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## The Nashville of Michoacán

The town of Paracho is known around the world for its quality musical instruments, especially guitars. Some of the best instruments in the world come from Paracho. One of the elders in the church in Paracho, Ramón Joaquín, earns his living making cellos.



*Primo in his computer-controlled recording studio. Primo is a deacon in the church in Paracho.*

Many of the surrounding towns are home for skilled musicians, and many of them still perform traditional Tarascan music in the P'ore language. And if any of these groups have made recordings of their music, chances are they did it in the Paracho recording studio run by David Custodio's cousin, Primo.



*Visiting Gringo missionaries "cut loose" in Primo's studio.*

The studio is subsidized by the government, for specifically traditional music, and Primo has been kept quite busy lately. But besides recording musicians, he was able to also record the entire P'urepecha New Testament, being read by local school-children in the native dialect. It was refreshing to hear the youthful, energetic voices ringing with the words of Holy

Scripture, in this little Nashville of Michoacán!

## Meanwhile, Back At The Ranch...

While we often focus our attention in these newsletters on the work going on in Tarascan-land, it is important to realize that we are also active in Mexico City, at the *Seminario Teológico Juan Calvino*. Rev. Misael Custodio is currently the Rector at the seminary (a rotating position among active full faculty). And as we have mentioned before, Misael continues to be our greatest help among the Tarascans in Michoacán, where he originally grew up knowing Max.



*A packed house in the newly refurbished chapel at the Seminario Teológico Juan Calvino in Mexico City learn about Guido de Brés.*

Since the seminary is so crucial in facilitating our work among the Tarascans, we are anxious to do what we can to support the seminary as well. So each year we are happy to deliver the keynote addresses in their Reformation Day Conferences. These addresses always focus on some aspect or element of Reformation, and have run the gamut from the early Church Fathers, to the Great Awakening.

This year we explored the contributions of Guido de Brés, the author of the Belgic Confession. His is a very intriguing, challenging, inspiring and romantic story of faithfulness amid extreme trial, and fidelity to the true authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ. Just as the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews used a church history lesson to encourage the beleaguered believers in Hebrews 11, the testimony of faithful believers who have gone before is a great encouragement to these Reformed believers in Mexico, both in Mexico City, and in Michoacán. Indeed, they are not alone in their struggle, but are part of a truly great and immense company of faithful in the Body of Christ.

## Items for Prayer:

- Pray for the Spring board meeting of WBM, April 17th.
- Pray for the church to be a light to the surrounding community, and pray for the Lord to stir the hearts of the townspeople by His effectual Gospel.
- Pray for Rev. Misael Custodio and his family, that struggle recently with health issues.

Thank you for your prayers for our work among the Tarascans. We would ask that you continue to lift up the ministry of the Manifestors. Pray that the Lord would soften the hearts of many people in these villages, giving them a deep hunger and thirst for His true Gospel.

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