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Spanish Ministerial Resources

A laptop computer, a copy machine, study books, reams of paper—these are valuable ministry tools in Rene Bardales' office. The Herald and Banner graciously provides the space for it all, but Bro. Bardales is no longer translating Sunday school material. Instead, he is producing sermons, outlines, and Bible studies in Spanish on half-sheets, clipped into black binders. He is author, editor, publisher, and shipping master, and his mailing list continues to grow.

When 25 years of active involvement in the work in Mexico concluded in 1998, Bro. Bardales prayed and asked God how he could still be used. In response, he felt God asking the question He had presented to Moses: "What is that in thine hand?" Bro. Bardales looked at what he had, a personal library of Bible commentaries and study aids, and God showed him a way these could be useful for the Kingdom.

From his many years on the mission field, Bro. Bardales knew that there was a lack of training and resources for Spanish-speaking pastors. Thus, Spanish Ministerial Resources was born.

By 2001, the ministry had grown to include 220 pastors in five countries, but that was only the beginning. In 2003, Bro. Bardales began producing these materials full-time, and to date his resources are reaching over 1,100 pastors and Christian workers in 17 countries, including Bolivia, Mexico, Cuba, and Spain. Every binder sent to these 1,100 workers is provided completely free of charge.

As much as God used Bro. Bardales as a missionary in his younger years, it is quite possible that his ministry now in his "retirement" has had the most impact. It has not always been easy, but God continues to strengthen and provide, to the benefit of many pastors and thousands of church members and to the glory of God the Father.



Last February, Daniel Veach wrote to Bro. Bardales from Mexico: "I would like to say 'thank you' from several native pastors. I have distributed the materials you gave me to several pastors, and they were very well received. I am using the material in my home church, as well. My Sunday school teacher has decided to use your material for his ministry, and my assistant is reading and studying the same material as he prepares for full-time ministry. One pastor in Ures Sonora is using your material to train five leaders in his young, growing church. This is a very exciting time! . . . Again, thank you for helping in this work. Souls are being won for Cristo."

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Director Steve Elsey with Andrew Bawi Ceu and his wife, Marilyn.



Cloud-topped mountains surround the airstrip at Nahu.



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MYANMAR

Late last month, Andrew Bawi Ceu and his wife, Marilyn, visited the World Mission office. They were in the States because Sis. Marilyn's mother had passed away, and it was such a privilege to have them travel to the Midwest. We especially thank Bro. Silas McGehee who stepped in when Director Steve's schedule was full and hosted Andrew and Marilyn during their stay.

Bro. Andrew spoke at three schools, one Sunday school class, and three churches. He brought pictures of various ministries in Myanmar. Included were at least two of the ethnic groups in Myanmar that, to Andrew's knowledge, have almost no Christian presence. Andrew told how he traveled to one group and asked whether they had ever heard of Jesus. They replied, "We don't think he has ever been to our village."

Pray for Andrew, Marilyn, and their three children. There are thousands more in Myanmar who need to hear the Good News.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Christy Doyle wrote about a detour on a recent trip. "We landed on an airstrip high up in the mountains. It was a beautiful place but a bit scary. On the left side were mountains, on the right side were mountains, and in front were mountains. There were also clouds covering the tops of those mountains. But thankfully we didn't have to go into the clouds. Instead we had to circle between those mountains in order to get low enough to land on the airstrip that was on a cliff. . . . It was one of those instances where you had to trust that the pilot knew what he was doing, the plane's instruments were working, and most of all that God was protecting us!" Aren't there many instances in life where we have to trust the unknown to an omniscient, loving God? Praise Him for His faithfulness!