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## SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO THE MOKEN

*"The world threw us out as worthless, but your ministry has shown us that we are valuable. Your recordings in our language show us God's love for the Moken people."*

These were words shared during team devotionals in Ranong, South Thailand by Uu, the 28-year-old Moken man whose voice will be heard on GRN's Good News Script for his language group.

Indeed, visiting the Moken communities on the three islands of Lau, Chang and Payam, was not only valuable, but a privilege. These islands are located near the town of Ranong, where Burma meets Thailand at Burma's southernmost point on the Andaman Sea. Most Moken live on islands north of Ranong in Burmese waters.

The GRNT team and Uu were joined by a group working with the Moken of Burma, and Pastor AhLin, an Urak Lawoi fisherman/Bible translator, who loves to tell others about Jesus. They had a message of hope for the Moken. After traveling several hours from Phuket to Ranong, they took a boat to the islands, assisted by local Thai Christian worker, Sawat.



A veteran worker from Burma, who lived with the Moken for 35 years, has translated the N.T. and other Bible portions into Moken. These are in Burmese script and are being used to lead Moken in Burma to know Jesus. However, they cannot be read by the Moken of Thailand. Therefore, many years of research has been done to put the Moken language in Thailand into Thai script. **Please pray that God will provide people willing to learn Moken and produce Moken literacy materials in Thai script.**

One such person could be Michael, a 26-year-old man from the USA who has a heart to reach the Moken of Thailand and has already achieved a good grasp of the Thai language. When Michael joined the GRNT team in Ranong, he was introduced to veteran missionary Hermann Janzen, who together with his wife, has been encouraging and counseling workers to the Moken for over 35 years. Hermann advised Michael to pursue Moken language learning and future reduction of the language into Thai script. It's possible that special computer programs will be able to help in transferring the Moken N.T. of Burma into a

readable Thai version. Hermann is also the founder of the Cross Cultural Training Center (CCTC) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and is funding GRNT's work with this language group. **Please pray for Michael to continue to follow the Lord in his ministry to the Moken and for the opportunity for him to receive further training at CCTC.**

Professional photographer and long-time family friend of the Rulisons, Kevin L.J., also went on this trip. He took video and photos to help produce an audio visual recording of the Good News in DVD format, which the Moken are sure to find interesting as many already have DVD players. In addition, Ethnomusicologist, Regina, who has studied the music forms of these sea people, joined the team to help gather appropriate music for the recordings. **Please pray for the detailed process of editing the DVD Good News Audio Visual in Moken.**

The team of ten was not only diverse in experience, but came from seven different cultural backgrounds. Yet, everyone worked happily together united in their love for Jesus and their desire to see God worshipped by the Moken. **Please pray for Uu, the first Moken Christian who is being trained by Pastor Sian of Ranong Full Gospel Church. Uu's two-year-old son has a paralyzed leg (resulting from a high fever) and is unable to walk correctly. Doctors do not know what to do. Pray for Uu's faith during this time of testing.**





## RECORDING YOY AND NYAW LANGUAGES, NORTHEAST THAILAND

Since January, Kerry & Nhuvan have traveled twice to Northeast Thailand to continue recording the Yoy and Nyaw languages. They stayed near the Akat Amnuai Church, where their Yoy landlord's mother helped with the recordings.



Before the end of the first trip, this grandmother had come to put her trust in Christ. However, later when they made a follow-up phone call, Kerry and Nhuvan were saddened to hear she had been persecuted by her children. After much prayer, Nhuvan talked with her children, and they agreed to let her continue recording the Yoy language. Praise God! Kerry and Nhuvan also delivered a wheelchair and some GRN cassette tapes in the Karen Sgaw language to a Karen woman with a Yoy husband. She cannot read the Thai Bible nor understand all of the messages at the Thai church.



Many spiritual challenges were also faced with the Nyaw language. The language helper was stressed because of many responsibilities. She did not see the value of having her translation checked. As a result, some Thai and Isaan words were included. This slowed down the process. In addition, both Nhuvan and Kerry got sick. All of this presented a great training opportunity for Roger, who was of much help in recording and editing. Truly, God was in control of all things.



We were encouraged to see the pastor using the flipcharts we had given him. There were also opportunities to help with English at the Akat Amnuai Church. Please pray for the Yoy and Nyaw Christians to remain strong in the face of many challenges and much persecution and opposition.

## ROGER'S TRAINING COMPLETED

*"There were no roads to the Miao people. I had to climb a mountain to reach their village,"* reported Roger, who completed his recordist training with GRN Thailand in May.

Roger returned home and moved closer to many unreached language groups. Though he is without a partner in the work, God has provided people to help him locate the tribes. He has been having problems with his computer. Please pray as Roger uses his new skills and tools for recording to prepare Spirit-anointed presentations of the Good News in unrecorded languages. Pray that God will add those of His choosing to be Roger's co-workers.

## THE AKEU — GRN THAILAND'S NEWEST TAIL-ENDER

The Akeu are an unreached people group with a few known believers, but no Bible, discipleship materials, nor church.

The Akeu originated in the Yunnan Province of Southern China and then spread out into Laos, Myanmar and Northern Thailand. Population estimates are that there are less than 20,000 in this people group. The Akeu are of common ancestry with the Hani, Akha, and Biyo, and they are of the Tibeto-Burman language group.

The Akeu follow the Akeu Way, consisting of mainly ancestral and animistic worship, which has

*"No tribe is too small, no language is too obscure, no village is too remote."*

*"The 'Tailender' project is a serious attempt by GRN to take the Gospel to the smallest and most isolated and least reached peoples on earth."*

*"This new word has been coined to describe the type of people who are GRN's highest priority."*

The parables of the Kingdom of God are rich in explaining the ways of God. Though God is BIG, often His ways not only start in smallness but specialize in it. The Mustard Seed parable (in Matt. 13:31, 32), has valuable implications for sharing the Good News cross-culturally, especially with people groups seen as less valuable because of their size and number.

The Mustard Seed parable, as well as the One Lost Sheep, teaches that God is concerned about the small, not just the big. In fact, small is how

God most often chooses to work. Take for example Gideon, when he showed up with 32,000 soldiers. God said that was too many people. So, Gideon sent some home, leaving only 10,000. But, that was still too many, otherwise Israel might think victory could be won by their own strength, not God's. In the end, Gideon was left with a mere 300 soldiers, less than one percent of what he started with.

If God goes after the "one lost sheep", how much more should we? God's salvation came to the world through a small people group, not a superpower. Be encouraged! There's a mighty unveiling of God's glory yet to be revealed among the "Tailenders."



Blake and Tracy Staton, volunteers with GRNT, are working with the Akeu. Blake wrote the Tail-ender article above and Tracy helped edit this newsletter. They have two children, Hannah and Caleb.

**"GRN's tail-ender project is taking the Gospel to the smallest, most isolated, and least reached peoples on earth. "**

been passed down by oral traditions. But, there still remains a foundational belief of monotheism.

SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) reduced the Akeu language to writing and has now translated the New Testament books, John and Luke.

Please pray that Jesus will become the fulfillment and redeemer of the Akeu culture as more Akeu become followers of Jesus. Pray also that the Gospel will be recorded and presented in a way that becomes the Good News they've been waiting for.



**NEW STAFF FOR GRN THAILAND**

In answer to much prayer for God to provide additional staff and their financial and prayer support, three new people have begun their 90 day trial period at GRNT. They are Joy, Boy, and Phet.



Joy, 22 and single, recently went on a recording trip to N.E. Thailand with Kerry and Nhuvan, who for years have needed a Thai co-worker fluent in English with an aptitude for translating scripts. Joy demonstrated both of these qualities, even translating dynamically rather than literally, which is the goal in recordings. Joy's father is a Thai pastor, and her mother is from the LAWA language group. She is a relative of one of our GRNT Board members, Pastor Bunthip, who recently evaluated all of GRNT's LAWA recordings.

Boy, 23 and single, is an acquaintance of Lot from church. Boy is from the HMONG

language group. He has technical skills and helps with copying CDs and cassettes, and downloading MP3s onto Sabers. Boy is currently designing a Thai website for GRNT/SOLF.



A friend of Joshua's, Phet, is married with one child and is from the KAREN Sgaw language group. He recently completed a three month course training Thai pastors/evangelists to reach out cross culturally to other language groups. This training took place at the new Silk Road Academy in Chiang Mai, where Joshua serves in administration and is a friend of the Korean founder. One of their main teachers is Joy's dad, Pastor Eakkapat, whose church is on the same premises as the Academy. A GRNT team recently went there and gave a presentation to their 13 KAREN students.



**ENCOURAGING WORKERS IN CAMBODIA**

*"We knew that God wanted us to be there to share God's love and the Good News to the Khmer people, but traveling to them was one of our greatest challenges. At first, we didn't have enough money to even buy bicycles to get around with. So, as we walked from place to place for many months, we would pray for the people."*

*"There is a cost to follow the Lord Jesus, but we know it is nothing compared to the joys ahead, and even now, the joys of seeing others follow Christ as a result of the ministry we do. There are so many who still need to hear the Gospel."*

Testimonies like this from nationals and missionaries in Cambodia were eye-opening for the short-term team members from the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA), who accompanied Kerry and Nhuvan, in June.

The team witnessed first-hand the people's great need for the Gospel, as well as the love and perseverance of those ministering there.



Saber Players and Good News and Look, Listen & Live Flipcharts were given to missionaries in Cambodia. The Saber Players and Flipcharts were also used to share the Good News to many children. Please pray for those willing to pay the cost to reach out to the youth who are becoming more open to the Gospel there. Pray also for God to open the way to record several languages that still need recording in Cambodia and many more in nearby countries.

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**OFFICE BUILDING PLANS UPDATE**

Because of the worldwide economic crisis, our building plans have been re-evaluated. Rather than build a temporary office that would be used later for housing after a permanent office is built, GRNT plans to build a smaller permanent office. Over

the last year, building material prices have increased significantly and the dollar has lost value, so the cost for the same size building has increased by 24%, so we recently once again downsized the office by more than 25% in an attempt to lower the cost.

Please pray for provision of funds needed to build the Chiang Mai GRN Thailand office/studio/training center. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact GRNT for more details.

**GRN'S NEWEST HANDWIND AUDIO PLAYER**



GRN's latest handwind digital audio player, the *Saber*, uses MP3 technology that better communicates the message to

those who don't read. Small and compact, the *Saber's* sound quality is suitable for larger groups, unlike other players.

Since the *Saber's* release last September, GRN Thailand has sent out over 183 players. Recently, 130 more *Sabers* arrived at GRNT and over 90 have already been delivered to other mission groups. Quite a few, have gone out along with *Look, Listen & Live* flipcharts.



The *Good News*, *Look, Listen & Live* Flipcharts and booklets have been in demand. GRNT gave a presentation at a Chinese missionary conference recently and many of GRN's materials were ordered for Thailand and Cambodia. Orders kept coming for several weeks!

If you or your organization would like to place an order, please contact GRN Thailand at [thai@globalrecordings.net](mailto:thai@globalrecordings.net) or at 053-334-302.

**TAPETALK PLAYERS DISTRIBUTED**

GRN's *TapeTalk Handwind Audio Cassette Players* are now being used in a difficult country near Thailand. In addition, contacts may be able to carry some into another country that is waiting for them.



For more information and downloading recordings  
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### W3 – A MINISTRY OF WORSHIP, WORD AND WONDERS

For over four years now, W3 of GRNT/SOLF has been reaching out to Thai and Tribal youth of Chiang Mai and nearby areas with weekly gatherings of worship through song, teaching and prayer in the Thai language.



Every Friday night a worship band from one of ten local churches leads the gathering, while W3 provides leadership training and instruction on a variety of sound equipment. This enables band members to return home with greater confidence and knowledge to serve their churches. W3 also visits the local churches for relationship building and encouragement on Sundays and special occasions.

Based on Jesus' prayer in John 17, the main purpose of W3's ministry is twofold: 1) to help unify Thai churches in Chiang Mai and surrounding areas, and 2) for unbelievers to come to know God's love by seeing this unity.

In June, W3 hosted a mini-concert at Chiang Mai's First Church with songs, dances and dramas on the theme "Praise". Upcoming events include a mini-camp on August 21<sup>st</sup> and W3's annual Music Contest in October for local Christian bands to showcase their newly composed songs. At last year's contest, 12 bands competed, showcasing 24 new songs!

All Thai youth are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Gloria at cell # 086-179-6626.



### LOVE TOUCH

As a way of sharing God's love and healing grace, GRNT/SOLF through Love Touch has been ministering to the needy and hurting for over four years. Love Touch ministry is a practical way to share the Gospel with those who have not yet received the Good News of Christ. The Love Touch machine, designed 15 years ago by a Korean man after praying and receiving wisdom from God, provides a contact point with hurting people, teaching them how to hear God's voice and to experience His love and healing.

Love Touch leadership holds regular meetings for Thai Christian leaders to be trained in hearing the voice of God and in administering healing using the Love Touch machine. Over 200 pastors have been trained in the last four years. Many are now holding Love Touch meetings in their own communities.

In the city of Nong Khai in North-east Thailand a pastor has seen 20 people come to faith in Christ and be baptized after starting weekly Love Touch meetings in his church. Also in Lampang last March a Thai man, who had no physical strength nor ability to walk, received Christ and was healed during one pastor's weekly Love Touch meeting. This man is now walking and has a job.

GRN Thailand became the 24<sup>th</sup> member country of Global Recordings Network in March 2007. We now operate under a Board of Directors made up of mostly Thai. Our mission statement is as follows:

"In dependence upon God, through prayer, GRN Thailand, in partnership with local churches and like-minded organizations, seeks to provide and distribute culturally appropriate evangelism and discipleship materials which communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the mother tongues of the peoples of Thailand and beyond, giving priority to oral communicators and unreached people groups."



### KAREN REVIVAL MEETINGS

During the Karen Revival meetings in Om Koi, Kerry & Nhuvan helped Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), as they took care of about 400 children. The *Good News* pictures were shown on a large screen made just for that occasion. The children listened attentively and were able to answer the questions asked from the pictures. Later, the children were happy to receive small copies of the *Good News* booklet.

### GOOD NEWS HERITAGE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Jon and Clair Rulison's 14-year-old daughter, Brook, went on her first mission trip without her family to India with the youth group from Chiang Mai Community Church (CMCC) in June. She was especially pleased when she discovered her team of 18 would spend most of their two weeks in Chennai with Dr. Colleen, the Founder of Christian Missions Charitable Trust (CMCT) and a long-time friend of Brook's great grandmother, Eileen Kuhn.

Along with the staff of CMCT, Brook's team met Indian families and widows in slum villages, visited a leprosy colony and a tsunami village, distributed wheelchairs, served the elderly at a Soup Kitchen, and passed out many medical supplies, food and rice to the poor. They also performed skits and songs in English, Thai, and even the local Tamil language for kids at school rallies. One of Brook's personal highlights was performing a traditional Thai dance during a Chapel service for HIV aids patients. She was especially touched by the Indian women who loved her Thai dress and volunteered to help her get ready for the performance.

Other highlights included visiting the burial place of St. Thomas, as well as staying in the same guesthouse in Ooty where Amy Carmichael wrote her books.