* player to all of their missionaries.

Investing in Missions

Our partnership with Link Charity enables supporters to receive a guaranteed rate of return for their investments. In today's financial markets, it is impossible to know what you will receive from your investments. Link Charity can help provide a steady income for as long as you need it. The remaining funds are then transferred to the mission of your choice to be used in the ministry.

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Sam Rotman Concerts

April 17, 18 & 19, 2009



Sam Rotman is a world class concert pianist who was raised in a Jewish family. He has two great loves, the first being Jesus his Saviour, the second is his love of music. Sam travels extensively around the world to share these two loves with thousands of people. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear Sam when he does three concerts for the benefit of Global Recordings Network.

Date & Locations:

April 17 - Newmarket, ON

April 18 - Burlington, ON

April 19 - Brantford, ON

more information to come

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GRN Global News

In the language of my heart

"Like you, we poured ourselves into learning Russian; as the trade language, we needed to communicate well to government officials and business men. So initially, this made sense to us. But we discovered that while our friends were happy to discuss politics and money in Russian, they changed the subject whenever we brought up spiritual matters . . . even talked specifically about Jesus.

"At first, we thought that people were not interested in spiritual issues. But no; new mosques were popping up all over the city, and we noticed a resurgence of fundamentalist Islam. We thought, 'Maybe people are hungry for God, after all.' So we spent a week praying and fasting, asking the Lord for discernment.

"Later that week, I met a new disciple of Jesus for tea. He said that he heard about Jesus, but because the message was in Russian, he thought Jesus was a foreign god and he didn't want anything to do with it. But then a cousin shared with him about the stories of the Injil in his own language, and suddenly Jesus made sense to him. He said, *'I would never accept a Russian Jesus. But when I heard about Jesus' love for me in the language of my heart, I knew that Isa al-Masih must be for me.'*"

Reaching the animistic Gyeji people

A missionary, who received some GRN materials from our office in Nigeria, used the *Good News* recordings to reach an animistic tribe in our country. The Gyeji (Geji) people listened to the message. After they heard God's message several times, eight people responded to the Gospel. This occurred because the Gyeji people heard the message in their own heart language. Now they need our prayers for their ongoing growth in Christ.

First Nation People hear God's Word

This past summer Dick Walker, a missionary in Fort St. James, British Columbia, called our office, to ask if we could provide copies of a recording in the Central-Carrier language. He spoke of a lady, Sarah who had a cassette from our mission in her language. She has treasured this tape over the years and listens to it daily. She had lost a son and the messages on the cassette in her language are a continual comfort to her. Her friends borrowed it and wanted to keep this valuable cassette. Our office was able to provide 25 cassette tapes and 50 CDs for distribution. We trust that many more people will find comfort and hope as they listen to God's message in their own language.

Outreach to Animal Owners

From Winston Omenya, Director of GRN Kenya. ". . . the veterinary camps were conducted in two locations among the Rendile and Borane people. They treated 22,000 animals out of a total of about 40,000 in the region that included goats, sheep, cattle, camels, and domestic animals. As the veterinary doctors conducted the camp, we engaged in door-to-door evangelism in the morning and afternoon. In the evenings, we showed the *Jesus* film in Kiswahili translated into Rendile and Borane.

"We were separated into 20 groups in both locations, with four missionaries. **Our joy is that over 250 people including clan elders committed their lives, to Christ.** Because of the language barrier, discipleship is being done by using GRN materials--the *Look, Listen and Live* series and the *Good News* in Borane and the *Good News* in Rendile."

Editor's Note: Recordist Boaz Inyama just completed the recording of the *Look, Listen, and Live* series in Rendile so that they can be used for follow-up of these new believers.

Partnership with Radio Ministry



"Over the years we have seen many come to Christ and churches have been planted using cassette players. Just after the Rwanda genocide we sent four hundred GRN players to the refugee camps in Tanzania and the Congo. We trained evangelists in the camps to use the players and material. We saw more than 12,000

people come to salvation in Jesus Christ. Thousands with inner wounds found renewed hope in the Lord."

The writer continues, "Among the Muslim and animist Makonde people of southern Tanzania and northern Mozambique we have seen at least three churches planted by using cassettes in combination with radio programs. I visited one of the churches a month ago and found more than 50 believers in a simple mud church. The first believers came to Christ through listening to the cassettes on your players."

Give the gift of life this Christmas by ordering CDs with Gospel Messages, in the languages of the people in your neighbourhood.