

Dear Wayne & Debbie,

What a mighty God we serve! It's been a great encouragement to be back in Oaxaca these past few weeks and to see and hear how He continues to further His kingdom throughout Mexico and the world. If you will indulge me a few minutes I want to share some testimonies to encourage you as you continue to pray with us "so that all may hear!"

If you read no further than this, please pray for Jim and me as we travel out tomorrow to an area that is new to us. Our plan is to arrive in time for a church service in one of the villages Sunday afternoon and distribute audio Bibles to those who need them. A random man we had consulted for directions to Ozolotepec looked at our Honda and said, "Yeah, I *think* your car should be able to make it. The road is rather steep in places." Please pray for open roads, safety, health, and adequate meals and housing tomorrow night.

As always please pray for each of the recordings that are in various stages of production, including this dub of the Jesus film pictured below.



Meanwhile we continue to hear positive reports from the villages we visited back in January. Native pastors and missionaries have sent photos and testimonies of new families who are sharing and listening to their audio Bibles and waiting for a safe time to be baptized. Our native missionary friend, Mabel, spent the night with me (Jamie) last Monday while Jim was out of town, and she looked through photos from our team trips in February of 2020, giving updates on several of the people we had visited together.

Some of you may recall praying for Mabel's pastor and his wife, Isai and Becky, throughout a difficult pregnancy last year amid Covid. They and the baby are doing well (pictured below). Thank you for praying! Their church is now reaching out to yet another village where the doors are only now beginning to open to the gospel. Lachichina now has their first two believers. Please pray for these two souls to listen faithfully to their Zapotec scriptures and to become true disciples and disciple-makers. Pray for the audio Bibles we are sending to families in Tenetze, Yagallo, Lachichina, and Yagavila this week.



Praise the Lord also for new believers in the Rincon Zapotec village where Mabel and I snuck into last year. Back then there were only five known families who were taking steps to trust Jesus in spite of persecution. Now there are about eight more families. Pray that the seed of the gospel will continue to germinate and spread throughout that region. Pray for protection for these families and pray that the persecution will cease.

While recalling together how God has done great and mighty things, Mabel commented:

"The greatest wonder is not physical healing, but when God completely transforms the life of a person from the inside out."

She loves seeing former addicts and drunks become followers of Christ.

Hopefully you are as encouraged as we are! Please reach out and let us know how to be praying for you. We will be back within cell phone and internet range sometime on Monday.

Partners in reaching the least reached,



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-Jim and Jamie Loker Latin America Directors at Audio Scripture Ministries

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Additional Prayer and Praise

Audio Bible Distribution

Pray for each family who is receiving audio Bibles for the first time this month, including believers in San Marcial Ozolotepec, San Esteban Ozolotepec, and San Gregorio Ozolotepec (St. Marshall, St. Steve, and St. Greg) as a result of our trip this weekend. Also Zapotec families in Tenetze, Yagallo, Lachichina, and Yagavila that will receive audio Bibles Mabel carried back after her visit, and for families who will get audio Bibles in Mixe of Coatlan that Jim will deliver next Friday.

New Testament Dedication

Praise the Lord for the completion and upcoming dedication of the New Testament recording in Otomi of Tenango (Hidalgo, Mexico) with 100 audio Bibles at the end of April.

Comaltepec Jesus Film

This past week they were recording in our Mitla studio, but now they are taking a break so that the readers (pictured above) can work in their fields during planting season.

Ayautla New Testament

Praise the Lord that the voice of Jesus was finally found and we will soon be able to resume this dramatized New Testament.

Mixtec Believers

Pray for the Atatlahuca Mixtec believers in various villages that have experienced limited fellowship throughout the pandemic. Praise the Lord for the many families who received audio Bibles in 2018 who are still listening even while forced to avoid church gatherings. Pray that fear would dissipate along with the disease itself. Pray for complete healing and restoration for one of the church leaders, Margarita, who is still recovering from an earlier case of Covid.

Tzotzil Church

Pray for the many Tzotzil believers in Chiapas, Mexico. 400 audio Bibles were distributed by another organization in 2020 to this group that has historically been heavily persecuted for their faith. The earliest believers were tortured and hung. Please pray for perseverance among the growing church outside the main town of Chamula. Pray for Dominga and her mother, two Tzotzil women we sent audio Bibles to this month.

Travels

Pray for Jamie as she returns to Michigan on Wednesday March 24, for our friend Peter, who is traveling to Oaxaca on Saturday March 27 (bringing more audio Bibles down for us!), and for Jim and Peter who fly back to the U.S. the following week. All of us will need negative Covid tests and clearance to fly, since we are each flying stand-by.

Thank you!

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