

Unlocking Understanding

In August, we had the opportunity to hand out our first Proclaimer Audio Bible. The following is a description of the experience in San Isidro Ochil:

The environment was a familiar one—the congregants were standing together to read the Bible aloud in Spanish. This time, however, there was something different. Many did not have their own Bible and were left looking on to the copies of others or left out completely. Some who did have a Bible read with such difficulty that the public reading was out of sync to the point of being almost indecipherable.

Ochil is a town where the Maya language is predominantly spoken. Many inhabitants understand Spanish, but with difficulty. What is more, many do not read in either Spanish or Maya. Therefore, the traditional ways of doing service, especially congregational reading, is less than effective.

That's where the Proclaimer has such potential. Reproducing the Bible in audio in Maya, the Proclaimer gave

many in the congregation their first opportunity to hear the Word of God in their own language, and their interaction following the reading of Matthew chapter 1 showed their enthusiasm. Several people who had been disconnected during the previous

elements of the service were engaged and asking questions. I was particularly taken aback when an elderly woman, who seemed withdrawn before, made a comment about Jesus' birth. The people were having an experience with the Bible!

This congregation and several like it will be making a commitment to meet together for one hour each week to listen to and discuss the Bible. We look forward to seeing more experiences like this first one in San Isidro Ochil, and we anticipate the inevitable growth that will come when a people has access to the power of the Word of God on a consistent basis.



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As you can see from the photo of Rebekah and Jonathan, we go to great lengths to connect with the people of the Yucatán. So you can understand that we'd hate to miss out on an opportunity to connect with you during our upcoming itineration starting September 2014. That's why we've made it even easier to schedule a date!

Just scan the QR code or follow the link below, fill out the form, and hit the send button. It's that simple!

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A Cause for Satisfaction

I couldn't help but smile as over 350 educators descended on Cancun for the Educational Summit 2013. It took a coordinated international effort that spanned a sixteen month period, but on August 26, 2013, all of the hard work was coming to fruition.

Still, the true motivation for my satisfaction came from what was going on behind the scenes. It began with a desire on the part of Mexican leadership. They reached out to the missionary community to help shape the desire into a vision, and we were invited from the very earliest stages to

have a seat at the table to realize that vision.

So while I was thrilled that education was being emphasized, I was ecstatic that this emphasis was something that we had envisioned, planned, and executed together. That is certainly a cause for satisfaction.

Read more about it by scanning the QR code.

