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God's Work Unfolds: May's Missionary Marvels

Enoc Quinteros Catón (Villa Montes, Bolivia)

Pastor Enoc's Children's Happy Hour in Villa Montes drew 100–150 children, with eight children and a family of seven accepting Christ, attracting parents to church. Disciples now mentor others, strengthening the congregation.

De Santis Jimenez Family (Basilio Auqui, Lima, Peru)

Their Holy Week evangelism included open-air and house-to-house outreach, gaining follow-up contacts. A movie night shared Christ's story, and a youth worship course began.

Jeimy Jose Munoz Gamarra Family (*Pisac, Cusco, Peru*)

They shared the Gospel while distributing food. They celebrated the missionary's wife's pregnancy and his birthday with handmade gifts from children.



Tobar Mendoza Family (San Jerónimo-Patapata, Cusco, Peru)

This month, they held church meetings, celebrated Easter, conducted street evangelism, and distributed tracts. They request prayers for evangelistic opportunities, spiritual growth, children's salvation, and baptisms of new believers.

Pablo Sebastián de Godos (Cuenca, Ecuador)



In Cuenca, Pastor Pablo's church trained men in homiletics and hosted a youth event for 64. They plan a July marriage conference and seek prayers for the missionary's lung surgery.

Jorge Ernesto Sua Abril (Mosquera, Colombia)

In Mosquera, House of God Biblical Baptist Church discipled youth and planned baptisms. A children's event is set for Children's Month, with prayers for a central location.

Eliab Hernandez Monclova, Coahuila, Bethel Baptist Church, Mexico

Deepening Faith Through Prayer

Over the past three months, the church has prioritized personal and communal prayer. From lifting up the needs of the congregation to interceding for regional churches, pastors, and the unreached, these prayerfocused meetings have grown in attendance and impact. "We've seen prayers answered by God's grace," Eliab shares.

Celebrating the Gospel at Easter

The April school holidays provided a perfect opportunity to reflect on the gospel's core truths. On April 20th, the congregation gathered for a special Easter Sunday service, celebrating the hope of the resurrection. The day was marked by joyful fellowship, reinforcing the church's unity and mission.

Welcoming New Faces

Recent weeks have brought first-time visitors to Bethel Baptist, including individuals from Catholic backgrounds and others with atheistic convictions. "We trust God will work in their hearts," Eliab says, hopeful for the Spirit's transformative power.

Community and Family Milestones

In anticipation of their second son, Eliezer Judah, the Hernández family hosted a special event, inviting

women from the church and beyond. This gathering became a platform to share the Gospel. Meanwhile, a Children's Day celebration honored the church's youngest members, whose families have shown remarkable consistency. Dedicated teachers continue to foster the spiritual growth of these children.

Sustained by Grace

Balancing Sunday sermons, Tuesday discipleship, Thursday prayers, and Friday men's studies has been physically and spiritually demanding for Eliab. Yet, he testifies: "The Lord has strengthened me in every area I've needed." This same grace is evident in the growth of his family and the church community.



Garcia Pereira Family (Pastor Yonatan) Rivera, Uruguay



Fruitful Ministry Amid Trials

April was a month of both victory and struggle. After weeks of preaching and inviting people to church, we are seeing fruit, with eight individuals coming to Christ during a special Easter program on April 17th. Among them were Carlos and Emilia, whom we met during house-to-house evangelism, with Carlos now attending church regularly and soon beginning discipleship.

However, the month was not without hardship. On April 17th, between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m., our home was broken into while we slept. The intruders took a wallet, documents, church offerings, and tools, but we praise God for His protection over our family, especially our daughters, who were unharmed.

Easter Outreach Success

Despite the break-in, we pressed forward with a powerful Easter program, supported by the Fundamental Baptist Church of Artigas and Pastor Gustavo González. The day began with gospel preaching and continued with a Bible club in the neighborhood square, where God moved mightily, leading eight people to salvation.

Combating False Teachings

In Rivera, many are confused by false gospels that emphasize material offerings for salvation. We met a neighboring family who believed their baptism in an evangelical church saved them. After hearing the true gospel, they placed their faith in Christ alone. We pray God uses us to guide many more out of this widespread deception.

Gratitude for Your Support

Your prayers and financial support are invaluable, sustaining us through trials and enabling this ministry to thrive. We are deeply grateful for the Artigas Fundamental Baptist Church's partnership, which greatly blessed our Easter efforts.

Pablo Sebastian De Godos Cuenca, Ecuador

Strengthening the Church

Our work in Cuenca continues to flourish as we disciple and empower the local church. I am currently training three men in homiletics to preach God's Word effectively, with a fourth joining soon. Meanwhile, personal connections are deepening through oneon-one conversations with women, couples' studies, and special outings. We're also equipping parents to disciple their children, fostering spiritual growth across generations.

Engaging the Youth

On April 26, we hosted our first youth gathering, uniting 64 young people from six Cuenca churches. The day was filled with worship, biblical teaching, games, and fellowship over hamburgers. Monthly youth activities rotate between homes and Baptist churches, building community and faith.

Mission Outreach

We're excited to support the Valdiviezo family as they prepare to launch a new project in Burkina Faso, South Africa. Additionally, we're distributing Bibles to Cuenca's police and military, praying for their salvation and opportunities to reach their families. Amid Ecuador's challenges with crime, we aim to strengthen these forces spiritually and physically.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for discipleship, evangelism, and training police officers.
- Provision for a church building and vehicle for outreach routes.
- Success for the July marriage conference.
- Continued growth in church membership and preaching opportunities.
- Protection during travels and visits.
- Health concerns: Upcoming surgery for Pastor Pablo to address a lung cyst and diverticulum affecting asthma, requiring further tests and evaluation.



Pastor Geiner Morales Puerto Pizarro, Tumbes, Peru

Spreading the Gospel

In Puerto Pizarro, the Morales family continues to fulfill the Great Commission. This April, their evangelistic efforts bore fruit, with five souls coming to faith. A unique opportunity arose at a neighbor's funeral, where approximately 100 people heard the message of salvation, planting seeds for future growth.

Nurturing Faith

Discipleship remains a cornerstone of the ministry. Four families receive weekly guidance, with Pastor Geiner mentoring young men and teens, while his wife supports the women. The church is preparing to baptize a group of believers in May, a testament to the spiritual growth in the congregation. Regular worship services, including Sunday school studies on local church doctrine, Friday New Testament overviews, and monthly missions-focused teachings, continue to edify the body of Christ. The children's Bible club and Sunday school are also thriving, equipping the next generation.

Engaging the Community

An evangelistic film outreach drew an average of 100 attendees, resulting in ten decisions for Christ. Special

services welcomed visitors, fostering connections and expanding the church's reach. These efforts reflect the vibrant, outward-focused spirit of Iglesia Bautista la Rosa.

Prayer Requests

- Blessings on the upcoming marriages of Eligis & Sandra and Lorenzo & Emilia on May 3rd.
- A meaningful baptism service on May 4th.
- A fruitful missionary conference from May 23–25.
- Provision for a laptop to project church music.
- Resources to purchase land for a permanent church building.
- Spiritual growth for new believers: Juan, Luis, Vanesa, and Fabiola.



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May 8, 2025

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

Diffectors Conner s Recently, a family member took a European tour and visited a Lithuanian site called The Hill of Crosses. The exact origin and start of this place are uncertain. Some say this centuries-old site started when mourning relatives of victims against the Russian regime left markers to symbolize their religious identity. Over the years, multiple attempts were made to destroy it. The former governing bodies even bulldozed it multiple times, only to have locals come and place crosses on the hill. The message is obvious - Christian faith will be seen. Learning about this place makes us ask a few questions:

- Is my Christianity being seen by others?
- Do I have the courage to make a statement for the cross of Christ?
- ... if so, how is my testimony being seen?

Good questions to keep us on track in sharing the message of our faith and maintain a testimony of "salt and light" so others are drawn to Christ's sacrifice for sin. Sounds like Matthew 5:14-15.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

A good challenge for the days ahead. Let's lift up the cross and the cause of Christ, that others may see.

Andy & Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

Follow Along with the Countermans' Adventure:

- Completed survey trip to Costa Rica; two new candidates for church starts.
- Praise for travel mercies. Recently hit a deer, only the deer and the truck suffered.
- Upcoming meetings in IA, IN, WI, MN, WV.
- Helping our home church with VBS and Teen Camp to the Wilds.

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



June 2025 Prayer Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Pray for the Countermans presenting BEME at a church in WV. Ask for clarity and open hearts. | Pray for Raúl Ferrero's visit to Cuenca, Ecuador, teaching on the Book of Ruth and workshops (June 2-9). | Pray for Eliab Hernández and family in Monclova, Mexico, for physical and spiritual strength. | Pray for the Garcia- Pereira family in Uruguay/Brazil, for protection and boldness in sharing the Gospel. | Pray for Pastor Counterman at the University Board meeting, for wisdom in decisions. | Pray for the Morales Cordova family in Puerto Pizara, Peru, for wisdom and courage in preaching. | Pray for the Tobar Mendoza family in Cusco, Peru, for evangelistic opportunities and growth. |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Pray for the Ramírez Bogado family in Mairana, Bolivia, for a meeting place and resources. | Pray for the Countermans at the BEME conference in Watertown, WI, for effective ministry. | Pray for Pastor Jorge Ernesto Sua Abril in Mosquera, for a central church location. | Pray for Violeta Hernández in Monclova, Mexico, for a safe delivery of Judah. | Pray for new believers at Bethel Baptist Church, Monclova, considering baptism. | Pray for Carlos and Emilia in Uruguay/ Brazil, beginning discipleship. | Pray for the Morales Cordova family's missionary conference (May 23-25), for lasting impact and a laptop. |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Pray for the Countermans reporting to a supporting church in MN, for fruitful fellowship. | Pray for the Countermans helping with VBS in IA, for children's faith growth. | Pray for the Valdiviezo family, starting a mission in South Africa (Burkina Faso). | Pray for three men in Cuenca, Ecuador, studying homiletics to preach effectively. | Pray for young people at House of God Biblical Baptist Church, Mosquera, for discipleship. | Pray for the men's retreat in Ambato, Ecuador (June 20-21), for spiritual renewal. | Pray for Melissa, Alexander, and Ignacio in Cusco, Peru, preparing for baptism. |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Pray for the Countermans at Teen Camp at The Wilds, for safety and teen ministry. | Pray for German, Angélica, and Milton in Cuenca, Ecuador, growing in faith. | Pray for Wilber, Walter, Julio, Roxana, and others in Cusco, Peru, for salvation. | Pray for Pablo Sebastián de Godos in Cuenca, Ecuador, for health and upcoming lung surgery. | Pray for the children's event in Mosquera (Pastor Jorge Sua) for reaching families with the Gospel. | Pray for Calvary Baptist Church in Cusco, Peru, supporting the Tobar Mendoza family. | Pray for four families discipled by the Morales Cordova family in Puerto Pizara, Peru, for growth. |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| Pray for the youth camp in Shell City, Ecuador (Aug 11- 15), for planning and impact. | Pray for Pastor Gustavo González and Fundamental Baptist Church of Artigas, Uruguay. | | | | | |