



Latin America

BEME-LA

December 2020

Dear friends, prayer warriors, and supporters of BEME-LA,

December, is done! The year of COVID-19 is past and *hope* fills our hearts as we enter 2021! Looking back, we have made gains. Our financial needs were all met and we completed support on one of our men. That said, my advisors in Peru had another man ready with application in hand and another man in process of filling out his application. Both of these men come highly recommended and one speaks Quechua as well as Spanish. His ministry will be in the eastern side of Peru with those who stay a bit remote in their language in customs, holding on to their Incan ancestral ways.



Dr. Andrew and Jo Ellen Counterman

Three of our men have been in building programs through the COVID shutdown and others are “preaching from the rooftops.” Please read about Alcides Peña in the newsletter to have your heart blessed!

As for the mission, I have been busy calling pastors and setting up meetings to present BEME-LA. I will be on the road three of the four weeks in January and am busy filling up the rest of the Spring. Please pray for us. If you know of a missions-minded pastor who might enjoy learning about us, please send us his email address. We’ll put him on our mailing list. We would enjoy presenting our work in these kinds of churches.

News: We have a web page in construction: www.bemela.org, and a new email address associated with the web page: missions@bemela.org.

I couldn’t be happier with our staff and the men we are supporting. I’m praying that 2021 is the year that the mission takes off. Lord-willing, and with your help, it will.

BEME-LA: Join the journey...not just where we’ve been, but where we’re going.

Andrew Counterman, Director of BEME-LA

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Good Tidings

The **Muñoz family** was able to return home to Kiteni this month with Paul's burns about 80% healed. They will remain in contact with the doctor in Cusco from home. Paul wears a glove to protect his skin, but his recovery continues to go smoothly. **Pastor Rolando** and his family thank you for your prayers and support.

Another blessing of their return is being home in time for **Kiteni Baptist Church's** lovely Christmas service. [Click here and watch the first few minutes.](#) We are grateful to Pastor and Mrs. Barbara Whatley for supplementing Pastor Rolando's reports with frequent video updates on their [Facebook page](#).



Paul (red shirt) returned to Kiteni with his family on December 16th.

Sweet Fellowship

Douglas Serrudo (First Baptist Church of Quellouno) shared a photo (*right*) of this past Sunday's service. The gathering was even more uplifting with the presence of new believers.

Juan Huilca (Gracia y Fe Baptist Church) reported that they have also resumed in-person meetings.

Roca Fuerte Baptist Church (Alcides Peña) was running out of space in the new building, so the team put up tent with almost double the capacity. Praise the Lord, that even with two services, there is not a lot of extra space. In the meantime, the new building will be used for children's classrooms. As the Lord allows, construction on the property will continue next year with a bigger building on the way.



Singing accompanied by Pastor Douglas on the guitar



Pastor Alcides and a church member in front of the new tent



Thanks to [Missionary Aaron Cochrell](#) for this glimpse inside the church tent.

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An Update from Tica Tica, Peru



Javier Saavedra is one of our previously supported church starters. His church in the Cusco region of Peru just celebrated its 4-year anniversary. Although they just resumed in-person meetings in November, Javier reports that the church has had several new converts and renewed interest in the Word of God throughout this pandemic year. The evidence of this dedication: members connect via the Meet app for *daily devotions at 5AM!* Some are connecting prior to leaving for work each morning. We are both challenged and encouraged by this report.



Prayer Requests

- For traveling mercies for our director in January, and for continued opportunities to **present BEME-LA**. For hearts to be **receptive** to this mission.
- For the Lord to allow us to meet our **financial goals in 2021**. Specifically, that our director would be able to **take on this mission full-time**.
- For **protection and good health** for the men and their families.
- For wisdom in planning **building projects** and **future land purchases** for next year.
- For the **development of our website**, which we will be launching soon!



*“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”
Acts 20:35*

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