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A Godly Heritage

We have recognized for a long time that Prof. Misael Custodio is our “key man” in our work among the P’urepecha. Misael is a tireless servant of the Lord, working in Mexico City at the *Seminario Teológico Juan Calvino*, as well as with the Independent Presbyterian Church of Mexico. He also works hard in the P’urepecha region of Michoacán, bringing solid Reformed Biblical training to the pastors, elders, and church leaders there.



Here is Bill with Misael's parents

We have often stayed at the home of Misael’s parents, Catalina and Celerina, in the town of Cheran, or visited them when we were staying in nearby Paracho. Misael’s parents were some of the original converts in Dr. Lathrop’s ministry in the mountains of the P’urepecha. His dad Catalina helped Max in his print shop, and with his literacy efforts among the P’urepecha.

Even now, besides pastoring the church in Cheran, he still teaches in the school system. Misael’s parents have provided him with a long-standing heritage of faithfulness to God’s Word.

We just learned that Catalina is scheduled for prostate surgery 18 January, so we are asking for your prayers on his behalf for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. Pray that the Lord would grant the doctors skill and wisdom, and that He would touch him with His healing hand.

Leadership Challenge

We have also learned that there may soon be some leadership challenges in the church in Paracho. We have rejoiced in the faithfulness, courage, and growth of this little church in recent years, and love to visit this faithful little flock. The Assistant Pastor there, Eric Villa, had spent some time as a student at the seminary in Mexico City, and has always been a faithful laborer in our Lord’s kingdom. As with most of our pastors there, he is bi-vocational, having worked in several different ways to put food on his table, while also preaching the gospel.

We recently learned that it appears Eric will need to be moving to Morelia (the capitol of the state of Michoacán, and quite a long distance from Paracho). We

do not have all the details of this move, but we would ask for your prayers that the Lord would continue to raise up new leadership in the churches there (including Paracho), also filling the gap that will be left by Eric's move. Also pray that Eric will be mightily used by God for His kingdom in his new home in Morelia. We would love to see the influence of the *Manifestors of the Glory of God* extending well beyond the little mountain villages surrounding Paracho.



Eric Villa uses his gifts for the glory of God and the service of His church.

Remote Classroom

We are still praying that the Lord will lay it on the heart of some of His people to partner with us in providing the resources for a permanent remote classroom in Paracho, to greatly facilitate the further training of the church's leaders there. To this end we are hoping to raise an additional \$60 per month. Will you please pray with us to that end?

Items For Prayer

► Please pray for the faithful Manifestors in Cheranastico, who are now meeting in homes and yards, until they can come up with a serviceable building for church services.

► Please pray for Misael and his work among the Tarascans, as well as in the church he pastors in Mexico City, and his work at the seminary. Pray that the Lord will sustain his health and safety, as well as giving him great wisdom concerning how best to steward his resources as he labors to advance the Lord's Kingdom on many fronts. Pray also for his family, for their health, safety, and continued growth in grace.

► Pray for the Lord to move by His Spirit in the many villages among the Tarascans – Cheran, Paracho, Cheranastico, Ichan, Acachuen, Aranza, Tzopoco, San Lorenzo, Anga'uan, and the surrounding villages. Pray that the Lord will move powerfully in the hearts of many of His elect, stirring in them a great hunger and thirst for His authentic Gospel.

► Please pray for the church in Paracho, which is the leader among the Tarascan churches for the Reformed Faith. Pray for pastor David Custodio, and assistant Eric Villa, that they would have a shephardly wisdom and compassion, as well as a holy boldness for the Gospel.

► And please let us know how we can be praying for you.

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