

**Praise:** During the time we spent stateside two years ago, I was working fulltime preparing the Old Testament key portions of the Guanano Old Testament (which both Barry and I had worked on) for publication. Soon after we returned to Brazil, it was published in Manaus by our print shop. It was the culmination of many years of work, not only by us, but by native Guanano speakers, and our consultant.

Now we are happy to announce that in cooperation with Wycliffe Bible translators, the Guanano Old Testament portions and the Guanano New Testament (published by Wycliffe) are together on Google Play as a downloadable App. The New Testament Scriptures are available in audio, with YouTube clips of the Jesus story embedded in the text. The Old Testament Scriptures have also been recorded, but unfortunately in a different format than what is used in this App. Hopefully, we can work to change that. We are especially grateful for the access the app gives many Guanano believers to Guanano Scriptures. May the Lord continue to bless the reading of his Word by unbelievers and believers alike!

The app displays text which is easy to read, **sooo** important for Guanano readers, and it provides notifications for daily Scripture reading. If out of curiosity you would like to hear a little bit of the language, you can check it out on Goggle Play. (Note: If you do look for the App, don't be afraid of the name "Wanano". That is simply the Portuguese version of the Spanish "Guanano".) If you have invested in the Guanano work by praying or giving, we thank you for having a part in making God's Word available to this indigenous people in this new format.



**Pray:** The Guanano church in Colombia is struggling to maintain the unity so cherished by God for his Church. I will try to explain a complex situation in few words. The church is on the border between Colombia and Brazil. As a result, some of the church members live on the Colombian side, some on the Brazilian side. The dispute is over fishing rights. The Brazilian church members, which include Orlando's and Leoncio's families (two church leaders) have restricted how much fishing the Colombian families can do in the stream which runs beside their homes. They are trying to prevent overfishing. This has angered the Colombian families and led to a boycott of Orlando and Leoncio. They can no longer lead the church services, let alone meet with the church on the Colombian side. Remember: before these precious believers were Christians they were animists. A missionary friend wrote this about animistic societies that depend on magic (chanting for personal protection). *"A magic society lacks confidence in each other. Everyone suspects everyone else of trying to hurt them in some way. A magic society is naturally anti-social. Everyone is a potential enemy of everyone else. This is the great mark of a magic society, a spirit inclined to conflicts, fights, disagreements, and lack of confidence in each other. Consequently, there is also much fear."* This is the foundation upon which we began to build the church of Jesus Christ. Things can be going along just fine, believers happily studying the Word together, eating together, praying together, and then someone steps on one of those issues just below the surface, and we discover fast just how fragile their faith is in the face of the animistic pressures on their community. Please pray for the Guanano church, that we may have God's patience to help them resolve this latest conflict and that the Body of Christ may be strengthened.

We thank you once again for your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of the Guanano church.

Some wise Christian has said: "The dark hidden power of sin is only kept out by the presence and power of the indwelling Christ."

Your coworkers,

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