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Exciting Year : New Year, New Church Starts!

The first church will be in Cuenca, Ecuador with Pastor Sebastian De Godas. He comes to BEME highly recommended. He is married to Alicia and they have three teenage children.

The second church will be with Pastor Jaimy Munoz. His core group is in the Wanchaq District of the state of Cuzco, Peru. He and his wife Monica are Venezuelan. They are both trained as nurses and he is a graduate of the Seminary in Trujillo, Peru.

The third church will be in the Juarez, Nuevo Leon area of Mexico under the pastoral leadership of Alvaro Espinoza. Brother Alvaro has been an interim pastor as well as an assistant. He has just finished with the teaching group OREMUNDO as the Executive Assistant.

Enoc Caton - Villamontes, Bolivia

Children's Happy Hours

Pastor Caton says: "Sister Felipa is a leader in our children's program and with much diligence and constancy she has been an encouragement to the others in our church. This week we had two children who converted and gave their lives to the Lord. Some of our children have also begun to come to the general services. I ask for your prayers for the children's program so others come to Christ."

Prayer Requests

- Please pray that we can grow the Lord's church in Bolivia.
- We ask for your prayers that the Lord will provide us with land, where we can build a church building.
- Please continue to pray for the health of my wife as she continues to deal with in her health and accident recovery. The Lord has provided for her health and our finances, but even more so has provided peace in our hearts.
- Finally, we ask your prayers for our members, especially in the Guaraní community. There is a lot of faithfulness on the part of the sisters in that community. They are a great blessing and very useful in the work of the Lord."

Samuel Quispe Chuco - Sicuani, Peru

EVANGELISM AMONGST THE QUECHUANS

Pastor Chuco has an outreach to non-Spanish speaking people in Peru.

He tells us: "Continuing with the preaching of the gospel, we went to the district of Tinta in the province of Canchis, with a group for an evangelistic campaign. We preached in their native language, Quechua. It was a blessing for all those who heard the word and believed. With them we are starting a new work in a house. Help us in prayer as this new work begins to grow."



Preaching in Tinta



Street Preaching in Sicuani

There was also interest from children and adolescents, so we preached the gospel to this group of minors. It is for this reason that we already have set the day and time to begin discipling these believers. We meet with them on Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for children and adolescents, and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for the adults."

OUR CHURCH IN SICUANI

"We continue with our meetings as a church in Sicuani. We have been serving the Lord for two years now, and God is the one who gives us growth by discipling our brothers. On Sundays we teach about the doctrine and we emphasize the subject of evangelizing and winning new souls for Christ."

"Our children and adolescents are very important to us, for this reason we prioritize teaching them so that they are not deceived by this perverted society. We have a Sunday Bible School for children, adolescents and young people. Your prayers are vital for this work in Sicuani."



Churching in Sicuani



Letter from the Director



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

As we type this director's page, it's hard to believe that we're almost through January. To be honest with you, the last four weeks have been a bit of a blur, as we've navigated the unforeseen waters with the passing of our oldest son, Caleb. It has not been easy, but God has been good. We give special thanks to those who prayed, encouraged, and gave in memorial to our son's passing. Although the days ahead may not be clear, we know that God is there. It is a new year with new challenges and blessings ahead because we serve the same faithful God. We are thankful that we will close out January representing BEME in Florida and Colorado, and then step into a very busy February and March back on the road. This is a great time for me to mention that if your church desires us to report or present for future support consideration, now is the time to schedule.

We are so thankful for our Latin church starts as they were busy presenting Christ during the Christmas season. They continue to pray, as they look forward to fruit from these evangelistic services and outreaches. They are also in the throes of their summer camps and children's programs in many of their churches.

We are very excited to announce a church start in Cuenca, Ecuador, starting this month. Please pray for Pastor Pablo Sabastian and this new work. We also have multiple applications that are waiting for funding. Please pray that BEME sees increased growth, so we can underwrite new churches in Mexico and Peru.

Let me encourage all of us to set some goals to pursue. These are not my lists, but were compiled by other authors, referring to past biblical leaders, Moses and Peter.

Moses' List: (Exodus 20:3-17)

- Don't ever place substitute gods before the Lord your God
- Don't make an idol out of anyone or anything.
- Don't take the Lord's name in vain. It is holy.
- Remember to observe a Sabbath rest every week.
- Honor and respect your dad and mom.
- Don't murder anyone for any reason.
- Never, ever commit adultery.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Never lie or give a false impression.
- Don't covet another person's mate, benefits, or belongings.

Peter's list: (2 Peter 1:5-8)

- Be a diligent person.
- Don't waver in your faith.
- Be known for uncompromising moral excellence.
- Enlarge your reservoir of knowledge; keep learning.
- Stay balanced; guard against extremes.
- Persevere.
- Make sure your godliness is free of hypocrisy.
- Treat others tactfully, graciously. Let your Christian love flow, let it flow, let it flow.

In closing, may the seeds planted in 2024 bring much fruit for the Lord in 2025! Let's get to work, folks. The fields are white unto harvest.

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

Andy and Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

Manuel Macancela - Shell & Morete Cocha, Ecuador

In his monthly report Pastor Macancela sends us this news: "My beloved brothers, it is a pleasure to be able to greet you at this time. We send you our deep gratitude for your prayers and offerings that you have faithfully and generously sent to us.



THE WORK IN MORETE COCHA

At the beginning of November in our country we begin with the holiday for the Day of the Dead and

55 Children Received Shoes

for the independence of Cuenca. It was a long holiday time in which we took advantage by holding a family camp with the entire church in Morete Cocha. It was a time of great blessing in which children, young people, and adults were able to listen to the message of Jesus Christ and learn more biblical stories.

People are seeing the Church in Morete becoming more active. The leaders are awakening from their spiritual sleep and doing what our Lord has commanded us to do: MAKE DISCIPLES. Little by little we see the men getting involved in supporting some area in the church.

We are planning our third missionary trip down the river to Conambo. It is a journey that takes us 5 days down the river visiting various communities sharing the gospel. On this trip we are planning with each community to hold a CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH LEADERS in one of the central communities, Jandiayaku. This will require many resources, including two plane flights, 15 cans of fuel, and food for at least 200 people. We trust that, if this plan is within God's plan, He himself will provide for us to carry out this activity.

On this recent trip to Morete, the children were blessed with shoes that Pastor Enrique Cadena and his wife Cila (Middle of the Earth Church) sent for all the children who were faithful to the Sunday school. Fifty-five children received a pair of shoes!

I also see the church leaders of Morete visiting the educational unit in Morete more frequently to share Bible devotions with students and teachers. GLORY TO GOD!"

THE WORK IN SHELL

"The Shell Church received the pleasant visit of our Pastor Gabriel Macancela and his family. He preached on the Sunday that I was preaching in Morete Cocha. It was a good time in which the church was encouraged to remain firm in the faith.

In the children's ministry, they prepared for the Christmas program. They presented an evangelistic dramatization to which their parents, and many others were invited. This activity was a great blessing for many of the children, their parents, and several visitors. The adults left us their prayer requests, and this has allowed us to have

Robert Holguin - Moche, Peru

“We continue teaching the basics of the gospel in homes. We knock on doors, or through contacts we reach people. We continue with the work of strengthening families through the word of God, we understand that solid families maintain firm churches. We are currently studying our doctrinal statement, in order to have a list of baptized members, a deacon, and a pastor, as we formalize our church. We are also having classes for men and women, dealing with matrimonial issues. We are planning to have some weddings in February. Pray as some families are going through difficulties, but we trust that God will guide us in our counsel. We are very grateful to God for the progress of the church construction. We are now having our services in one of our rooms. God is adding more people to our church. We continue to preach and God brings new people.”



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 the new graduates of the Latin American Bible Colleges and Seminaries.
- 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

February

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pray for BEME's office administrator as he heals from recent back surgery.
2 Pray for Pastor Andy and JoEllen presenting BEME in Aberdeen, SD	3 Constitution Day in Mexico. Pray for our Mexican church starters and Bible colleges.	4 Pray for our Director at the Refresh Conference in Iowa, the 4 th – 7 th .	5 Pray for the Vacation Bible School programs in many of our churches.	6 Pray for recent graduates from Latin American Bible Colleges and Seminaries.	7 Pray for the Christian radio and YouTube broadcasts in Latin America.	8 Pray for more Adult Member to join the church in Puerto Maldonado, Peru.
9 Pray for Pastor Andy and JoEllen presenting BEME in Phoenix, AZ	10 Pray for Pastor Macancela's Youth Meetings this month	11 Pray for the VBS Programs in the New Churches	12 Pray for Bethel Baptist Church in Palma Real, Peru - They are without a pastor	13 Pray for Summer Camp Programs in South America	14 Pray for pastoral wisdom to disciple new members in their churches	15 Pray for results from Operation Christmas Child
16 Pray for Pastor Andy and JoEllen presenting BEME in Chicago, IL	17 President's Day: Pray for the President of the United States	18 Pray for the BEME Presentation in Kingman, IN, the 18 th – 23 rd .	19 Pray for Pablo Sebastian, our newest BEME church starter in Ecuador	20 Pray for Pastor Robert Holguin, Fundamental Baptist Church, Moche, Peru	21 Pray for Friday Children and Teen outreaches in Sicuani, Peru	22 Pray for the registration of the Fundamental Baptist Church in Artigas, Uruguay
23 Pray for the churches in Morete Cocha and Shell, Ecuador.	24 Pray for continued results from Christmas Outreaches	25 Pray for Renovations at the Baptist Seminary in Trujillo, Peru	26 Pray for Pastor Ariel Alfonso and his family in the Dominican Republic	27 Dominican Republic Independence Day. Pray for the Dominican people.	28 Pray for Pastor Yan Carlos Mercado and his family in the Dominican Republic	

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