



# SOUNDS OF LIFE

## GOSPEL RECORDINGS NEDERLAND

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### Global Recordings Network

#### EXAMINATION ON GRN

September 9th was the day on which Jonathan Mudde presented his final paper about GRN to the Christian College of Ede. His subjects were 'What is oral culture', and 'Who do you want to reach with the audio materials?' in a country like Holland and western Europe. Do you realize that even in our country there are 250.000 people who are illiterate and more than a million dutchmen who are more or less functionally illiterate?

What can GRN mean for Holland? And what kind of organization are we? What does Gospel Recordings Netherlands do within the other European centers and within GRN worldwide? And not to forget the spiritual motivation of our mission as a whole was discussed.

Jonathan wrote about this in his study 'From Mission to Strategy'. He also gave advice for the future functioning of GRN Netherlands. We feel privileged that our mission focused on this after the restart in Holland in January 2008. The CHE-student was coached by our Dutch fellow worker Mark van Kampen. In our former edition you read about Jonathan's part in the recording of the Lapland Sami language. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you can read more about the distribution of the final recording.

With thanks to Jonathan and a blessing to his future in missions. One of his statements: "The CD can take the place of a personal conversation – as an oral message".



Jonathan Mudde

#### TURKISH EVANGELIZATION CD

In Holland live about 386.000 Turkish people. The Turks are therefore the largest non-Western ethnical minority in our country. For these people and for many others in the surrounding countries a new Turkish evangelization CD has been made in cooperation with 'Evangelie & Moslims', a Mission that works amongst Muslims.



GRN had various Turkish recordings, but after having tested these on several listeners, we came to the conclusion that they had to be renewed. In our contacts with 'Evangelie & Moslims' we have chosen for the following scheme:

On the CD are seven subjects in the form of a dialogue between two people with turkish music in between the conversations. These recordings have been made in a Christian radio station in Turkey. Various speakers were hired to make the recordings. Yüksel, a co-worker of E&M has developed the script together with the others of the team. The design of the cover has been made by E&M. The CD itself has been pressed by Evomedia in Zeewolde and the CD can be ordered at our office for the price of € 2,-, postage excl.

#### WE GLADLY TELL WHAT WE ARE DOING!

The Summer is already behind us and we are busy with presentations. In the past weeks we were to be found at various places with a stand or stall. You could encounter us at the Xnoizz Flevo Festival near Apeldoorn and on fairs on the camping sites of the Betteld and 'the Promised Country'. But also on a Gospel market in Ede where we were allowed to present the Good News with the aid of audio.

GRN is up to date. On Internet you can follow our activities on our renewed website [www.gospelrecordings.nl](http://www.gospelrecordings.nl), but also the social digital networks have become familiar with GRN. On Twitter you can follow us through <http://twitter.com/GospelRecNL>, and we can also be found on Facebook and Hyves. Since we have started doing this, many 'followers' have enrolled themselves whom we would not have reached otherwise. Even the number of people visiting our website have increased.

In the coming months our Agenda is full of activities. We will be present with a stand during 12 Gospel concerts of Martin Brand which have been organized during the National Concert Tour 2010. In December you can also find us at the Concert Tour of Trinity, Ralph van Manen and Sharon Kips. Various activities help GRN to become more known within the country. Everyone should know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is available in nearly 6000 languages! So continue to follow us through the mediums mentioned above.

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*Recordist Kenny McKee*

**RECORDIST TRAINING**

The recording of Gospel messages in as many languages as possible in the world is one of the main tasks of Global Recordings Network of which we are a part. Recordists are needed for this work to be done. 'Recordists' are people who go to a particular part of the world to make audio recordings of the Gospel and to lay the foundation for further distribution. In order to do this work trainings are organized in several countries one of which is Australia where one of the GRN headquarters is located.

The training involves instruction in audio recording and editing on the PC, linguistics and intercultural communication. Candidates need to have a good knowledge of the Bible. Since I have a background in theology and Bible translation and have a broad knowledge of puters, we have chosen for a different approach. In cooperation with Kenny McKee, a British recorder I have become involved in an 'on the job' training. As part of this training last Spring I travelled to Kosovo and the North of Albania to assist in the production of new audio recordings in Albanese and Goran, a local language with one known believer. This man who is a recent convert has read the script and plays an important role in the distribution of the Gospel. One of the things which I have learned in Kosovo is that being a recorder involves much more than just making the recordings.

During our stay we were heavily involved in the activities of the local Church and also in human aid. I was also in the British center for a week to get some further training in recording and editing. Added to this I was instructed in administration and archiving by an experienced recorder from Australia during the European Team meeting in Germany.

This experience has helped me to get more insight in the work of a recordist and I hope to be able to develop myself further in this ministry. So far I have been active in making new recordings in cooperation with a local studio. In Belgium I was allowed to make a new recording in Flemish and in Tagalog for the Filipino's. In Holland I was involved in the project for production of a new Turkish CD. In the future I hope to start making field recordings as well as working with studios, especially in places where this is the best option. The purpose of GRN within Europe is to make new recordings wherever necessary which can be used for evangelization and basic Bible instruction. You can also become part of this ministry by your prayers. Perhaps this article speaks to you. If so, contact us for further information.

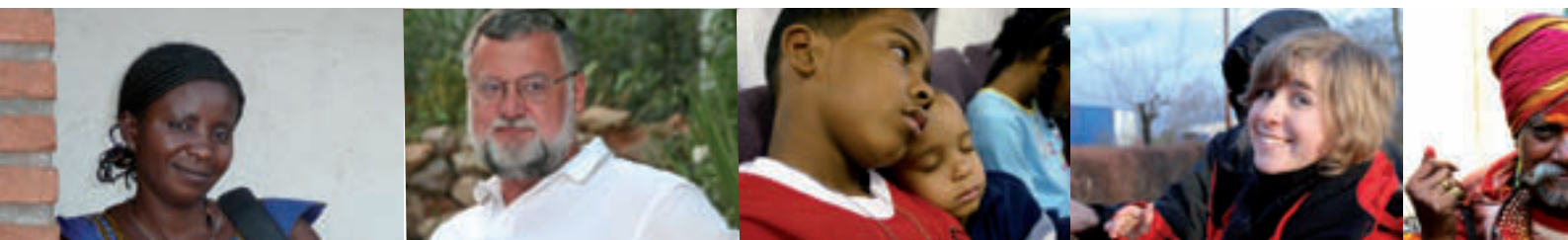


*Contacts and distribution through the Churches*

**GOSPEL NETWORK SURINAM**

The contacts in Surinam are increasing. We would like the people to use the materials in their own Church. In Paramaribo we will speak to a brother from the platform of Christian leaders. If more people get acquainted with our work, more people can be reached with the Word of God. We ourselves will go to the interior and the District of Commewijne to speak in the Churches and to leave CD's behind. We were allowed to place an advertisement board in the district of Para. And in Paramaribo we had permission to distribute flyers amongst the young people in the City Centre.

Recently we have had contact with a sister who could help us with the translation into the Aukan language and the GOOD NEWS recording of Javanese. Please pray for these people who are willing to help us with these translations and also for the financial means which are necessary to make the recordings. Before the end of this year we want to complete the Hindustan and Saramacan translation. During Christmas we want to offer a copy of 'Ongelooflijk' to the ministers and to Desi Bouterse who is the president. Please pray for this!





## NEW SEAMAN'S MISSION IN NORWAY

"Is that CD really in my language?" Often the sailors could not believe their eyes if they accepted such a GRN CD. Almost 1000 sailors, male and female, visited our small apartment that served as a Sailor's Home for the crew of the cruise ships. Engineers, Chambermaids, Waiters and Musicians, all found their way to the new spot. Amongst them Filipino's, Latino's, many from India, but also from the Ukraine, Italy, and Rumania. The 10 volunteers were as diverse.

Last year I visited Norway for orientation and I soon discovered that during the summer about 250 cruise ships tied up in this picturesque and historical harbor. In the past the Vikings came here, now it is a city for tourists. But there are also thousands of sailors who have nowhere to go on a rainy day in Bergen. Where could they phone home, sometimes with the use of Skype, Yahoo or MSN Messenger for which they needed computers?

The Bergen Seaman's Mission offered them this 'Home away from Home' during the few hours that their ship moored in this Harbor. They didn't mind sitting cramped and crowded in the attic under a slant roof. Even though we had 9 places ready sometimes we had 16 or more persons. Especially on days when the ground floor was full you could find them with 4 laptops on the balcony. But we were not an Internet café.

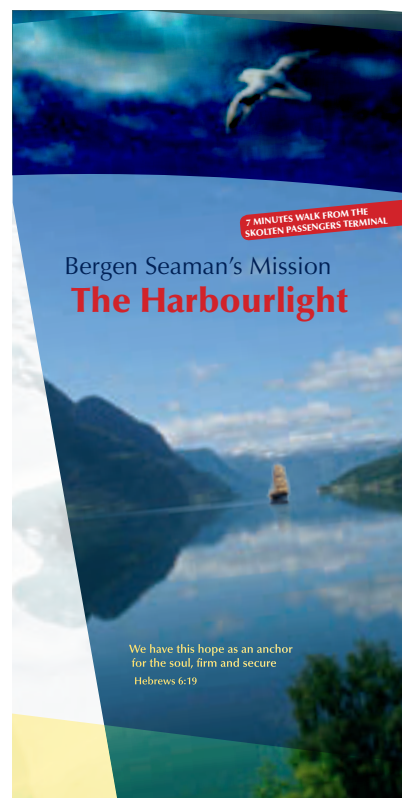
We could not have foreknew that this initiative would be so successful. For next summer we have rented a larger building (a renovated 100 year old Church), also in the neighborhood of the quay.

They felt at home with us, and Christians were encouraged and could speak about their problems. But what speaks to me is that also non-Christians, even Muslims and Hindus accepted gladly a booklet or CD with the Gospel in their own language. Regularly new CD's had to be ordered in Holland. Next year we hope to have our own tower to duplicate the CD's that we need.

This summer there were over 30 nationalities present. Sometimes we were allowed to visit the ship to meet the crew and to let them know about the new Mission. And we could also distribute materials. See for pictures on Facebook's profile of Bergen Seaman's Mission.

All in all tens of Bibles with bible courses have found their way (think about Isa 55:1). The Lord deserves all honor for His blessings and encouragement.

'See you next year', as the sailors would say when they say goodbye. Please pray to make this possible.



Front of the Folder of the Seaman's Mission

## PASS IT ON!

By Philip Nunn, Chairman Gospel Recordings Netherlands

*Our God is a God with a great heart. With love, interest and concern He follows our daily movements. We are told that He works behind the scenes for our good (Rom. 8:28).*

*The blessings we receive are for our grateful enjoyment, but not exclusively for our own enjoyment. He blessed Adam, Eve and Noah and told them to act on that blessing for the benefit of others: "be fruitful and increase in number" (Gen. 1:22, 28; 9:1).*

*He blessed Abraham and explained: "through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed" (Gen. 22:18).*

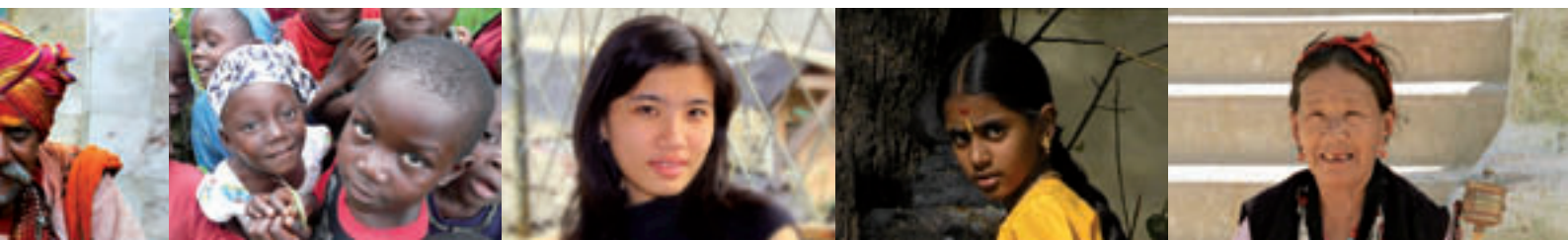
*Our God's desire is to bless you and me, and through us to bless others. His goal has always been to bless "all nations."*

*What have you been blessed with? Can that blessing be shared in some way with others?*

*The Lord Jesus told His disciples: "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8).*

*Have you had a chance to listen to some of GRN's new CD's lately?*

*Perhaps purchasing and distributing some recorded gospel messages may help you share freely God's good news with others. Pass it on!*



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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\* 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.

## THE GRN-TEAM CONSISTS OF:

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Mark van Kampen en Geert Hoekstra

For international news, we refer you to the website:  
[www.globalrecordings.net](http://www.globalrecordings.net)



## 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](http://www.groenewoldmedia.nl)

## NEW VISIT TO LAPLAND

Last Summer we have researched the possibilities of GRN CD's for the Sami people who live in the northern part of Norway and the north of Finland and Sweden. Last winter our recording team went there to make a new Good News recording. You could see the picture with snow in our last Newsletter.

This summer we revisited the same place, but now for the distribution of the new DVD/CD. They welcomed us with enthusiasm. Contacts with local Christians were made and they will take the responsibility for the further distribution of the materials which we will send from Holland.

Everywhere where I came into contact with Sami's with my international colleague from GRN we were able to leave these CD's behind. They were always pleasantly surprised.

To receive something in your own language is something which we are accustomed to in Holland. But for those who speak other languages it may be a bonus and something that will enable them to hear about the love of Christ. Perhaps in your neighborhood?



Young Sami woman

## Prayer subjects

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Distribution of the new CD's:  
Dutch 'Nice and Cozy, Turkish, Sami-Lapland,  
Portuguese, 7 Arabic languages like Kurdish, Armenian, etc.
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Stands during the Gospel Tour and volunteers who are needed.
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Wisdom for the new jobs of recordist and language tracker  
of GRN Netherlands.
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Search for a FLEMISH Coordinator in Belgium.

