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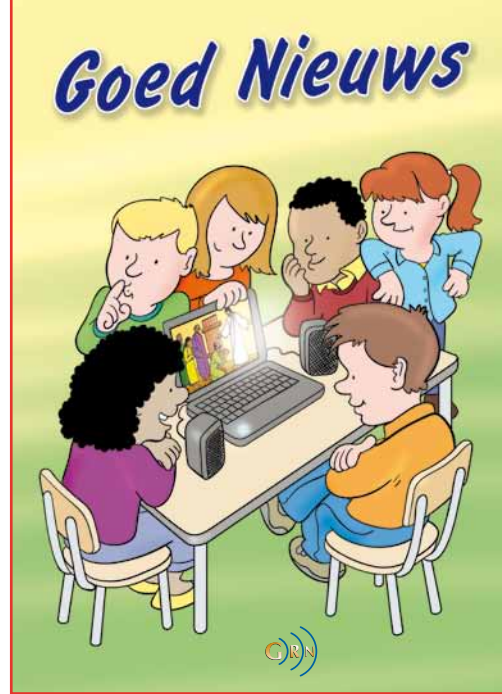
GRN Netherlands is celebrating four years since Second Beginning: Halfway 2011 there was a dip, lasting a few months, but at the end of December we are grateful for a fruitful year. Hundreds of CD's were distributed, and new recordings made. We are thankful for God's protection of the team and adequate finance to continue with the work. We have new plans and perspectives for the year to come. The Lord has been merciful to us and we are eager to see what His plans might be for the time to come. We are conscious of the fact that even though we may work hard, we are fully dependent upon His blessing. In the first Newsletter I have quoted Psalm 127:1, and this text continues to be our guide.

There will be some changes in the team. Mark will do more work for the international organization and is to become assistant to the European GRN Coordinator. As a result of this Marion will do more work in the administration and a part-time administrator has offered to work for us as a volunteer. But Mark will continue to prepare the Sabers for transport, which are ordered by missionaries worldwide.

You have met us at various events in the past year, which is the responsibility of Jaap as our PR staff member. And Geert does the same in Belgium, but on a smaller scale. We regularly meet Christians who haven't heard of GRN. We have met a Dutch businessman working in Bulgaria, who was pleasantly surprised to meet us on one of the stands and he will now be offering the Bulgarian CD to his contacts in that country. Perhaps an idea for how you can make the Gospel known to the people near or farther away. A simple tool but with a huge impact.

We want to thank all of the volunteers who assist us at the stands and who offer their help in copying the CD's. We also want to thank you for your prayers and contributions, which have helped us to continue with the work in 2011.

*On behalf of the Dutch GRN Team,
Roeli Elbers.*



GOOD NEWS

Suppose you would like to share the Gospel with children in a clear and simple way. A good tool for this is the DVD "Good News". While watching the DVD you will get an overview of the Bible from the creation to the resurrection of Jesus with the use of animated illustrations. The illustrations go with a simple and clear explanation for children by various people. You will also learn how to live according to God's will.

The script of "Good News" has been used for a longer time already within Gospel Recordings Netherlands (GRN), whose task it is to distribute the Gospel by means of audio in about 6000 languages. It has even been translated in 1200 languages and its purpose is to reach the people in their own native language with the message of the Bible and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sometimes local music is added to the spoken messages that go with the illustrations, which are presented in a nice looking booklet. On the website of GRN all of these recordings are available in mp3-format ready to download, but they can also be ordered on CD.

GRN has made "Good News" available for children and has put this on a DVD. The DVD can be used individually or by groups. It can be paused to view the rest of the story at a later time. The length of the DVD is about 26 minutes and it is suitable for children between the age of 6 and 12 years. The DVD can be ordered from Gospel Recordings Netherlands, Ecovata and the Christian Bookshops from the 1st of February for the price of 4 euro, post-age excl.

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BY MEANS OF SMARTPHONE AND TABLET...



QR code

What tools can we best use to share the Gospel? GRN has specialized itself in the use of audio and we have often written about our CD's. Ultimately the culture and habits of the recipient will decide if he/she will listen to the CD and how he will listen to it, in the car, at home or on his laptop for example. If we look at the people on the street, at home, in the car or in the train, we see many people using a mobile phone or a tablet to listen to music or to scroll the Internet. For this reason it seems logical to make use of these means to speak about the Gospel of Jesus. GRN is adapting all of its recordings for use with mobile devices.

Worldwide there are about 4 billion of mobile phones in use. And 2,5 billion of people have a media player and more and more people are getting access to the Internet. Do you realize the huge possibilities for the distribution of the Gospel? The increase of mobile devices is particularly high in the developing countries. Have a look at the following example of the use of mobile phones on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/je0L9quC1eI>

Many people in the Muslim World can be reached by the use of mobile technology. Because a mobile phone has become a part of their lives, the Gospel has a unique possibility to speak to them in a personal way. We should go along with these developments as GRN. There are thousands of recordings in thousands of languages available on the Internet.

GRN is working hard to be able to offer the Good News by means of audio on a mobile Phone. Many applications are made (App's), to be able to

download and listen to the recordings by means of online music stores like iTunes. If you speak to someone about the Gospel, you can have a look for the right link to the language of the person you are speaking to on the mobile version of the international website www.m.globalrecordings.net After having found the correct recording, you can SMS the link to him/her or you can send him the recording by means of Bluetooth or Wifi. A QR code of the mobile website has been placed below.

The mobile website has not yet been adapted to those who don't know the Gospel yet. But you can send a link to the correct recording! If you have a look at the GRN website, you can see the work in progress. Have a look at the Farsi recording for example: <http://globalrecordings.net/nl/program/C23131>. You can download the recording for mobile use!

Language teams in various countries help to make local websites. Where possible in cooperation with missionary organizations, in order to reach as many people as possible. This is a huge task, because the materials should not become too large but with a good quality to be able to listen to them. And there are recordings that go with illustrations, so we have to offer them in the form of a video file. This means a lot of work for technicians worldwide.

Let us make full use of the possibilities, which we have in order to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



DVD for Moroccans

DVD "TASTE AND SEE HOW GOOD GOD IS" FOR MOROCCANS

The mission "Evangélie en Moslimes" (Gospel and Muslims) has recently made a DVD for Moroccans with Biblical materials in Dutch, French, Arabic and especially Tarifit, the native language of about 80% of our fellow citizens with a Moroccan background.

On the DVD you will find the Gospel in audio and video, but also texts of the New Testament in Tarifit (written and spoken). There is also the story

of 'God's History' in the form of illustrations, and the well-known video about the life of Jesus, which has been based upon the Gospel of Luke. Christian songs and short Biblical messages have been added to it to listen to.

The DVD can be ordered from 'Evangélie en Moslimes' for the price of 2,50 euro, postage excl.





EVANGELIZATION IN MADRID

We would like to thank everyone who has prayed for the evangelization Campaign, which took place from August 15 – 21st in Madrid. The Lord has answered our prayers in an abundant manner, more than we had expected.

During six we days we have distributed 34.500 evangelization cd's in 11 different languages amongst the people who visited Madrid for the Catholic conference. We have done this with a team of 40 believers. And we have worked together harmoniously despite of the differences in culture and language. We have experienced that the Lord not only worked through us, but also in us. We have felt encouraged and strengthened in our faith and in the distribution of the Gospel.

A group of young people could work with children in a large public garden for two evenings, while the adults who belonged to them had the opportunity to distribute the CD's. We had special encounters with about 20 people. There was a girl called Lydia who told us that this was exactly what she was needing after she had been given a CD! The next day she visited us again. Another young woman, with whom

we had spoken and prayed together, visited us again after a few days. Oscar, a man with many problems, visited our Church service on Sunday. And someone else asked for a Bible and a Bible correspondence course by means of our website. We were able to make a list of people for whom we could start praying.

From the very start it surpassed our expectations. Happily our CD producer had printed 5000 Spanish CD's extra by mistake titled 'Desire for God'. So we had more materials to distribute. After the first day all of our English CD's were given away! We had to fetch the Multicopier from Ciudad Real to Madrid to be able to make more CD's. During the last three days and nights of the Campaign people have replaced each other in order to make 5.600 additional CD's. The languages that were most demanded, were: English, Italian, Portuguese, German and French.

Please pray for those who have received the CD's and for those with whom we have had more profound contacts.



The entire team in Madrid

RESPONSE FROM GUINEA-BISSAU

We would like to thank you wholeheartedly for the time we could spend at your office and for the materials that were given to us. We are so happy with the Cassette Copier and the Cassettes. We see this as a gift from God for the Church of Guinea-Bissau. We have used them already. The cassettes are lent out or sold to Christians in the South of the Country. Often they live in remote places and many of them can't read or write. For the young people who are learning to read and write now, there are hardly any christian books to buy. Since the war not a single christian bookshop has remained. Hans and I pray for a new bookshop in GB. This is why cassettes are still welcome in the country. We are also grateful for the picture books. We have given a series of 8 to the Sunday school in Buba. They hardly had any materials and they were very pleased with it.

And the Church in Empada has received books and a Saber. We have given these to an elder from the

local Church. They were also very pleased. In a poor country like this, this is great material! Personally I evangelize with the Saber and the books. When I enter a village the children sometimes start calling: Movie! How nice.

The other two Sabers with messages in Fula and Sossu will be delivered soon to colleagues who live in another part of the country. It is so important to proclaim God's Truth. In Holland most people are not interested anymore in the Word of God. Here it is different. There is an open door and many people like to listen to the God's Word. Later I hope to speak a bit more about experiences with the Saber when our colleagues have worked with these and the Church of Empada.

We wish you God's blessing in your work and greetings from Guinea-Bissau. In Christ Jesus,
Carla Frinsel.



CD's being distributed in Madrid



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www.globalrecordings.net

* If you want to receive our flyer to tell others about GRN, please contact us. We are happy to send this to you.



GRN's calling is to make audio evangelism tools available to Christian workers to help multiply their church planting efforts.



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OUR FINANCE

We have to cover costs for materials, transport, publicity and administration. If you place an order you will not receive an invoice but a letter listing the contents with information about the recordings and the material and transport costs. To cover GRN's general running costs, your (additional) gift is appreciated. Our website also offers the possibility for online donations.

GROENEWOLD MEDIA

www.groenewoldmedia.nl

ARE YOU AN ELOQUENT PERSON?

After 40 years in the desert, Moses' confidence in his own skills and professional education was very low. To lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, he would have to negotiate with the Pharaoh and motivate, organize and lead a nation of slaves. He was convinced that his success required eloquence. "Moses said to the LORD, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.' The LORD said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say' " (Ex. 4:10-12).

Of course it is good to learn to communicate as clearly and effectively as possible, but the success of the Christian message depends on the ability of God to speak through us. Dependence on God yields higher dividends than professionalism and eloquence. In fact, the apostle Paul was convinced that sometimes eloquence could hinder God's work in the souls of the listeners. He wrote, "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power" (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

Does it not matter how we present God's message? Does clarity, beauty, logic and conviction play no role in Christian communication? The apostle also asked for prayer that he might communicate God's message "clearly, as I should." Then he encouraged his readers to speak God's message, but with words "always full of grace, seasoned with salt" (Col 4:4, 6). Paul was aware that only God's Spirit could convert a soul, and yet he tried to "persuade" his listeners (2 Cor. 5:11). While depending totally on the Spirit of God to work, we should give the presentation of God's message our best efforts. Do you agree? Dependence of God or presentation quality - which is your strength? At GRN we are trying to apply these principles by producing new attractive gospel CDs and by improving the presentation quality of old ones.

We hope the Lord may use some of them through your evangelistic initiatives during 2012.

*Chairman of Gospel Recordings Netherlands
Philip Nunn*

To the Flemish readers:

You have received this Newsletter for some time now. I would like to ask you to send us a confirmation if you would like to continue receiving our Newsletter. We are screening our database of addresses. Soon we will send a Belgium version of the Newsletter.

Wanted:

Volunteer(s) for Flanders with a heart for evangelization and missions.

Tasks:

- Development of a Strategy for Belgium
- Distribution of CD's in various languages
- Contacting persons from different organizations and individuals who are active in Evangelization and Church planting
- Representing GRN Belgium at Christian events
- Writing articles for the Newsletter or Website

You can still order the Flemish evangelization CD 'Overhoop', as well as recordings in many other languages.

PRAYER SUBJECT

In Surinam Harny Harny Jabini has found some people who want to assist GRN in making new recordings. Please pray for good recordings in Sarnami Hindustani and Aucan. Possibly we can also work in Holland towards a new recording in Surinam Javanese.

