



# On the Goat Track

David & Katrina Miller

## Two years @ GRN

We have now been staff with Global Recordings Network (GRN) for 2 years. We still believe that this is the strategic work that God would have us do. About 70 % of the world's population are oral communicators. Recordings of biblical stories in their own language, spoken by native speakers are a very effective means of evangelising and discipling such people, as half of them are illiterate. GRN's recordings in over 5800 languages are used by missionaries around the world. Technology is a vital part of this work, with all parts of the recording and distribution process now digital. Almost 3,000 hours of bible stories are downloaded from our web site every month!

In September '09 David was part of the International Information Systems Team meetings for GRN in Sydney. A lot was discussed and a strategic plan developed. One of the team's priorities is to simplify interfaces to help people use the different tools that we have. For David this means a lot of work on the Intranet system.

In December the Aussie IS team developed a design to enable us to manage the distribution of media files around the network. Since we are usually dealing with hundreds of gigabytes (1 Gigabyte = 1000 Megabytes) of files for a centre or base, we cannot expect that the files will be transferred over the internet (if the base even had a connection), so we need to develop other means of managing the file transfers. We have developed an elegant design, that requires a substantial amount of support from other systems. David is implementing the first version of this design, migrating the current Audio Libraries to the new system.

Katrina is now managing the GRN monthly mailouts to our supporters by herself, with help from volunteers. Over 2000 envelopes are posted each month, around the world and throughout Australia, plus a bulk email. The process runs throughout the month with details of contacts being updated, letters and emails sent to more recent contacts, and then the printing, folding, and stuffing of the bulk of the envelopes, starting with overseas, NZ and then Australia. These supporters then pray for our work.

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### Coming up

Apr 30-May 10 NT Trip  
June 18-22 USA ICCM?  
Aug 27-Sep 19 Africa TOW?  
Oct 12-14 ICCM-AU



David at Australia Telescope in Narrabri



We will visit Phil - the Flying Bible Man in May. He love's GRN's Saber,

## Kate's Korner

It is now 1 year and 1 month since Dad went home to be with the Lord and I still miss him greatly. Mum seems to be ok but is very lonely. I see her every week but it is never long enough. Just recently David went to Perth so I took the opportunity to bring Mum here for a couple of days. It was good to be able to spend more time with her and introduce her to a couple of friends whom she could relate to and have conversations with. It was great and I hope to have the opportunity to do it again sometime soon. It could be sooner than later as David has plans to go to ICCM US in June. I know she appreciated the change of environment away from the retirement village.

Our next big adventure will be going to the Northern Territory, (30th April - 10th May) to the Katherine Christian Conference. This will be my chance to experience the impact that Global Recordings Network audio materials and the Saber has been having in the Northern Territory through the work of the Flying Bible man, Phil Zamagias, without having to go overseas or have nasty injections whose reactions are worse than the actual injection itself. We have never been to the NT or 'outback' so it will be very interesting.

During this time our dog, Sally, will be holidaying at a boarding kennel, which will be a new experience for her (and us!) as we always take her with us when we go away so I am in the process of looking at and vetting boarding kennels in the local

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Rom 10:17*

area. I will miss her and I'm sure she will miss us while we are away.

Please pray for us. My health has been good which I hope will continue, especially during the trip to Darwin and Katherine. We are looking forward to it.

Thank you for your continued support and loving care of us, we appreciate it.

Katrina and Sally. oxoxo woof, woof. :-D

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## Travels

Our trip to Rockhampton in our campervan in Oct 2009 was an opportunity to share our work with others and invite them to partner with us. We had something like 12 presentations about GRN to make on the way, to all sorts of groups, large and small. A lot of people were interested in Global Recordings' ministry, and many long term supporters were excited to have a visit from a GRN staff member. The van went well, and we had the opportunity to catch up with our friends, the Arneys while away. Our holidays were a bit shorter than expected, so next time we will plan that a bit better.

From April 30 to May 10 we will be in the Northern Territory. We will

attend the Katherine Christian Convention. The Aboriginal leaders have asked for more information about 'audio visual' material such as GRN's, so we will be working with our partners there to help the Aboriginal community use the GRN hand wind SABER MP3 player and our recordings for their own discipleship, and evangelism. Being an opportunity for Katrina to see GRN's materials in use, we will also visit Wycliffe/SIL's office there, the Flying Bible Man's base, and Nungalingya College (the Aboriginal Bible College). We also hope to visit some GRN partner churches in Darwin.

David may also have a couple of overseas trips later in the year. He may attend ICCM in the USA in June and possibly visit the USA office for further Intl IS team meetings. There is also a good possibility that he will be technical support for GRN's African Technical Operations Workshop (TOW). This would normally be Graham Schabel's role, however Sue, his wife, is expecting a baby in early April, so he is not available. The TOW is an opportunity to provide update training to recordists. David's role will be mainly removing virii from computers and equipment, getting computers working etc. We have a lot of problems with infected computers and are continually trying to find ways to help our recordists keep their machines workable!



Meeting At Narrabri Anglican Church

## Prayer

Praise God for Katrina's good health.

For our trip to Northern Territory in May, for safety, opportunities to promote GRN and our resources and a better understanding of Aboriginal ministry & for Sally's boarding.

For God's provision.

For guidance in developing computer systems for GRN

For planning ICCM AU in October.

For the possible trip to Africa in September for David, and the possible USA trip in June.

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