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**Special Thanks** to the individuals and churches who gave generously for the medical expenses of Pastor Enoc Caton's wife, Magdalena. She continues to heal, being in an upper back/neck brace and is receiving physical therapy.

**Frank Niño, Bogota, Colombia**



The ladies of the church had their retreat. It was a time in which they considered that the LORD exposes them to pain, and weaknesses, but the grace of GOD is what they need. Pray that the men of the church will be faithful as they go through trials.

**TREATING PAIN**

**GOD IS LIBERATING**

The church continues through the study of Judges to consecrate themselves to the LORD, their deliverer; to fight against idolatry and to avoid the path that leads them through suffering.



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## Manuel Macancela - Shell & Morete Coche, Ecuador

### THE WORK IN MORETE COCHE

Pastor Manuel says: “Due to local political activities I could not enter Morete for Bible studies, and instead, I traveled to Quito. I was invited to preach at the 11th anniversary of the church there. Despite not entering Morete, we continue working with them through video calls. We continue to train Sunday School teachers and have prayer times with the church.”

### THE WORK IN SHELL

He reports, “Every three months we hold a children's evangelistic fair, in which the children enjoy the rewards of their efforts. They earn points by memorizing verses, doing their homework, arriving on time, and bringing a Bible. They exchange points for toys, clothes, candy or shoes. This fair is highly anticipated by the children and even the parents come to see their children at the fair.”

Pastor Manuel continues to visit and disciple families. One recent believer, Tayak, is beginning a Bible discipleship class with him.

The church enjoyed a family retreat with other Baptist churches of Morete and San Juan Calderon at a camp.

Regarding the church construction in Shell, Pastor Macancela tells us. “We were blessed to receive the donation of 50 meters of ceramic tile for the floor of the children's classroom, kitchen, and bathrooms. I am personally laying the tiles on the floors, and it will be finished soon. The Kids Club continues to grow, and we will soon have our youth meeting there.”



## Javier Peña — Cusco, Peru



Pastor Peña celebrated the 8th Anniversary of Mount Oliver Baptist Church in Tica Tica, Cusco, Peru.

**Praise God for this milestone.**



# Letter from the Director



Dear Friends, Prayer-warriors, and Supporters of BEME-LA,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers as we have been in WI, MN, IA, and IN this past month. Our presentations have been well received and we are prayerfully hoping for more supporting churches to join BEME. October is usually one of our busiest travel months, presenting in many churches and conferences across the country.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing. We are also continuing to work on major administrative projects in the office. In addition, our 2025 calendar is starting to fill up with spring meetings. Let me remind you that now is the time to schedule us to report or present the mission in your churches.

In the southern hemisphere, our church starters are preparing for their busy summer season at their churches. Some are facing challenges due to economic, weather, and political changes. Several of our church starters are reaching the end of their two-year support under BEME-LA. Pray that those churches continue to grow and flourish.

Busy times come with great expectations, but also turbulence and trials. It is a challenge for all of us to remain optimistic during those seasons. It is easy to lose focus, question our progress, and get discouraged. I'm reminded of a poem by Briscoe:

*Am I like a tea bag waiting to know  
What flavor I am when in hot H2O?*

*Am I like a tea bag soggy and wet?  
Am I asking the Lord just how hot it will get?*

*I want to be able to give out for sure  
A fragrant aroma that makes folks want more.*

*But that means hot water that hurts my deep pride  
That cleans out my life till I'm tired inside.*

*Of a fragrant-less life that knows not how to sing,  
Lord dip me in water, but keep hold of the string!*

Do you remember Paul's charge in 1 Corinthians 15?

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Cor. 15:58)

We're sure your autumn has been, or will be busy as well. Keep running the race, embracing quality, determination, and endurance. Press on, remembering we're doing this for the Lord and the salvation of lost souls. He has hold of our string. 😊

**“Join the journey . . . not just where we've been, but where we're going.”**

Andy and Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

## Samuel Quispe Chuco - Sicuani, Peru



In the Sicuani Church we find Pastor Chuco very busy with evangelism—sharing the word of God to the people in the province of the Canas, Cusco region. He tells us: “It was a joy for us to have the opportunity to share the word of God. We continue to present the good news of Christ in all places at all times.”

### EVANGELISM and CHILDRENS OUTREACH

Pastor Chuco shares, “Thank God for two young people who came to the church. We are now visiting in their homes to strengthen their faith and help them know more about the Bible. It is a thrill for us to be able to hear their questions, concerns, and other problems that they have. Their families are now sharing what they have learned in our worship services. Also, thank God we now have a teacher from the Bible School to help us.”



### RADIO OUTREACH

They continue preaching the good news of the Gospel through a local radio station on 91.3 FM where they reach almost the entire population of Sicuani with the word of the Lord. They are spreading the message of hope to every radio listener. “

## Robert Holguin - Moche, Peru

Pastor Robert sends us news that the Moche Baptist Church is thriving with a strong spirit, and that their membership continues to grow.



**The Pastor's Family:** Robert, Fabiola, Emily, Grace, Joshua, & Jeremy

**Outreach in many areas -  
On the Soccer Field**

#### ***Pastor Robert's Prayer Requests:***

- + To be encouraged in the work of evangelism and discipleship.
- + For purity and wisdom.
- + Strength in the faith of new believers.
- + For strengthening of marriages.
- + Protection of the members.



## Andres Mejia - Cartagena, Colombia



Pastor Andres is working in a very difficult drug area of Cartagena. The church is growing and seeing many visitors, despite trials. Their people have been doing monthly sales projects to help fund church remodeling. They have seen several people saved and had one baptism recently. They continue street preaching every Saturday calling it “Pulpit in the Street”, and are seeing results. They have also started holding youth meetings and have four teens who faithfully attend.

Please pray for this challenging church start in Colombia.

### Special Prayer Requests

- For continued health and well-being for Pastor Andy and Jo Ellen.
- For successful meetings for Pastor Andy and Jo Ellen as they present BEME-LA.
- For the protection of our church starters and their families in unsafe areas.
- Please pray for those affected by hurricanes during the fall season.
- For the spiritual growth of new believers to take the next step of baptism.

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# 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

## October

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Continued open doors to preach in the schools in Latin America.	7 Continue healing of Pastor Enoch Caton's wife.	8 Pray for good weather conditions during fall & winter in Latin America.	9 Battle of Angamos – 1879, celebrated in Peru. Pray for Peru and safety of citizens & believers.	10 Pray for the Missions Conference Oct 9th-12th in South Dakota.	11 Pray for formerly supported Pastor Ariel Alfonso, Dominican.	12 Pray for Pastor Fernando Páez in Quito, Ecuador.
13 Pray for Pastor Counterman presenting BEME in Denver, CO.	14 Pastor Counterman presenting BEME at Conference in TN on the 14th-16th.	15 Pray for formerly supported Pastor Cristian Alvarado in, Bogota, Colombia,	16 Pray for Pastor Chuco in Sicuaní, Peru and the work he is doing there for the Lord.	17 Pray for added Church Support for church starts & missions.	18 Pray for the BEME Director, board members & the support staff.	19 Government stability in Latin American countries.
20 Pastor Counterman at Round Robin Missions Conf in MN on the 20th-24th.	21 Pray for formerly supported Pastor Josue Cano in Sathillo, Mexico,	22 Strength in the faith of new believers in Trujillo, Peru with Pastor Holguin.	23 Pray for formerly supported Pastor Sacarias Ccoppa in Yaurisque, Peru.	24 Protection and strengthening of new believers in Cartagena, Colombia	25 Pastor Counterman presenting BEME in Wisconsin on the 25th-27th.	26 Pray for formerly supported Pastor Carlos Gallego in, Bogota, Colombia.
27 For the faith of new students in Pastor Nino's Bible study for the local church.	28 Bible Institutes & Seminars in Latin America.	29 Pray for the CMC Staff who support BEME and all the Pastors in the field.	30 Pray for the children of all our church starters.	31 Pray that more new converts decide on believer's baptism.		

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