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Greetings from Mexico! Easter is approaching and we are rejoicing in the life of Jesus Christ! It is staggering to think of the agony Christ suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane, and then giving His life so that we might have life! Oh, the glory of the resurrection! All of Christianity depends on the resurrection, and what a glorious truth it is!



As Field Chairman and part of the consultant team we get to travel to most all of the tribal works. It is a privilege, a joy, and also a very real challenge. Our hearts go out to faithful co-workers who are living among isolated and often hardened people. The languages are difficult and the cultures have been twisted over many centuries to fear and shun the

true and living God. Their ministry is difficult. It's always challenging, often down right dangerous, and continually tests one's physical endurance and spiritual commitment. But the joy of seeing a lost and 'blind' people come to life in Christ is a thrill.

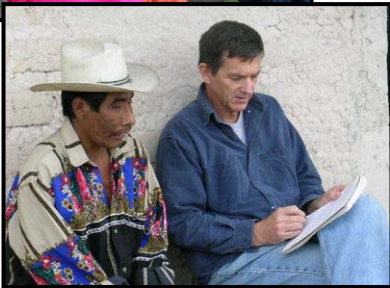


Just last week Joy and I were visiting some long time friends who are working in a difficult situation, a difficult language, and with people who are very distrustful of outsiders. The people group is steeped in animistic beliefs; fearful of the spirits and all the

illness and evils that they cause. They pray, sacrifice, and perform all kinds of rituals and ceremonies in attempts to appease and control the spiritual world. But instead, the people themselves are controlled by their fears and the spirits.



Joy and I were there to be an encouragement, to help with ideas for language and culture learning, and discuss strategies of how to plant a vibrant church among these people that would truly be able to meet the needs within the culture. It is sad and daunting to think how far away this tribal group is from Truth. And yet, our God is a God of miracles, and He desires a true and vibrant relationship with them just like He does with us. Please pray with us for the Southwestern Tepehuan Indians and the team working to reach them.



It seems the favorite tactic of the enemy is division. Just like in Eden he planted doubt and division between man and God, and it appears he attempts to do the same among the family of God today. In John 17 our Lord prayed that we would all have unity and oneness with each other and God to the same extent the triune-God has. We ask that you join us in that prayer of unity too, for those of us in Mexico and throughout the entire Body of Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your labor in this ministry. We rejoice to count you as co-laborers with us to the glory of our great God!

*Marsh & Joy*

