

Subject: A Wisniewski Update

Dear praying friends,

This winter God has opened the door for us to reach out to two of the Mixtec families in our area. In one of them the husband broke his leg at work and the husband in the other has been recovering from a heart attack. These folks are from a more remote community in Oaxaca, MX where they continue to live by their traditional culture and speak their own dialect of Mixteco. Even though they have been living and working here for 30 or more years they continue speaking their language and hold to their traditions and beliefs. The language they speak has close to 40 different dialects and are so distinct that those who speak a different dialect in the same language family cannot understand the other. We have ministered to these families in Spanish over the years and have seen Ismael and Diana and Ismael's sister come to faith and have had many opportunities to share the gospel with them in Spanish. However we also realize the need for them to hear God's word in their heart language. Previously I had found that the gospel of Luke was translated into their dialect of Mixteco but most of them do not read their language. So I was searching online through a website called scriptureearth.org and was able to find that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are all translated and recorded into Mixteco Mixtepec and an App can be downloaded to listen to God's word in their heart language. So I have been able to sit with these families and listen to the gospel of John together with them. And then we discuss what they have heard in Spanish afterwards. They continue to hold strongly to the traditions and beliefs of their culture which have distorted their view of the truth of who God and Jesus truly are. But we praise God that we can share His word with them in their language even though we cannot speak nor understand it ourselves.

So please pray for Arnulfo and Carmen and Antonio and Maria as they listen to God's word in their own language. That God by His Spirit can break down the barriers set up by their traditions and beliefs through truly hearing His word. Also pray for patience for us as we continue to share God's word, love, and gospel with these dear families. And also, pray for those missionaries who have dedicated their lives to translating His word into so many languages all across the world.

You can copy this link and listen;

<https://scriptureearth.org/data/mix/sab/mix/mix-43-JHN-001.html>

Thank you for praying,
Joe and Nicole Wisniewski