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Evangelizing



This past month, we praise the Lord for witnessing opportunities for our Latin American pastors. Whether it is in the streets as they are going, in the market places, or in local church Bible studies, God's Word is being shared and fruit is being seen.

Hernan Huari - Cusco, Peru (Former Church Starter)

DISCIPLESHIP, MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM

"We are focusing on training and preparing workers to continue evangelizing more families. Church members are committed to the advancement of the gospel. By the grace of God, this year a family decided to formalize their lives before God by obedience in marriage. Two others were baptized. God is adding more members to the church. The church continues to grow, building itself on the Word of God."



Rolando Arias, Kiteni, Peru (Former Church Starter)

We praise the Lord for your answered prayers! Pastor Rolando Arias (Kiteni, Peru) is recovering from his respiratory infection, and his son Benjamin is healing well from the first of multiple surgeries. Please continue to pray for Pastor Rolando, his family, and his growing church.



Andres Ramirez - Nueva Helvecia & Juan LaCaze, Uruguay

Pastor Ramirez sends news as he brings the gospel to the lost in Nueva Helvecia and Juan Lacaze. "God has been good and has given us new contacts. Thank God for Maicol and Miguel who remain faithful and are getting involved in church activities. Miguel knows about construction and has helped to better prepare the entrance to the church grounds."



Meetings in Nueva Helvecia

"In Nueva Helvecia please pray for Elías. He has heard the gospel, but has not made a profession of faith. Also, pray for the region of Colonia Valdense. This is an area where we are going to do more evangelizing.



We are doing the paperwork for the building permits since these take time to be completed. After we have the authorization, we will begin with the base foundation. When we complete collecting the balance of what we need, the rest will be built. For now, we are a little more than 50% toward our goal. God is good. Please continue praying."

Meetings in Juan Lacaze



"In our evangelization in Juan Lacaze, we had 3 professions of faith. First, a young girl named Aimar, who lives in a neighborhood where there is a lot of drug addiction. Please pray for her protection. Next, we have a married couple (Marcos and Macarena) who listened to the gospel very attentively and made a profession of faith. Marcos is very excited to go to church. In Juan Lacaze there are many people who are in a sect called Umbanda which is witchcraft. Pray for this place so that God works and uses us for his glory.

We are very grateful, brothers, for your prayers and support through the missionary offerings that many of you make with sacrifice. Thank you for participating with us in bringing the gospel to more Uruguayan souls, Jews and Gentiles. May the Lord bless you greatly."

Enoc Caton - Villamontes, Bolivia

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

"God has done a great work in our church. On Wednesdays and Saturdays we evangelize and invite our neighbors to church. Although we are a small church, we still want to serve the Lord by proclaiming His word. Discipleship is so fundamental in the life of new believers. It encourages them to continue forward and to be prepared for difficult times. Discipleship has helped us to be able to respond in a better way to folks in difficult situations by helping them cling to the word of God."

HAPPY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

"We now have conducted five Happy Hours, which have been a great blessing. Pray that the Lord can provide us with more materials, especially visual aids (books with large drawings) of Bible stories to use in teaching the children. "

SPECIAL NEEDS

"Recently, many families and children have been coming from Tentami, where we have been evangelizing. This needy community (30,000 people) has experienced famine because of corn crop failure and a plague of locusts. We are sharing as we are able. People are walking 2-1/2 hours to get to our church on Sundays. We believe the Lord is leading us in this work. Please pray for us and these souls, as we seek to minister."

Letter from the Director

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

This past month has been a time of **answered prayers and amazing blessings!** Besides giving Jo and me safe travels to 2 conferences and 3 churches to present BEME, we also have a new, monthly supporting church in Wisconsin. God has also abundantly granted requests (that many of you have prayed and given towards).

Let me list just a few:

- **In March we will be starting 10 new churches:** (2 in Mexico, 2 in Ecuador, 1 in Uruguay, 1 in Argentina, 1 in Puerto Rico, 2 in Peru, and 1 in Bolivia)! 1
- A great kickoff to multiple camps in Latin America by our churches. (see below)



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Letter from the Director (continued)

- Finished up our 2-year support of 2 churches (in Peru and Uruguay). They are doing well, and continue to grow. Thanks to Pastor Frank Nino and Pastor Hernan Huari.
- Several of our Latin American churches are now able to purchase much needed vans to pick up members/visitors.
- Several pastors' conferences were held in Latin America. At one of the conferences, a special offering was taken for a BEME church in the jungle needing landslide restoration and repair.



These are just a few highlights from this past month! God has been blessing above our expectations. Much of this work would not be possible without your continued support of BEME-LA and its Latin American church starters. Thank you.

Please pray as Jo and I go into a new month with meetings in CO, FL, NC, IL, and NJ. We are also continuing the vetting process of other applications, and our staff is doing a great job keeping up with the expanded growth of BEME-LA.

With a thankful heart we say, “. . . but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.” (Phil. 4:17b)

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

Andy & Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

Cristobal Quispe - Cusco, Peru

Pastor Cristobal has had a very blessed start to 2025. Their children and teen Bible Camps were well attended and had many spiritual decisions. They were followed by a one week Pastors Training Conference for regional pastors. Well done to an evangelistic church!



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

MARCH

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Please pray for Pastor Schneider, BEME Board Member, recovering from back surgery
2 Pray for Pastor Andy and JoEllen presenting BEME in Colorado	3 Pray for new church start with Pastor Eliab Hernandez in Monclova, Mexico	4 Pray for the upcoming evangelistic/medical campaign in the Peruvian jungle	5 Pray for new church start with Pastor Yonathan Garcia in Rivera, Uruguay	6 Pray for Pastor Joel Acre's Peruvian Radio Ministry	7 Please pray for the individuals who give financially to the BEMELA Missions Organization	8 Pray for all of the ongoing Vacation Bible Schools in Latin America
9 Pray for Pastor Andy and JoEllen presenting BEME in Colorado	10 Please pray for the severe flooding situations in the Peruvian jungle areas	11 Pray for new church start with Pastor Albino De la Cruz in Ecuador	12 Pray for Pastor Andy & JoEllen presenting BEME. At a Missions Conference in Pensacola FL	13 Pray for Pastor Churata Quispe and for follow-ups on decisions made for Christ at youth camps	14 Pray for those who have given special love gifts to meet BEME's needs	15 Pray for new church start with Pastor Lukas Gonzalez in Unquillo, Argentina
16 Pray for Pastor Frank Nifo in Bogota, Colombia for church growth	17 Pray for Pastor Andy & JoEllen presenting BEME at Conference in South Carolina	18 Pray for new church start with Pastor Dwayne Daniels in Carolina, Puerto Rico	19 Pray for BEME Advisor Buddy F. building a new home due to flooding in the jungle	20 Pray for new church start with Pastor Geiner Morales in Peru	21 Pray for the continued health of the BEME staff and families	22 Pray for the churches who regularly support BEME
23 Pray for Pastor Andy & JoEllen presenting BEME in New Richmond, Ohio	24 Pray for new church start with Pastor Edwin Quispe in Patapata, Peru	25 Pray for Pastor Hernan Huari for continued church growth in Auncahuasi, Peru	26 Pray for new church start with Pastor Samuel Apata in Ticti Norte, Bolivia	27 Please pray for the Latin American Seminars and Bible Colleges training pastors	28 Please pray for our new Latin American Advisors	29 Pray for new church start with Pastor Pablo Sebastian in Cuenca, Ecuador

30 Pray

for Pastor Andy & JoEllen reporting Flemington, NJ

31 Pray

for new church start with Pastor Alvaro Espinoza in Juarez, Mexico

Please make checks payable to BEME Latin America.

You may designate your offering to a specific mission need by writing on the memo line or an attached note. Undesignated offerings are added to the general fund and used for prioritized missions and church starter needs.

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