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More New Church Starters!

In Cochabamba, **Bolivia**, a new church is starting with Brother Samuel Apata. He has been serving as pastor at the Maranatha Baptist Church, and his wife, Claudia, has been working in the children's ministries there. Pray for this ministry to grow strong in the Lord.



Pastor Julio De Santis is starting a new church in Lima, **Peru**. He shares with us that he has a passion for door-to-door evangelism and that he, his wife Yelitza, and two teenage sons will reach out to the community and build the Lord's church in this part of Peru.

Pastor Juan Duran Ramirez came to us well-prepared for the ministry. He studied at the Christian University of the Americas (Monterrey, Mexico) and has a Bachelor's in Pastoral Theology and a Master's in Bible Studies. He is also an accomplished musician with a Bachelor's in Sacred Music. He and his wife, Rebeca, have spent most of the last 7 years ministering at the Faith Baptist Church in Quito. They will start a new church in a village in Conocoto, **Ecuador**. Pray for him, his wife, and their three young children as they begin this new church.



Pastor Alvaro Espinoza comes to us well-trained in the ministry. After earning his Master of Theology in 2017, he earned a Doctorate in Ministry, graduating earlier this year. He has begun preaching at the Almaguer, Nuevo León, **Mexico** church. Pastor Alvaro and his wife Rubi are enthusiastically taking on the leadership in this new church.

Robert Holguin – ‘Jesus Saves’ Baptist Church, Moche, Peru

Pastor Holguin reports: “We are very encouraged in our work for Christ and His church. We are making disciples of new believers in their homes, knocking on doors, and making new contacts. We continue strengthening families in the word of God, understanding that strong families maintain strong churches, as pillars and bastions of truth. We have begun performing marriages for some of our members.



Although we have had some health problems, God is restoring us. We are very grateful for your spiritual and financial support.”

Praising the Lord in Music and Song

“We have started our music academy, with the goal of instilling music in the children and young people, so that in the future we may have musicians to serve in the local church. In February, our core celebrated our second year as a growing church in the Moche district. We had an excellent program, and it was pleasant to contemplate how the mighty hand of God has been guiding us and adding people to our church.”



Increasing the Lord’s Church in the Community



“We are formalizing our church's legal status. We still have to go to the notary and verify the details. We pray that God will continue to give us direction. We are very grateful to him for the progress in constructing our building. We are now holding our services in one of the rooms.

LETTER OF THANKS

FROM PASTOR ANDRES MEJIA FOR CHURCH SUPPORT

WE, AS A FAMILY, CHURCH, PASTOR, AND FRIEND, ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT YOU WERE ABLE TO GIVE THIS SERVANT DURING ALL THIS TIME. WITHOUT A DOUBT, YOUR VALUABLE HELP WAS A GREAT BOOST IN THE HONORABLE WORK OF SERVING OUR LORD. THE CHURCH, FULLY CONVINCED BY THIS WORK CARRIED OUT FOR THE MINISTRY, WAS TAUGHT AND INSTRUCTED IN THE NEED TO GIVE TO MISSIONARY WORK, AS WELL AS SUPPORT ITS PASTOR.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS. MOREOVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU.



Letter from the Director

Dear Friends, Prayer-warriors, and Supporters of BEME-LA,
Another fruitful month is behind us. Thank you for your prayers. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord this Easter in just a couple of days. After that, we're off to Costa Rica to open up another country for BEME-LA! Then, Lord willing, two full months of activity will follow. Please pray for our busy second half of the year, the growth of our new church starts, and others waiting for support.



We recently stopped at a beach for a short break on one of our trips to present BEME. The weather was warm, the water was cold, so we sat down on the sand to feel the breeze. God's promise to Abraham came to mind:

"... I will multiply thy seed ... as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;" (Gen. 22:17-18)

Although Abraham never saw this promise completely fulfilled this side of Glory, each soul that comes to Christ (Gal. 3:29) adds to this count. Think of all the promises from God's Word that you know:

- ... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Heb. 13:5)
- So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (Isa. 55:11)
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (Jn. 3:16)
- I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (Jn. 14:3)
- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)

Of course, the list goes on. But what precious promises, strength, and hope!

W.A. Ogden wrote,

Sweet are the promises,	List to his loving Words,
Kind is the Word,	"Come unto me."
Dearer far than any message man ever heard;	Weary, heavy-laden, there is sweet
Pure was the mind of Christ,	rest for thee;
Sinless I see,	Trust in His promises, faithful and sure;
He the great example is and pattern for me.	Lean upon the Savior and thy soul is secure
Where He leads I'll follow, follow all the way.	
Where He leads I'll follow, follow Jesus every day.	

Let's keep following our "Promise-keeper," Christ. He has a wonderful journey of the gospel for each of us to travel.

Andy & Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

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

Josue Rodriguez – 'Jesus is the Rock' Baptist Church, Huanchaco, Peru

In his most recent missionary report, Brother Rodriguez describes the full array of meetings and activities of the new church.



Worship Services and Ministries

- Our Prayer Service is held on Wednesdays, with an average attendance of 20 people. The teaching topic is Biblical Leadership. An Adult Discipleship class is also being held.



- The Children's Ministry meets on Saturday afternoon with an average of 10 children attending.

- We also have free music and craft workshops on Saturdays from 4:30 to 6 pm. We average an attendance of 15 people.

These workshops have an

evangelistic purpose and train musicians for their service in the Church. Thankfully, this month, we could enroll five new unconverted students.



teach the music classes, and a brother from the Church teaches the craft classes

- Our Teen Ministry is held on Saturdays from 6 to 7:30 pm. This month, we have an average attendance of 5 teens. We ask for your prayers for this ministry, which has decreased in attendance compared to last month. We continue with visitation



and invitations to the teens who attended.



Sunday Services and the Street Evangelism Ministries

- Our Sunday Services have an average attendance of 50 people. We offer synchronous courses, such as Discipleship for Young Women and Baptism classes.

- A Street Evangelism Ministry is active on Sunday mornings. Five members regularly join us in this ministry. This month, we canvassed a route to the town of "Sol del Reposo," about a 20-minute walk.

- Since completing our evangelistic outreach this month, we have averaged 10 new visitors to our services (Adults, Children, and Teens).



Jeimy Muñoz – Church Start in Pisac, Peru

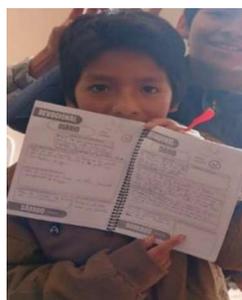
In his first missionary report, Brother Muñoz describes the new church's full array of meetings and activities for the young people.

Children's Ministry

In the children's ministry, 15 to 20 children attend each Saturday. We have indoor and outdoor activities.

Teenage and Young Adult Ministry

For the teenagers and young adults, we are working with a Devotional Diary that they will use as they learn about God's plan for us and about salvation.



During these fall months, we hold camps nationwide for children, teens, and young adults. So far, through the grace of God and our missionary work, three children, three adolescents, and two young adults have attended. It was a great encouragement to them and their spiritual lives. They made good decisions about their lives in Christ.

Wonderful Blessing for Pastor Gustavo Gonzalez in Artigas, Uruguay

Thanks from the Fundamental Baptist Church for a new van from a gracious BEME donor.



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Pray & Give

May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pray for Pastor Garcia Pereira in Rivera, Uruguay.	2 Follow up on visitors from Easter Sunday.	3 10 th Anniversary of the Baptist Seminary in Colonia, Uruguay.
4 Reporting to the Supporting Church in Minnesota.	5 Pray for the Missions Conference in South Dakota.	6 Pray for new visitors to Calvary Baptist Church in Ancahuasi, Cusco, Peru.	7 Upcoming weddings at New Life Baptist Church in Nuevo Leon, Mexico.	8 Pray that Pastor Ignacio Salazar-Garcia finds a home near his church.	9 Discipleship and Baptisms of new believers with Pastor Jorge Súa in Bogota, Colombia.	10 Pray for Ruben Quispe to get legal status for their church.
11 Happy Mother's Day! Pray for all the Moms in our churches.	12 Pray for the VBS with Ruben Quispe at 'Jesus is the Way' Baptist Church, in Cusco, Peru.	13 Pray for Pastor Andres Ramirez for the church building permit in Uruguay.	14 Pray for Pastor Gustavo Gonzalez for good growth from the new church van in Artigas, Uruguay.	15 Pray for Pastor Enoc Caton - Construction of the church building in Villamontes, Bolivia.	16 Pray for the New Believers at the Fundamental Baptist Church in Rivera, Uruguay.	17 Pray for interior construction at Pastor De Santis' newly planted church in Lima, Peru.
18 Pray for Director Counterman presenting BEME in Illinois.	19 Pray for the BEME presentation at the Missions Conference in Illinois.	20 Pray for strong families and marriages at Pastor Holguin's church in Moche, Peru.	21 Pray for Women's & Discipleship classes at Pastor De Santis' church in Lima, Peru.	22 Pray for the three Bible Institutes in Ecuador.	23 Pray for support for the three vans needed in several of our churches.	24 Pray for progress in church construction of the 'Jesus Saves' Baptist church in Moche, Peru.
25 Pray for new members at Zaccapoxtla, Mexico, with Pastor Salazar-Garcia	26 Pray for converts at Pastor Caton's Fundamental Bible Baptist Church, Villamontes, Bolivia.	27 Pray for graduates from the two Bible Colleges in San Juan, Puerto Rico	28 Pray for BEME Director Andrew Counterman and his meetings in 2025	29 Pray for the graduates and students in Tijuana, Mexico	30 Pray for the graduates of the UCLA - Monterrey, Mexico	31 Pray for much fruit from the BEME Director's trip to Costa Rica.

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