

GLOBAL RECORDINGS NETWORK SOUTHERN AFRCIA (GRNSA) VISITING MALAWI



Michael Robb and Dalene Joubert during a heavy rainfall at Nkhoma area

- Dalene Joubert (Coordinator for GRN Projects in Southern Africa), Christine Platt (Director for GRN Australia) and Michael Ropp (Lead Recordist) came to visit FTS Ministries ***from 1st to 7th February 2015.***
- The visitors were escorted to 4 areas in Malawi by the Fishers, Trainers and Senders (FTS) team: Louise Laubscher (Director), Dallion Chitekwere (Media officer) and Mr. Owen Banda (Driver)

THE PURPOSE OF THE JOURNEY

- 1) To see the impact made through Look, Listen and Live using Audibibles, Sabers and Proclaimers in the communities.
- 2) To evaluate the recording equipment.
- 3) To determine the need in these communities for Audio Ministry.

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AREAS VISITED

(1) **NKHOTAKOTA**: In this area there are 11 groups (8 Kid clubs and 3 Adult Bible study) and we took our visitors to 2 kids clubs where over 50 children at the 1st and 20 children at the 2nd Kid club are attending and 1 adult Bible study group where over 15 people gathered.

(2) **SALIMA**: This was the second area to visit. Out of 9 groups (5 kid's groups and 4 adult groups) we managed to visit 1 adult Bible study group and 3 children clubs. Although it was school time but an estimated 250 children attended.

(3) The third place was Nkhoma, where there are 31 groups (22 kid's clubs and Sunday school and 9 Bible studies). We were able to show the visitors 3 groups: 1 kids club and 2 Bible study groups.

(4) The fourth and last place was Chilenje. There are 49 groups (32 kid's clubs and Sunday school and 17 Adult Bible study groups), but we were successful to show our visitors 2 groups: 1 kid club and 1 Bible study group. In this Bible study group their over 41 people mostly elderly people. The Kid club has about 120 kids.



Christine Platt & a FTS Field worker during a heavy rainfall in Nkhoma area

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POSITIVE:

- Teachers / facilitators who were trained by F.T.S in children ministry were busy teaching in all the places where we visited.
- In adult Bible study groups, the people who undergo discipleship training which F.T.S is providing to see them leading these groups was also one of the strength to us.
- Apart from picture books and audibibles which kid's clubs receive F.T.S Ministries is also providing Children Bibles. This helps some of the children (who attend school) to read the Bible stories even when there at home.



STATISTICS OF MATERIALS IN THESE AREAS

AREA	SABER	AUDIBIBLE	PROCLAIMER	TALKING BIBLE	TOTALS
NKHOTAKOTA	1	7	1	5	14
SALIMA	1	5	7	1	14
NKHOMA & CHILENJE		20		3	23
<u>TOTAL:</u>					<u>51</u>

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, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples” Matt 28:19



We thank God for enabling us to travel with our 3 visitors to these areas and therefore giving them the opportunity to see firsthand the achievements, but also the challenges.

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Stand with us in prayer as we can see that the harvest is ready and the workers are few.

Your prayer should never be underestimated as we could not imagine that ***these visitors (1 from Australia, 1 from South Africa and 1 from USA) representing Global Recording Network could come and see what we are doing.***

We are convinced as technical teams like these come, Ministry in the rural communities stand even a better chance to make a difference. We do not know the window of opportunity that we still have, but come and stand with us so that we can continue pursue this work in reaching out and serve those who cannot read or have access to the written Word of God.

Dallion Chitekwere has so far been supported by Good News Media and we are so thankful for the support received through Global Recording Network to enabling the work done through Dallion. The work has become too vast for one person and ***we need someone to come and work with Dallion in following up the work in at least 8 districts in Malawi.***

Remain blessed, Louise Laubscher on behalf of FTS Ministries leadership