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## Tools for the Kingdom

**G**utenberg's printing press was one of the practical tools that made the Reformation possible. The use of the modern movable type was crucial for getting the Bible and Reformation literature into the hands of the people. The Bible tells us that the Lord's work is Sovereignly determined and ordained with unerring certainty. And yet the same Bible assures us that God delights to use real people and their willing actions to carry out His designs. Paul put to good Kingdom use the Roman roads. Luther put to good Kingdom use the printing press. So did Max Lathrop in Mexico. Tools for the Kingdom.

**D**r. Lathrop put the printing press to good use during his years among the P'urepecha people. He once explained to me how he modified a repair part for that press from the transmission of an old Chevy. Misael's dad, Catalina, worked with Max in his print shop, producing reams of God-honoring literature in the P'urepecha language.

**O**n our last trip, we were able to provide a new laptop for José Magaña to use for producing more reformed literature. It is equipped with the Tarascan font, so he can write and print materials in the P'urepecha language. In recent years, there has been

little reformed literature published in P'urepecha. We look forward to seeing more reformation literature coming from the *Manifestors*.



*José Magaña learns to use his new laptop and printer.*

## A New Study Group

**O**ur last trip to Tarascan-land was a busy one, with conferences, meetings, and personal encouragement. Bill was able to address several different gatherings on the theme of this year's Reformation Day conference: Guido de Brés and the Belgic Confession.

**O**ne of these was with a new reformation study group that meets near Paracho. This is a group of people from the area of Paracho and Cheranastico that are interested in some more in-depth study of reformation principles.



*The new reformation study group that meets near to Paracho.*

## Manifestor Influences Evangelical Pastors

There is a group of broadly Evangelical pastors and leaders from the region that meets monthly. A couple of years ago the group asked David Custodio if he would be willing to teach them a section on Church History. Most of these pastors are not Reformed themselves, but are very interested in hearing about the history of reformation.



*Bill speaks to an assembly of Evangelical pastors about Confessional Christianity. David Custodio regularly teaches this group on Church History.*

For two years in a row, Bill has been able to address these pastors on subjects related to Church History and Reformation. On our last visit, he used the material on Guido de Brés and the Belgic Confession to emphasize the necessity of being a *confessional* church, and the importance of our confessional connection with the historic reformational church. These lectures were very well-received, and they are interested to learn more. We rejoice that the Manifestors are spreading the influence of the Reformation to new fields in Tarascanland.

### Items for Prayer:

- Pray for boardmember Rev. Greg Poorman, as he recovers from another complicated elbow surgery.
- Pray for José Magaña to quickly learn to use the laptop effectively.
- Pray for Rev. Misael Custodio, that the Lord will guide him as he considers how and when to transition to a larger ministry in Michoacán. Pray that the Lord will sustain his health and safety in his many travels.

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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