



# GRN THAILAND NEWSLETTER



**He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Luke 24: 6-7**

## RAPT RESPONSE TO MOKEN GOOD NEWS VIDEO (VCD)

A GRN Thailand team and associates travelled to South Thailand in February for the premier showing of GRN's Good News Video (VCD) to the Moken, who live on the islands of Lao, Chang and Payam. This was the first time for a GRN "Tail-End" group, like the Moken, to hear and see the Good News, using 40 biblical animated pictures combined with real-life video footage of the Moken.

"On both Lao and Chang islands, they were rivoted, watching all 45 minutes of it, even during the heat of the day," said GRNT Director Jon Rulison. Copies of the VCD were then given out to the Moken families. The GRNT team discussed with Uu, the Moken whose voice is used on the recordings; with Thai Pastor Sian of the mainland church in

Ranong, who ministers to the Moken; and with Michael, an American missionary who teaches English in the local school there, how they could help in following-up with the Moken. **Please pray for full-time workers to disciple the Moken using the VCD and to teach literacy as the Moken language has now been reduced to writing using Thai script.**

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first Moken to become a Christian after the Tsunami. **Please pray for God to raise up Uu as a voice and a leader for the Moken.**

A dejected, poor people, the Moken face great challenges daily. Just before arriving on Lao island, the GRNT team was informed that a village leader had died that morning in a swimming accident. Then not long after arrival, they were informed that a one-year-old Moken child had died of malnourishment. When GRNT team members arrived at the child's house, the young Moken parents said, "No one has come to comfort us. You are the only ones!" At that, the team, kneeling in prayer, cried out for the God of hope to come to them. **Please pray for wisdom in planning GRN's future ministry to the Moken, as time with them is key to showing God's love.**

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## OPEN DOORS WITH the PHU THAI & the NYAW

While in Nakhon Phanom and Mukdahan provinces in NE Thailand in February, GRNT's team was especially blessed by working with a Thai pastor's wife, who is Phu Thai. With excitement and a sense of calling, she took full ownership of the project, working through all issues and concepts within the scripts. "We were so encouraged by how prepared and excited they were to work with us. All of our needs for the work were met, and it moved along so fast, it was hard to keep up!" said GRNT Staff Kerry.



Using the existing Thai script, they finished GRN's Good News script in two dialects of Phu Thai: Na Kae and Renu (the more proper dialect). A hearing was arranged with three non-Christian Renu-speaking villagers. After listening to Part 1 which has been recorded, they all said, "We want to hear the rest!" **Please pray for perseverance for the pastor and his wife as they continue to reach out to the Phu Thai and other people groups located in their area.**

The team was also encouraged when they met a missionary in Mukdahan working with the Phu Thai who may help with future distribution of recordings to the Phu Thai. The Phu Thai live in Nakhon Phanom and Mukdahan provinces. So,

establishing contacts in both areas will be helpful in distributing GRN materials in the future.



The team also reunited with a Nyaw grandfather, whose testimony was previously recorded. Some of his neighbors, checked the GRN Look, Listen & Live (LLL) recordings in Nyaw. "Like other people groups in Isaan, many of those over 40 only understood about 80 percent of the Thai recordings. When they heard it in Nyaw, they understood completely," said Kerry. "If we don't reach those over 40, we miss an

entire generation." **Please pray for God to open the hearts of the Nyaw to receive the Good News.**



## YOY Language Helpers Opening Up to the Gospel

In January, the GRNT team also traveled once more to Akat Amnuai in NE Thailand, to continue translating GRN's LLL series in Yoy, checking Books 1 & 2 and correcting scripts for consistency. They met with their YOY language helper, who in the beginning had resisted helping with the "Christian" scripts, but this time even came to the church the last Sunday they were there and heard the Gospel once more through

the service. "He was so happy to see us and worked hard on the recordings, even asking us to stay longer," said Nhuvan. "Then, we were encouraged to see one of our first Yoy language helpers, who told us she is still trusting in Jesus and she is still thinking about the scripts."

GRNT Staff Phet and Boy went last November to the Yoy to gain experience in observing the recording process. "I saw how

important preparation is in recording, and it requires much patience to get it right," said Boy. "Making corrections is tedious work."

Phet learned the importance of building relationships, not only with the Yoy, but with the local church. Phet said, "It's good to encourage the Christians to be exposed to the Yoy culture to understand them better. Some of them have work



related to the community, so they can touch Yoy lives on a daily basis there in the city." **Please pray for wisdom for the Thai pastor and Thai Christians to overcome the cultural barriers as they continue relating with the Yoy community.**

## Large Vietnamese Population in Northeast Thailand

While working in the NE Thailand provinces, the GRNT team has discovered many Vietnamese who cannot read either Thai or Vietnamese well. Vietnamese make up 75-80 percent of the population in the inner city of Nakhon Phanom! For GRNT Staff Nhuvan,

who is Vietnamese, this presents a great opportunity for sharing the Gospel and God's love. When she was in Mukdahan, she was able to join a single Vietnamese woman, who was born in Thailand, whom she had met previously and together they went to witness to the lady's many relatives and friends there.

**Please pray for future opportunities to build on these new relationships and for wisdom for the Thai pastors in reaching out to the Vietnamese.** "It's hard to know which language will be most effective



in reaching the Vietnamese there," said Nhuvan. "They speak Isaan, some Central Thai and Vietnamese. More evaluation needs to be done to know how best to reach them. They may need recordings including two or more languages."

## GRNT PARTNERSHIP is KEY to REACHING the AKEU



A GRNT team attended the Akeu New Year Festival in North Thailand in December to build relationships and record cultural traditions and ethno-music. The Akeu are an illiterate people who have not yet received the Good News in a way that can be understood and learned orally.

Their first time to visit the Akeu, GRNT Staff Lot and Boy joined GRNT Volunteer Blake Staton, a ten-year missionary in Thailand, who has worked the last three years with the Akeu. "It helps having

GRN partners who are experienced in media recording projects with many different people groups," said Blake. "One of GRN's greatest strengths is the Field Recordist, who goes to the people and wants to be where the people are. They genuinely desire to help at the village level, intentionally listening to and building relationships with the villagers."

During the festival, the team prayed for an Akeu grandmother, who after hearing the Good News for the first time, received Christ. They also prayed for a 17-year-old Akeu girl dying of kidney failure, who they were able to take by their truck to the hospital. "It was an intense time of prayer like I've never seen before in a village," said Boy. "Out of their lack and emptiness, the Akeu are hungry and thirsty, but at this point, they don't know what for. As opportunities open in the future to share

the Good News in a way they can understand, they will discover what they are missing and we will be able to lead many among them to Christ." Please pray for Good News recordings in Akeu, for discipling of the grandmother, and for the young girl's complete healing and salvation.

While being with the Akeu, recording them singing and playing traditional instruments, Lot observed that much of their culture is good, proper and respectful, such as their system for eating and celebrating together and honoring their elders. "After seeing how intact and vibrant the Akeu traditions still are, I began to understand why one 50-year-old Akeu father told me

that he feared Christianity most, because it would destroy their culture," said Lot. "This saddened me because becoming a Christian shouldn't mean throwing out such practices, but rather developing and building upon them."

Please pray for more opportunities to join in Akeu festivals to honor the good traditions and to show God's love in a way that presents Christianity in a positive way to the Akeu.



### MPI HEAD MONK VALUES CONNECTION WITH GRNT

The Mpi head monk in Phrae called the GRNT office to wish everyone a happy New Year and to say he values GRNT's work with his people group. He has also visited the office in the past. "We are encouraged by the open door and favor we have with the Mpi and that the head monk is showing more interest," commented Jon. "We are praying earnestly for the Lord to bless our relationships with the Mpi."

Last August, GRNT took their fifth trip to the Mpi to continue their "research and preparation phase" of GRNT's 10k challenge.

"With love for his people, the Mpi head monk speaks well of the Mpi people and doesn't want to see them lose their language," explained GRNT Staff Jaew.

Please pray for the Mpi head monk as he is known by everyone and is key to opening the way to the Mpi.

### Relevant Scripts Are Essential To GRNT'S Goals

Recognizing the importance of relevant, up-to-date scripts in Thai, a special committee is receiving hands-on training to increase their translation skills so they can revise the Thai versions of GRN's scripts to make

them more natural and understandable for Thai or Asian thinkers. They are keeping in mind the primary goals of a good translation: clear and accurate meaning, while preserving naturalness.

In addition to revising scripts, new staff members are learning how they can communicate the Good News to others more effectively. "This is a long project," commented Committee Leader Nhuvan, "but it is excellent training for new staff members in translation work and in becoming future field recordists."



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## LOVETOUCH and W3 UPDATE

During the LoveTouch 5th Annual Conference for pastors and leaders held in January in Chiang Mai, over 40 people received training and planned to join ministry teams back at their home church. During the conference's last day, attendees practiced LoveTouch ministry, inviting the sick to receive prayer and healing. One lady received healing and was able to begin walking again. With further treatment and exercise, we hope that strength in her legs will be fully restored. The conference's host church has held LoveTouch meetings for over two years now, seeing many come to the Lord and be baptized. **Please pray for LoveTouch board members who will be following-up churches with LoveTouch ministries in the coming months.**



W3 (a ministry of Worship, Word and Wonder), continues to meet every Friday night at First Church in Chiang Mai from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. W3 hosted a special Valentine's Day banquet as an outreach for over 100 youth in Chiang Mai. Many invited non-Christians to the event and are being encouraged to follow-up their friends. W3 prayer camps, a sports day, and mini-concerts are planned in the near future. **Please pray that these activities will give the Youth opportunity to develop their gifts and reach out to their non-Christian friends.**



## GRNT PRAYER LIFE AND FAMILY-LIKE BONDS DEEPEN

Through week-day morning devotional times at the office, a once-a-month time alone with God, times of fasting and intercessory prayer together, and an annual retreat, GRNT staff members and volunteers are being challenged spiritually and are growing deeper relationally.



"As a single woman, it's important to feel a part of a family, and though we are a group with different backgrounds and experiences, we are becoming like a family with one heart and vision," said Jaew. "At our retreat one night around the campfire we had a special time of sharing. It was especially good to hear how God has worked and is working in each family's life."

GRNT's prayer life has also become more intentional and alive, not only for members personally but corporately as they pray together regularly

for the many unreached people groups with whom they are working. "During our monthly prayer and fasting day, we cried out in intercession on behalf of each language group. We realized our desperate need for answered prayer in our work," shared Jon.

In addition, studying the Scriptures together each morning has opened up truths and renewed God's eternal purposes and plans. "Through the Scriptures we see the importance of each individual and each people group and it is exciting to see how God has already prepared in advance the many people groups to receive the Good News. So, we must prayerfully ask ourselves with each language group, what scriptures will be most relevant to the people? Will they be able to connect with them?" added Kerry. **Please pray for insight in communicating the Gospel in ways that enable the different people groups to clearly understand the wonderful salvation that God offers through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## INTERN GAINS VALUABLE, ON-THE-FIELD TRAINING WITH GRNT

After training as a vernacular media specialist, in North Carolina, USA, Meghan Noble began her two-month internship with GRNT in January. Meghan first travelled with GRNT's team to work with the Phu Thai, Yoy and Nyaw language groups in NE Thailand. Meghan contributed to recordings by editing sound and quality. "It's one thing to hear and know about GRN's work, it's another thing to actually do it! This trip I observed first-hand the recording process," said Meghan. "I learned, that building relationships is an essential part of the process. We were constantly visiting people, sometimes four families a day, even at dark."



Later, in February, Meghan also travelled with GRNT's team to S. Thailand where she met the Moken and Urak Lawoi language groups. There, she was especially touched by their willingness to sacrifice and serve alongside GRN. "One pastor who makes his living by fishing dedicated the whole week to serve with us. Another man from Burma, who speaks Moken, was willing to entrust his family and orphanage to the Lord for that week while he helped with the VCD viewings and led discussions afterwards. I was so touched by their testimonies of God's faithfulness."