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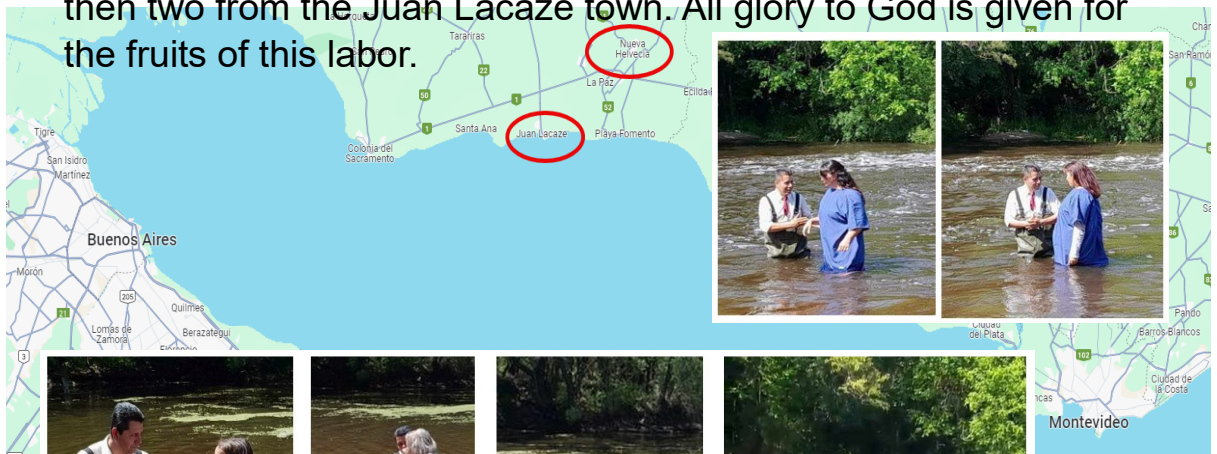
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Andrés Ramírez - Uruguay

We praise the Lord for Pastor Ramírez. He was able to baptize four newly saved persons from the town of Nueva Helvecia and then two from the Juan Lacaze town. All glory to God is given for the fruits of this labor.



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Rodrigo Valdespino Melo - Tulancingo, Mexico

During the month of November God has given us the opportunity to continue working in the ministry, and by his grace we have seen good growth, mainly in the youth ministry. We are meeting every Saturday to study the Word of God, and particularly a study on the idols of our hearts, from the book: ***Idols of the heart, by Elize Fitzpatrick***. It has been a great blessing to see young people identifying the idols that their hearts consciously or unconsciously hide, and many of them have been moved to repentance by the Holy Spirit. I ask you to pray for this group that is a great blessing to the church.



I also tell you that our group of women, **Woman of the Word**, had the idea of holding a garage sale, donating clothing and items to raise funds to continue with the construction of the church where we meet. In addition, we can share a portion of the gospel with the people who come to buy from us, and we can invite them to church. Some have been interested in attending and are continuing to lis-



Robert Merino - Trujillo, Peru

I am very happy to write to you again, hoping that our great God can prosper his plans and bless the work of his hands. With the blessing of our God, we are well, please receive our fraternal greetings.

We continue with our work of reaching others for Christ, and discipling all our brothers. Some are making good progress, while others are a little slower, but all learning the word of God more and more. By the grace of God, we completed the study of the book of Romans two months ago, since it is a new and rising church we are studying the rudiments of the gospel. Now we are studying the Epistle of Ephesians, this week starting chapter 5.

I would like to inform you about our work. We do it in the homes of the people we contact or in the homes of the new believers. We cannot rent a place; the economy does not allow us to do so, given that rents have risen a lot in the district of Moche. In addition, the construction of the church is underway, so for now we meet at the house of our sister Salome.



Letter from the Director

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

“Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

Each year we excitedly express these greetings, but, this season, looking at the condition of mankind in the world, Jo and I feel that this simple greeting is heavy and more embellished with sincere desire and goodwill to each of you. The global need for the expansion of the gospel looms enormous. BEME-LA desires to do our part in sharing the good news of Christ.

Our Latin American church starters are busy accommodating their growing congregations, planning and holding Christmas outreaches, preparing for their summer camps, and participating in the graduation of new pastors from our host seminaries. They are doing their part to share the glorious story of our Savior. We all see so many seeking and yearning for real answers in their life. Mankind desires peace with God, whether they know it or not. This is not much different than when Christ entered humanity, a humble birth destined to a redemptive death. The Word became flesh after a long silence of darkness (John 1:14). The world continues in sinful darkness, waiting for His soon return. *“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”* (Rev 22:20).



Let’s not make this December another season of cold and snow. Let’s each make it a season of warm light breaking the darkness of sin. Sound the Joy! Go forth and share! Bring the hope of Christ’s salvation! These are words that will change our present world. Imanuel is born! That, my friend, is our hope for you and the world this Christmas and in the new year.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season as we continue to press forward scheduling meetings, traveling to Latin America, and seeking to expand the gospel message through BEME.

Andy and Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

If you are interested in scheduling an in-person presentation of BEME-LA at your church, please call (410) 804-3767 or email [Dr. Andrew Counterman](mailto:Dr.Andrew.Counterman)

Manuel Macancela — Shell, Ecuador

At the Shell IBC, we continue with the children's Bible club, on this occasion we have 30 children who every Saturday are learning Bible stories and how to apply the Word of God to their lives.



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We are blessed to have been able to approach a family that was about to get divorced and through the boy who attends the Bible club we have contacted their parents, and we have open doors in that home to start Bible studies with this couple. We thank the Lord they realized that they were going to do something crazy by getting divorced. In addition, we are a week away from starting to build the enclosure of the land where we will later build the church for the Shell IBC. Let us continue to pray for provision for this project

With the Church of Morete Cocha we were able to carry out the missionary trip that we had been planning and with the help of our Good Lord, everything turned out well. We began our trip on Monday, September 11, one day after the birthday of my beloved wife. The weather was optimal to fly from Shell to Morete, so I arrived early to Morete and immediately loaded the three canoes in which we would begin our first missionary trip with the IBC of Morete Cocha.

Visit bemela.org for more information about this exciting Morete Cocha trip with Pastor Macancela.



Hetler Ramos — Toledo, Peru

One of BEME's church starters, Pastor Hetler Ramos in Perú, had the opportunity to share the gospel in his local schools. Praise the Lord!



Praising God for the opportunity, Pastor Ramos in Toledo, Perú was able to share the gospel to the local community, while offering a free dental clinic at their church.



Ruben Quispe — Cusco, Peru

Here is the Commissioning of brother Ruben as pastor and in the next picture Pastor Quispe prepares to perform a baptism. He tells us: "We work in the work of the Lord in Cusco, Peru. Firstly, on behalf of my entire family, we want

to thank you for your service to God in supporting the BEME missionaries. Thank you very much!"



Pray & Give

Pray for the following requests and designate a monthly offering of \$10 (Level 1), \$25 (Level 2), or \$50 (Level 3) to BEME-LA (See [How to Donate](#) below)

January
Enero

2024

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miercoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sabado
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pray for Wisdom and Guidance in 2024 – Año Nuevo	For a full schedule of meetings to present BEME to churches	Pastor Andy in BEME Conference in Indianapolis	For Gabriel Maccancela and the couples ministry	Gene McAvoy as he translates Español for BEME	For Gustavo Mis with Discipleships in progress
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BEME Presentation in Perkin Illinois	Manuel Maccancela for his wife's health issues	Spiritual growth for the members of Grace Church	BEME Presentation in Dade City, Florida	For families being disciplined by Ignacio Salazar	Wilbur Huilca for spiritual life of the work in Sepahua	Herman Huari's Childrens Ministry
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BEME Presentation in Port Charlotte, Florida	Provisions for monthly church starter support	Ministry needs: Chairs (Herman Leva, and Ernesto Vera)	Manuel Maccancela outreach to lands in the Amazon	For the wives of the national pastors, encouragement	Land for the church in Nueva Helvecia, Uruguay	Work of the Lord in Shell & Morete Cocha
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
BEME Presentation in Sebring, Florida	For the family of Ignacio Salazar	For Gustavo Mis mission in its 21 st month with BEME	Continued open doors in Peru to preach in schools	For Isai Cruz, ministers in Tacuarembó, Uruguay	Josue Vazquez for protection in the mission	
28	29	30	31			
Provisions for many vehicles and repairs in the missions	Jose Churata (Peru) community evangelism	Gustavo Mis for mission needs	CMC Staff who regularly provide assistance to BEME			



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giving portal provided by Central Missionary Clearinghouse at myclickandgive.com. For more information, please visit bemela.org/get-involved/#give or contact missions@bemela.org for assistance.