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Pastor Natanael Aguilar
Tijuana, Mexico

On Sunday, June 8, they celebrated their first service in the rented space. They have been evangelizing underserved neighborhoods. The family is praising God for covering their son Natán’s surgery costs entirely.

Pastor Edwin Tobar Quispe
Cusco, Peru



The Baptist Church in San Jerónimo-Patapata-Cusco is working hard on evangelism, and they are praying for God to provide more tracts for distribution. Thank God, another family has been attending. Pray for their salvation! On July 28, many children and parents heard the gospel at a church event. Pray for many souls to be saved.

Pastor Geiner Morales
Puerto Pizarro, Tumbes, Peru

This month, The Rock Baptist Church had the opportunity to evangelize in Aguas Verde, a border area with Ecuador. They did personal, group, and open-air evangelism, and also distributed 500 evangelistic tracts. They are requesting prayer for the provision of a keyboard for music lessons and transportation for their family.

Pastor Geiner is thanking God for six years of blessed marriage!

Pastor Gustavo Gonzalez
Artigas, Uruguay

While helping with a building project for a daughter church in Nueva Helvecia, he had a terrible fall and shattered his wrist, detached his leg at the knee, broke several vertebrae, and fractured his skull. We praise God that for now, he is stable in the hospital in Colona, but this event will be life-changing for him and his family. Pray for his older children as they try to fill the gaps at Fundamental Baptist Church.

It appears that most of his immediate medical expenses will be covered because he is part of the social medical system here in Uruguay, but extended medical needs may be forthcoming. Pray for a quick and complete recovery.



**OUR NEW ADDRESS:
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Pastor Eliab Hernández

Monclova, Mexico

Introduction

Pastor Eliab Hernández and his family report from Bethel Baptist Church in Monclova, Coahuila, expressing gratitude for God's sustaining work in July. The ministry thrives through the Holy Spirit's power and consistent preaching of Scripture.

Ministry Highlights

The church maintains vibrant gatherings: Sunday mornings, Thursday prayers, women's meetings

on Fridays, and occasional men's meetings. Pastor Hernández asks for prayer that the hard work of the ministry does not extinguish their personal devotion to the Lord and that the efforts they make would consistently bear fruit in the hearts of the people.

Youth Camp Success

In mid-July, the annual youth camp united Bethel with other Baptist churches. Attendees studied the Book of James, with evening sermons by guest Pastor Matthew Bixby. A highlight was young attendee Brandon, initially reluctant to attend camp, but now with a greater desire for growth in his spiritual walk and for baptism. This type of occurrence inspires ongoing investment in youth needing the Gospel.

Upcoming Events

In three weeks, new believers' baptisms and subsequent membership celebrations are planned, along with starting a study of First Corinthians. Later activities include a marriage retreat and a new youth ministry.

Prayer Requests

Pastor Hernández seeks prayers for family spiritual diligence, church growth, planned events, and his recovery from minor surgery on July 30. He is grateful to supporters for enabling the ministry.



Pastor José Carvajal

Puntarenas, Costa Rica

A New Pastor

He has been pastoring the Divine Savior Baptist Church in the community of Olla Cero for six months. Little by little, he has been getting into the swing of pastoring. During this time, they have had a wedding, held services, and spent time soul-winning. There have also been construction projects, and men's and women's fellowships in the church of Ciudad Cortes.

Expanding Into the Community

They will be starting children's and youth activities in the community.





They are praying for more people from the community to come to church, and to help with that, would greatly appreciate a minibus. They will soon be visiting a new area to spread the gospel and bring them to church.

It would be very helpful if the municipal authorities would build a new bridge in the community, since when it rains heavily, they are unable to enter or leave the community. They are praying to that effect.

Pastor Jeimy Muñoz

Pisac, Cusco, Peru

Church News

God continues to work for His glory in the missionary work of Pisac. This month, there have been great moments as a church. First, they've had several visits during Sunday services from brothers from the center of the country. In addition, a Latino brother who lives in California, USA, visited. His name is Julio Cordero, and he takes care of horses. He constantly travels and spends long periods in Pisac for work. He intends to fellowship with Pastor Jeimy's church. Likewise, the mother of one of the children who attends the children's meetings on Saturdays wants a visit to hear the Word of God. This is a great encouragement because it is the result of the prayers of God's people. Her name is Grecia. Please pray that God will work in her life for salvation and eternal life.

Sharing the Gospel

Pastor Jeimy describes the limitations they are experiencing when evangelizing. Pisac is a town with

a constantly growing population. It's a very traditional place in its Inca culture, with deep roots in two religions. On the one hand, there are the Roman Catholics, and on the other, the Andean mysticism movement. Both groups have a significant influence on the inhabitants of Pisac. Roman Catholicism, inherited from the Spanish colonizers, and Andean mysticism, inherited from the culture of the Andes. Both religions are very closed to the gospel, rejecting everything related to evangelical Christianity.

The church evangelizes personally, in the streets, homes, plazas, and markets. They experience rejection constantly. But they continue to trust in the Lord to open hearts to hear and believe the Word of God.



Pastor Josue Rodriguez

El Milagro, Peru

Introduction

Since December 2024, Pastor Josue and family have served as one of BEME's church planters in El Milagro, Huanchaco, Peru. They share ministry progress and seek prayers for God's guidance.

Ministries

Pastor Josue leads vibrant ministry efforts, including three small group studies in homes. He has a Men's Ministry that is training five men in leadership, sermon preparation, and strengthening the church. A Prayer Service engages 22 adults in Biblical leadership studies, while the Children's Ministry nurtures 14 young attendees. The Teen and Youth Ministries, with eight and five participants, face challenges but grow steadily. A Route Ministry mobilizes six members to invite others across local and external areas. Sunday Services draw 55 attendees, incorporating discipleship, while Evangelism/Visitation and Edification Services counsel and teach dozens. Relational evangelism through soccer and music workshops reaches nearly 40 youth.

Special Activities

On May 9th, a hospital evangelistic outing in Trujillo led to faith decisions. A Mother's Day event welcomed nine mothers, and on May 25th, congregational evangelism trained attendees in pair evangelism for future outreach.

Prayer Points

Petitions include spiritual vitality, pregnancy health for Pastor Josue's wife, church growth, youth ministry, salvation, and continued church growth needs.

Goals and Objectives

The church has goals for the year and is praying for 20 baptisms (eight so far), 80 attendees (currently 45-55), and more outreach and discipleship programs. Plans include a new small group, outreach, and workshops.



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

Moving, . . . a word from the abyss. No, just kidding. But, the word “moving” has been the word for the month as the BEME office has relocated to the Minneapolis, MN area. I must admit, I do not particularly enjoy packing and unpacking while living in disarray for extended periods. But I believe this move is an excellent teacher in three areas of life:

- **First, Patience:** I can't find anything. I'm discovering things I don't want to find. Things are moving too fast. Things are moving too slow. Sound familiar? We are repeatedly told in Scripture that God's plan is perfectly timed and that we are to wait patiently on Him, being longsuffering with others. (Ps. 27:14; Eph. 4:2). One author suggested, “While waiting for God to deliver you, ask for His panoramic perspective instead of your limited one.” This means not yielding to temptation, keeping a positive attitude, being faithful in my testimony in circumstances, while waiting for relief.
- **Reliance:** This is reliance on God and on others (in that order). Relying on God means to change our direction of focus from ourselves or uncomfortable circumstances, towards God. “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength.” Isaiah 40:29. Help from others demands a humbling of our independent spirit and a great appreciation of the supportive network of individuals from the body of believers. We could not have completed this enormous task without the prayers and participation of so many hard workers and the continued patience of the BEME-LA staff. “Thank you” does not seem sufficient to those who labored with a 105-degree heat index while loading innumerable boxes into the Ryder truck and the U-Haul trailer. “Two are better than one . . . the one will lift up his fellow” Eccl. 4:9-10
- **Finally, Awareness:** Moving everything that you own highlights the temporality of life. The Bible says we are strangers and sojourners. “For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow and there is none abiding.” 1 Chron. 29:15. Becoming aware of life's brevity, the importance of having an eternal perspective (we don't need all this “stuff”), and redeeming the time emphasizes a focus on the eternal. As we settle into our new surroundings and schedules, none of us should become complacent, but labor more fervently to advance the cause of Christ in our earthly travels towards our eternal home.

Andy and Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

PS. Please pray for travel mercies. Our presentation schedule is full until the end of the year, and hopefully, we can schedule a trip to Latin America for expansion by year's end—also, completion of construction, and set-up of BEME's home office.

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

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September 2025 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray for Pastor Gustavo Gonzalez's healing from accident and family support.	2 Pray for the Countermans' Latin America trip and BEME office construction.	3 For Andy and Jo Counterman's safe travel and full-presentation schedule.	4 Pray for Pastor Josue Rodríguez and his wife's pregnancy health in Peru.	5 Pray for Pastor Glenn Ramirez's church to grow spiritually in Mairana, Bolivia.	6 Pray for Pastor Geiner Morales to have courage in preaching the Word and family strength.
7 Pray for Pastor Counterman presenting BEME-LA in Northwest Iowa.	8 Pray for Pastor Eliab Hernández's church to continue growing in Monclova, Mexico.	9 Pray for Pastor Eliab Hernández's family to continue in spiritual diligence and effort.	10 Pray for Pastor Alvaro Espinoza's Almaguer outreach in Mexico.	11 Pray for Pastor Alvaro Espinoza and his wife, Rubi's, health care.	12 Pray for Pastor Edwin Tobar Quispe's baptism of Melissa and Alexander in Cusco.	13 Pray for salvation of children in Pastor Quispe's Sunday school club.
14 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he presents BEME-LA in southern Minnesota.	15 Costa Rican Independence Day! Pray for church starts in Costa Rica.	16 Mexican Independence Day! Pray for church starts in Mexico.	17 Pray for Pastor Macancela's trip to Villano River in tribal Ecuador.	18 Pray for Pastor Natanael Aguilar's provision of 18-passenger bus and land in Mexico.	19 Pray for Pastor Natanael Aguilar to have more workers for evangelism routes in Tijuana, Mexico.	20 Pray for parents and children who heard the gospel on July 28 at Pastor Quispe's outreach.
21 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he presents BEME-LA in Wisconsin today and the 28th.	22 Pray for Pastor Jorge Sua and his wife Maria's wisdom to serve the Lord.	23 Pray for Pastor Jose Carvajal Fernandez in church leadership, future marriage, and personal needs.	24 Pray for Pastor Lukas Gonzalez and his church in Argentina.	25 Pray for continued encouragement and PATIENCE for BEME-LA staff through transition!!	26 Pray for a new bridge to be built by municipal authorities in Pastor Carvajal's neighborhood.	27 Pray for Pastor Jeimy to find hearts open to the gospel in Pisac, Peru despite recent rejections.
28 Pray for courage and strength for church starters.	29 Pray for lasting fruit and saved souls in Pastor Natanael Aguilar's ministry in Tijuana, Mexico.	30 Pray for Pastor Julio De Santis's new believers and church attendees.				