



DIRECTOR'S DESK - David (Marian) Elliott

GRN 40th Celebration

On Saturday, November 7th, we paused to look back over 40 years of GRN in Canada and honour those who have contributed much to the ministry. We were privileged to have some former Gospel Recordings workers share from their past experiences including Valerie Deguchi a former recordist, and former director Allan McGuirl, our main speaker. Allan challenged 40 people to take a CD which would be used to remind them to pray for the Mission. He also challenged us to give \$4,000 towards the needs in Kenya. It was a blessing to see that over \$3,600 came in that evening while others had said they would be sending in a donation later.



Founder Joy Ridderhof (Shirley Grimbley) was interviewed by David Elliott.

Recordings made in Canada -- New recordings have been made this summer in Canada with the help of a recordist from the United States. The *Good News* was recorded in the BLACKFOOT: Siksika language which will also include English for the younger people. There is a desire for the younger generation to learn their native language. There were also four other recordings made that are geared to Arabic speakers which is a growing portion of the Canadian population.

Internet

The word is spreading that GRN has free audio materials available on our website. So far this year, on average every month, over 34,000 people have downloaded over 119,000 audio recordings from our website.

The numbers have grown in just a few years since GRN missionaries made our materials available over the internet. Yes, we continue to distribute materials via cassette, CDs and now in MP3 format on the new *SABER* player. The material is not only downloaded free but also missionaries and others can make their own copies for distribution.

Recordist Training

India -- Nine national missionaries received training on translation techniques for GRN materials into culturally relevant messages.

Kenya -- Recordist Boaz Inyama received new equipment and further training.

Comments from a Former Board Member

I served as a board member and treasurer for Gospel Recordings Canada for a number of years in the late eighties and early nineties. At that time I was much younger than most of the other board members and I remember looking up to many of them as spiritual mentors and giants. In particular, Ed Tomlinson made a tremendous impact on me as he shared the wealth of his spiritual experiences over his life. Allan McGuirl was the director for most of the time that I was involved as a board member and I looked up to him. Both of these men had an unshakeable optimism and hope and trust in the Lord and this really challenged me in my spiritual walk and helped me to grow in my faith.

I was also very impressed with the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Valerie Deguchi was our main recordist in Africa at that time and I always remember her enthusiasm as well whenever she came home for a time of furlough. I was always impressed with the fact that she was serving the Lord all by herself and going into many villages and tribes recording their languages as a single woman. I know that the Lord protected her on many occasions.

I really enjoyed my time serving with Gospel Recordings both as a board member and in a volunteer capacity.
--David Weland



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Telling the Story of JESUS in Every Language



ELECTRONIC PROPHETS

"A voice calling in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord."

I have long been aware of the need to have the Bible available in audio format. The method of delivery was an issue though. CDs scratch, tapes get affected by dust and previous audio players needed complex processing.

Enter the *SABER* -- a user programmable MP3 player that packs a punch big enough to "speak" to a whole church gathering or be placed under a pillow to comfort someone in need. It has internal batteries which can be recharged by a 240/120v adaptor, a solar panel, or if all else fails, a hand-wind generator! The *SABER* need never stop telling the Good News.

Since the *SABER* became available, I have had the privilege of taking it to remote communities in Western, Southern and the Northern Territories of Australia. Pastors throughout those areas have been enthusiastic about the possibilities for ministry that the *SABER* opens up.

Rev. M on Australia's north coast wanted one for every small village in his parish. He told me that the *SABER* would be like a preacher in every place that would keep "speaking" God's Word day after day.

Pastor Jerry Jangala from the Tanami Desert community was equally impressed with the *SABER* because literacy levels have dropped markedly during the three decades he has been a Baptist minister.

For the Warlpiri church, and many other languages, the translated scriptures must be heard rather than read if they are to reach a wider audience and introduce people to Christ.



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For this reason, I have concentrated on distributing *SABER* players to church leaders who will use them to extend their ministry. A *SABER* can be left with sick people, the elderly or non-literate people in the community bringing messages of hope, comfort and of course, salvation through Jesus Christ.

With the population density of outback Australia being so low, most Pastors can't get around to visit all the communities in their region. In the north's wet season, many communities become isolated for several months and pastoral visits are not possible.

When away on trips, I can take "blank" *SABER*s with me and after consulting with the local church leaders, I can select the files from my laptop which are required and customize a *SABER* Player with audio material for that area.

Seeing the *SABER* in use has been a great joy. I am amazed at how easily a crowd will gather around this little "electronic prophet" when it speaks the local language. During a trip to the Pitjantjatjara lands of Central Australia, a *SABER* was placed on the ground and a programme in the Pitjantjatjara language played. Very soon, a crowd gathered and began to discuss the GRN program, The Good News.

--by Phil Zamagias



Phil is known as the Flying Bible Man. He flies into the remote areas of Australia to share the Word of God in remote communities.

IN HONOUR

This Christmas give a gift to honour a loved one. A card will be sent to the person on whose behalf you have given the donation.

Suggested gifts:

SABER player \$55;
"Kits That Give" \$135;
Recording Projects – any amount;
Where most needed.

"Sizi t'ewhuninzun"

Sarah Joseph, a Carrier believer, has been greatly encouraged by a Gospel Recordings tape. Sarah even wore out one tape recorder and got another one so she could hear the tape. She is now helping Shirley Walker on the final editing of Central Carrier Genesis.



Sarah says, "Just to listen to the Bible in my own language; it really helps me. I listen to it a lot. Because of a lot of death in my family, I was in the depths of grieving and I started listening to the Bible story tape, the tape of Romans that my Uncle Ray recorded.

"One day I felt I couldn't make it anymore, my grief was too deep. I was listening to the Bible Story tape and the person said, 'Sizi t'evhuninzun [Jesus knows]. Jesus knew what it was to be human. Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father praying for us.' That really spoke to me. I prayed, 'Lord you know I can only take so much, and you are sitting at the right hand of the Father praying for me.' I kept listening to that tape over and over again. Everything was so **right on!** Lizette [one of the tape voices] spoke about the narrow road and Noah and what it was like then. We have to know there is a narrow road that leads to Heaven.

"I also listened to Uncle Ray's voice on the Romans tape. I really believe those tapes helped me through the darkest time of my life."

Dick & Shirley Walker have been working with the Carrier Nation since 1961. Former Recordist Valerie Deguchi spent time with the Walkers in British Columbia working on basic Bible stories. The tape/CD, that is being distributed, is the one Valerie recorded.



GRN Annual Banquet May 1, 2010 - Hamilton, ON

Mark your calendar and plan to be with us to hear exciting ministry reports and special music.

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An Australian believer named Will visited Betkuri Baptist Church and encouraged Pastor John to share Christ with others. Will gave him a *GRN Messenger*



Player with some Gospel story cassettes and flipcharts. Pastor John was delighted with the resources and used them tirelessly to witness for Christ to the many illiterate people in his church, and also in the Hazang and Coach Tribal areas. Most of these tribal groups are Buddhist, Hindu and Animist.

The Hazang and Coach Tribes have been living with the Garo Tribe in different villages. The majority of the Garo Tribe are Christians, while the Hazang and Coach Tribes are mainly Hindu. All the tribal children attend the same school, and play together, with many becoming close friends.

Four Hazang boys made the decision to go with some Garo boys to their Church, and listen to the teachings of Pastor John. The boys grew to love the stories of Jesus and the beautiful bright pictures in the GRN flipcharts, so they attended the Bible classes every Friday. Before long they became involved with other activities in the Church program and were interested to know more about Christ's love.

Through the wonderful teachings the boys repented of their sins and acknowledged Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. They realized that only Jesus can save, and that the gods and goddesses they had worshipped, had no power at all. It was a wonderful day!



--By Pastor John

"Kits That Give" CHRISTMAS PROJECT

"Please know that the materials you left with us have been a great blessing and are used by everybody; men, women and children. The children have memorized Bible verses from these materials. The old men who used to worship trees and animals are now worshipping the true God. Global Recordings materials are relevant to use in teaching them the Word of God." --by Pastor Ndegwa

"These GRN materials are so good and relevant that because of their use, the Sunday School children are now well versed in the Word of God. Some of them can even say 50 different memory verses of the Bible because of the *Look, Listen & Live* and the *Good News* Flipchart materials we are using along with the tapes."

--by Mila Kanini

These two stories from Kenya have motivated us to trust God as we give away GRN materials to needy children and adults so they can hear God's Word. Those who can afford the materials will pay at least a small amount. Will you consider giving a "Kit That Gives" to a needy church, school or national missionary?

"Kits That Give" --includes:

- a set of the *Look, Listen & Live* Flipcharts & audio tapes
- a *Good News* Flipchart and audio tape
- a hand-wind cassette player

A donation of \$135 will provide one free Kit. Please indicate your donation on the donor slip.

Let's trust God together to provide 100 free "Kits That Give."

