

The Culiacan Project

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ne night in a labor camp just south of Culiacan, we were sharing our recordings with the field workers after they came back to their camp. We used our diagnostic process to determine their heart language and shared our recordings with the gospel story through WiFi for them to hear and keep. As oral learners, this was the first time for many of them to hear about Jesus.

Later that evening we also showed *The Jesus Film*. I was setting up my equipment and running the sound, which was my usual job. It was then I felt the Holy Spirit pointing out a young man to me.

I noticed a boy who was maybe 16 or 18 years old. He was stopped and standing over his bicycle just holding it up with his feet. He was just watching and listening with such intensity that it caught my attention. When the meeting time came to a close, one of our brothers stood up to give an invitation to anyone who wanted to accept Christ for themselves to come forward and we could pray for them.

Well this boy didn't move. He just stood there staring. The Holy Spirit spoke to me again and said, "You know you really should go talk to this kid." I went over to him and I asked if he'd enjoyed what he had listened to.

"Oh yes," he said. "I just have never heard anything like this before. That's about Jesus isn't it? And that Jesus, he died on the cross and he died for us. And he rose again." I nodded and told him, "Yes he surely did."

There were so many simple observations that this boy had shared. It was very easy to ask him if he wanted to accept Christ in his life. And so I prayed with him right there, just by himself.

But I guess the object of this story is to realize what we have available through Global Recordings Network is a great message. A message for restoring hope for these young people who are working out in these labor camps. We have a recorded message that allows these migrant workers to have a real encounter with God.

There are over 300 different native languages that we encounter in Mexico. And each of the languages and the people are precious and valuable to God. And we have those languages recorded and available to share.

So as we continue to send outreach teams through **The Culiacan Project**, we really look for these opportunities. Like that one individual or maybe two or three that God will call to our attention and then we can share the gospel with them in their own language. Just like this young man.

Mike | Missionary Global Recordings USA, CENTRAL AMERICA









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Mission | Jesus Film Project's goal is to help people experience Jesus in their own language using media tools and momentum-building strategies. Their library of Jesus-centric videos includes content in more than 1,500 languages.

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Global Recordings shared Through WiFi Transmissions

Most of the people we serve through the Culiacan Project are migrant, indigenous workers in labor camps in Sinaloa, Mexico. The main language is Spanish but each of the groups we work with speaks their own tribal

language as well. Languages like Mazateco, Mixteco, and Zapatero among many others.

Over the past 75 years, Global Recordings Network has compiled a really helpful set of recordings that helps us to communicate the gospel. Today we are sharing these recordings mostly through digital WiFi transmissions and also through CDs.





GLOBAL RECORDINGS NETWORK, MEXICO

Every year thousands of migrant workers are drawn to the fertile fields of Culiacan and they stay in labor camps. GRN missionaries go from camp to camp in search of the opportunities to share the gospel through recordings of the hundreds of languages of these people.

Over the decades, dozens of churches have been planted among the villages represented in Culiacan through the project.

Three Steps to Identify the Dialects of Mexico

Many different languages are spoken in the migrant labor camps in Mexico and Global Recordings Network Mexico has developed a diagnostic system to identify these local languages.

Through conversation, a speaker might say their language is Zapoteco but they will not know which of the 73 Clalects of Zapotec they speak. Or they might say their language is Mixteco, which has 77 dialects. They do, however know the name of the district they are from.

Diagnostic Recordings and Maps

There are four diagnostic recordings, with associated maps and dialect lists. The four are for Mixtec, Zapotec, Otros, and Norte-Sur. The alphanumeric codes on each item on these recordings are Inc exes into the maps.

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These alphanumeric codes are indexed on lists identifying the dialect.



Recordings:

The dialect code is tied to a 30-second recorded segment for identification.

Dear friends,

Every year, thousands of migrant workers converge in farming camps in Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, for the agricultural harvest. Both Indian and Spanish speakers, the workers come from all over Central America and represent 130 ethnic groups from four countries.

For nearly 30 years, volunteers from USA and Mexican churches join together with Global Recordings Network (GRN) Mexico for The Culiacan Project — our dynamic outreach conducted annually during harvest times. GRN Mexico also leads several other similar projects annually in other agricultural areas served by these workers.

GRN missionaries and church volunteers go from camp to camp daily requesting an opportunity to meet with the workers and present an evening program. Not every camp foreman allows our workers access, but for those that do, the results are overwhelming.

Several thousand recordings are given out in hundreds of languages, resulting in several thousand decisions for Christ registered annually in these camps.

The financial resources needed to make these trips a reality and underwrite the technology and recordings we distribute, only come through your faithful support.

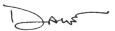
The expense for each trip is \$15,000 with an annual cost to GRN of more than \$75,000 for our four to five visits throughout Mexico.

Imagine the experience of seeing the amazed expressions of these people when they too hear the story of Jesus in their own heart language.

Won't you please share with us the amazing blessing of providing the gospel story with these underserved workers? We can't do it without you and can't wait to tell you their story and how your support changed their lives for eternity.



Peace of Christ,



Dale Rickards

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL RECORDINGS NETWORK USA



PRAY that migrant workers' hearts be prepared to hear God's Word in their language.

Pray for good weather, health, and safety for our workers going to Culiacan.

Pray for the right vehicles and drivers for the teams and financial provision for the whole Culiacan Project.

Sign up to receive *Together in Prayer*, our team's ongoing prayer requests, at **GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Pray**



Does your church organize short-term mission trips? Perhaps this year your church could **PREPARE** to come alongside GRN for The Culiacan Project, or provide the financial support to underwrite another team.

Find out more about how you and your church can participate in The Culiacan Project online at

GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Resources



Our downloadable and WiFi recordings are given as a gift to churches, ministry partners, and people around the world *free of charge*. Global Recordings Network has the economic provision to continue this work only because of people like you that **PROVIDE** ongoing, generous financial support.

You can donate securely online at **GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Donate**



Telling the story of Jesus in every language

Listen to the story of Jesus in one of the dialects used in The Culiacan Project at

GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Culiacan