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Dear friends,

How can words express my joy at seeing the Epera face to face again in 2018? The faces were older but the memories still very real as **we once again talked late into the night about life and God's Word.** Looking back fifty years, I could see that those years of torturous travel to record over fifty Colombian languages were undoubtedly the most fruitful years of my life. While it took a toll on the health of our entire family, nothing was as productive as planting seeds in the mother tongues of those animist cultures. **This powerful experience caused me to gladly give the rest of my life to the same cause.**

This story is not over by any means. In January of 2020 we go back to the Epera and they will escort us to another language group still without the gospel. With God's help we will record the story of Jesus in that language. **Pray with me that God will provide a couple of new recordists** to travel with me and to get started on their recording careers right there with the Epera.

Over 3,000 languages worldwide still do not have any Gospel recordings. **It will take a small army of dedicated young people who want to move out of their comfort zones** and come alongside us to reach those who are still waiting to hear the Good News in their own language.

God Bless You,



Larry DeVilbiss
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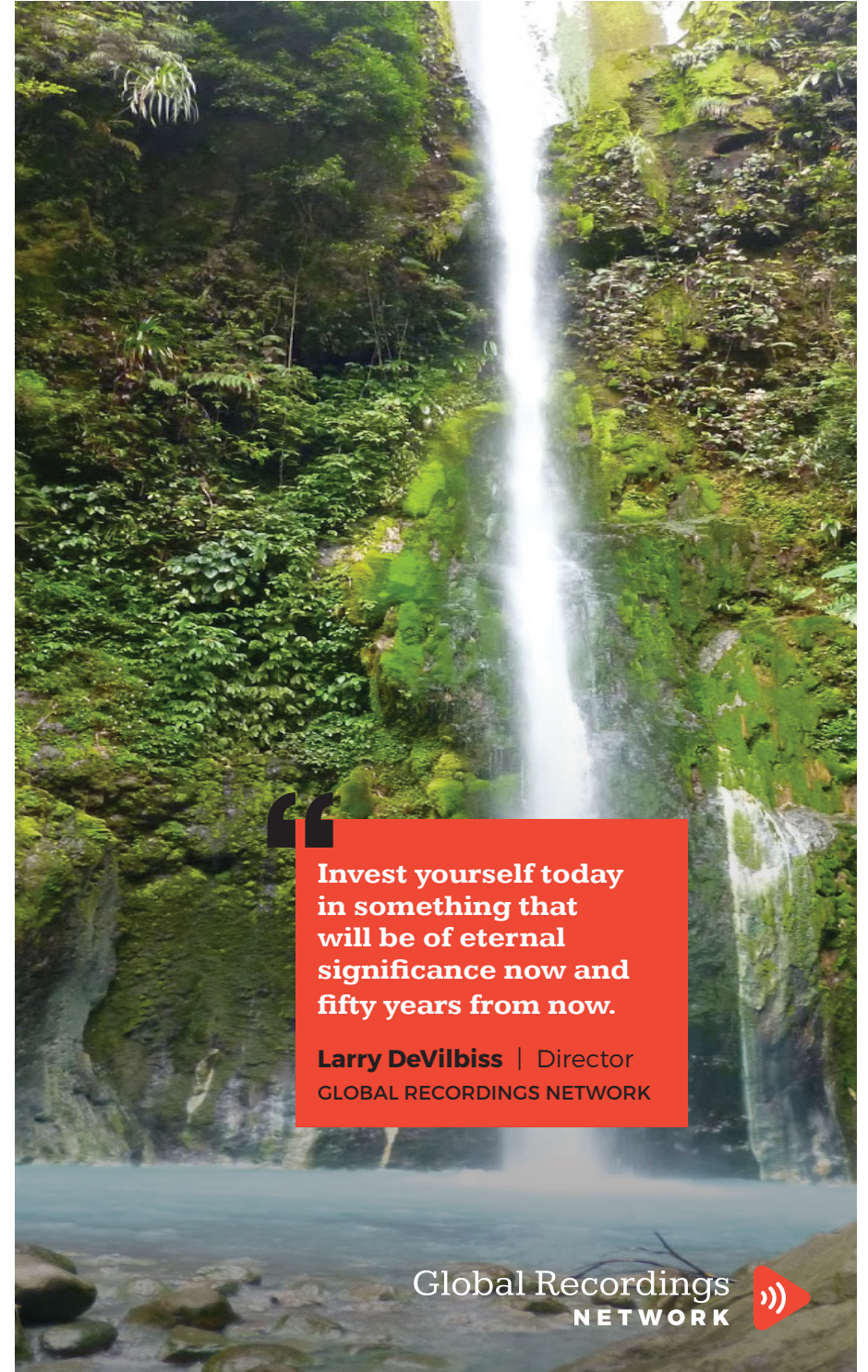
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Old Recordings - Life Changing Results!



As we approach our 80th anniversary one might wonder how much fruit was born of those older recordings. **We have many testimonials on the life changing power of those Words of Life on old vinyl records**, scratchily played on hand wound players. It is rare that a recordist can go back to a recording scene fifty years later, but that is exactly what former recordist Larry DeVilbiss did in January of 2018.

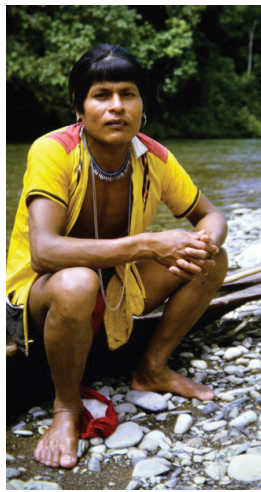
In 1968 Larry recorded eight messages in Epera Pedeá: Atrato. You can hear those recordings and the former shaman and language helper Celestino telling of the months-long drama that went into making those recordings. **A mere 25 minutes of Gospel material is the seed that was sowed in that north-west corner of Colombia**, the wettest place in the western hemisphere. This happened at the time when outside narco-guerilla invaders moved in and pretty much sealed off this area to the outside world for most of the fifty years that followed.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

EPHESIANS 5:8-10 NIV



Above: Celestino in 1968, recording the first messages even while an active shaman.



Pray: That the Epera church will continue to grow and reach out to other tribes with the story of Jesus.

When he went back to this area he found a group of Epera believers that included Celestino's son Prisiliano, who had traveled overland with Larry to Panama to invite Braulio, a converted shaman to teach. **He found believers listening to those same recordings on a solar powered digital player.**

Thanks to the joint efforts of Ethnos360 (New Tribes Mission) and Summer Institute of Linguistics there was a New Testament translated in a related dialect of Panama. He found bilingual Epera reading the New Testament in both Spanish and the Panamanian dialect.

Celestino was no longer alive. Nor was Braulio, the converted shaman from Panama who had spent the rest of his life teaching the Epera. One of Braulio's converts, a Colombian lad named Luis Sanchez who had intended to become a shaman, instead attended a New Tribes Mission Bible School and then came back to the Atrato side of the Epera territory to minister the gospel with his family.

On various rivers, **Larry learned of more than twelve other communities of Epera Christians**, most of whom were being disciplined by Assembly of God missionaries who had moved in to help.

Praise God for this wonderful and lasting fruit from less than 30 minutes of Gospel messages recorded fifty years ago!

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Franklin, a young Epera church leader, reading the Panamanian New Testament



You can listen to one of the Epera messages and Larry telling more of Celestino's story by going online to GlobalRecordingsUSA.org/Celestino

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