

# Our World Mission

## News on our RCUS Foreign Ministries

### Westminster Biblical Missions: Mexico

Dear brothers and sisters,

The work being done by Westminster Biblical Missions among the P'urepecha people in Michoacan, Mexico began in the 1940s by Dr. Max Lathrop as one of the early target groups of what is now Wycliffe Bible Translators. The P'urepecha people, also called Tarascan by the Spanish, are a very proud people, who prior to the coming of the Spanish were able to successfully live next to the Aztecs in central Mexico largely due to their access to and superior skill in working with iron. Like much of Mexico, the religion of these people was and continues to be a mix of old polytheism, cults, and Roman Catholicism before Dr. Lathrop brought the gospel to them through his work of translating the Bible into their language. The P'ore language with its unusual characters is one of the most difficult languages in the world but is spoken by over 200,000 people in this area of Mexico. As Dr. Lathrop got older, his health declined and Dr. Bill



Higgins Jr and WBM began assisting him in the work among the P’upecha people, which they have diligently done for over twenty years.

The cornerstone of this work in Mexico is Juan Calvino Theological Seminary, located in Mexico City, which is “dedicated to the integral development of a reformed presence and witness that forms leaders who share the vision, worldview, and spirit of the University.” This institution was founded on January 11, 1948 by Dr. Felipe Delgado Cortés and is currently headed by Dr. Misael Custodio, who along with his work at the Seminary also supports and encourages the pastors among the P’urepecha. These churches are in three separate groups, geographically separated by the mountains, with Cheran and Paracho being the main locations supporting three mission churches in Cheranastico, Morelia, and Arantepacua. Together, these churches form the Presbyterian Church in the P’urepecha (IPCP). There are two smaller churches in Ichan and Tzopoco and two remote churches in San Lorenzo and Anga’uan.



Please pray for these pastors as they faithfully serve in a very difficult area, that God would strengthen and encourage them to boldly proclaim the authentic gospel daily and that their witness would impact the communities they live in. If you would like to support the work of Westminster Biblical Missions in Mexico, please visit their website at [www.wbminc.org](http://www.wbminc.org) Dios Bendiga !