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**FUN FACT**

The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest place on Earth, with some parts having *never* recorded rain.



**Pastor Jose Carvajal Fernández, Olla Cero, Costa Rica**

Pastor Jose celebrated one year of pastoring on February 1, 2026! Praise the Lord for His faithfulness. Pray for a new bridge into their town.



**Pastor Julio De Santis, Perú**

They are evangelizing in a new area where a new family has believed, and hope to begin a Bible Study in the neighborhood! Also, they were able to host a hot chocolate event back in December that blessed 260 children.



**Pastor Alvaro Espinoza, Guadalupe, Nuevo León, México**

They organized a workshop for Sunday school teachers for members of their congregation, as well as guest teachers from two local churches. The workshop shared practical tools for preparing Bible lessons, telling stories in an engaging way, and facilitating activities for both children and adults. They discussed the importance of adapting teaching to different ages and contexts, always with the goal that each student not only learns but also can live and share their faith with others.



**Pastor Jeimy Muñoz Pisac, Cusco, Perú**

They are entering the rainy season, and this year they are experiencing very heavy rains. The entire Sacred Valley of the Incas region is under an orange alert due to the rising waters of the Vilcanota River, especially the town of Pisac, which is located on the riverbank. Pray for safety as they monitor emergency alerts.



# Pastor Natanael Aguilar

*Tijuana, México*

In Tijuana, Pastor Natanael and his church have wrapped up a fruitful 2025 with eyes set on bold expansion for Farms Baptist Bible Church. In a joyful report from January, they highlight door-to-door evangelism efforts alongside three or four other families and young volunteers that reached nearly three surrounding neighborhoods.

Family life shines bright too: The children are thriving in music classes, with young Nathan poised to play hymns on the keyboard during services by early 2026. “We can see God’s grace in our children,” the report notes, underscoring personal growth amid ministry.

The church continues to pray for four discipleship leaders, inspired by 2 Timothy 2:2’s call to train faithful workers. Plans include extending outreach to two more neighborhoods while nurturing existing ones, trusting God’s Word won’t return void. A new believer, Brother José, is already bringing guests, signaling lasting fruit.

Prayer requests include spiritual growth for newcomers, church expansion, effective campaigns, and guidance through 2026. As Tijuana’s harvest beckons, this church pulses with hope!



# Pastor Geiner Morales

*Puerto Pizarro, Perú*



In the first month of 2026, Pastor Geiner Morales and his church in Puerto Pizarro, Tumbes, Peru, experienced both deep sorrow and fresh hope at The Rock Baptist Church.

The church faced painful trials: a young man lost his grandfather, the Guerrero family buried their newborn baby girl, a brother suffered an accident, and another young man required emergency surgery. Pastor Morales preached the Gospel and brought comfort at the funerals, standing with his flock as the Bible says, “when one member suffers, all suffer together.” In the midst of tears, God strengthened the church family.

Yet joy broke through! The congregation moved into a larger rented facility with dedicated rooms for

children's ministry—an answer to many prayers. They are now asking God to make it their permanent home. The children's team is fully ready for 2026, the youth ministry officially launched, and the kids wrapped up January with exciting sports competitions.

Looking ahead, the church is praying for courage to keep proclaiming the Gospel, spiritual comfort for the Guerrero family, funds to purchase the church building, a powerful Summer Bible School (February 16–21), and God's guidance for every 2026 project.



## NEW! Pastor Erik Alvarado

*Cajamarca, Perú*

Erik David Alvarado grew up in the remote district of Chazuta, San Martín, Peru, where tragedy struck early: his mother, a devoted believer taught by her parents, passed away when he was just two. His father came to faith only months before his own death. Erik's older sister stepped in as a mother figure to him and his siblings, faithfully taking young Erik to Sunday school at the Central Evangelical Church. At age eight, his teacher clearly explained the plan of salvation, and Erik joyfully accepted Christ as Lord and Savior that very day.

Teen years brought rebellion and doubt, but Pastor Jair Sangama's messages stirred his heart. Seeking help, Erik received fresh assurance of salvation, surrendered fully to the Lord, and was baptized on August 21, 2001. From then on, he served eagerly—starting with escorting

children to video classes—and felt a lifelong call to preach and serve as a pastor or missionary. Weekend village outreaches deepened that burden; when a scheduled preacher couldn't go, the group urged Erik to step up. He preached boldly, and God confirmed his calling. Though he initially planned secular studies in Lima, persistent prayer led him to the Baptist Seminary of Peru, where he graduated in 2008. He then joined Gethsemane Baptist Church, serving in youth ministry and as a deacon under Pastor Jonathan Stilwell.

Jackelyn, from Huaranchal in La Libertad, was raised by a Christian mother who read Scripture, shared Bible stories, and sang hymns with her children. Church attendance was limited, but Christian TV programs led young Jackelyn to pray and receive Christ. Without strong guidance, growth stalled—until high school graduation brought her to Vint, where she joined her sister's Jesus the Good Shepherd Baptist Church. There she gained solid teaching, assurance of salvation, baptism, and active service with children, evangelism, and seminary students.

Today, Erik and Jackelyn, with their three children—Adrian Erick, Maxwell David, and Vasti Rebecca—are passionately planting and nurturing the Gospel in La Molina, Cajamarca, trusting God to raise up disciples for His glory.



# NEW! Pastor Benjamin Alegria

*Santiago, Chile*



especially healing her parents' marriage when they fully surrendered to Christ. That powerful testimony shaped her faith and stirred a burning desire to respond to God's call. She began serving in her local church with children, then teenagers, and gradually realized God was inviting her to give not just her time, but her entire profession and life to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Together, Benjamin and Daniela are joyfully answering God's call, passionately serving Him as pastor and wife of a brand new church in Santiago, and equipping others to follow Christ with wholehearted devotion.

Benjamin grew up in a faith-filled home where his parents planted a church while nurturing him and his five siblings with love and spiritual depth. At five years old, his mother shared the gospel with him. In that moment, Benjamin understood God's personal love for him and responded with repentance and faith. A deep passion for the Lord ignited in his heart, sparking a desire to serve, impact others, and live fully for Christ.

This calling led Benjamin to dive into church life—helping with children, opening doors on Sundays, singing in music ministry alongside his siblings, and embracing every small act of service that drew him closer to God. At 18, he followed God's clear leading to study at Palabra de Vida Bible Institute in Argentina. Graduating with conviction, he returned home ready to dedicate his life to serving the Lord and His local church.

Daniela was raised in a Christian family where her grandparents faithfully took her to church. She witnessed God's miraculous restoration in her own family—

### **Quicklook: Baby Announcement!**

Formerly supported by BEME, Pastor Miguel Saboya announces the birth of twin sons, Miguel Angel and Gabriel.



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

February has been an eventful and productive month for BEME-LA. We attended a conference in Iowa, held several internal office meetings, enhanced our digital presence, set up computers, and reported and met with donors, as well as trip planning. As you read this report, Andy is currently traveling in Colombia and Peru, South America. During this trip, he is meeting with our advisors, encouraging former church starters, and checking and bolstering our present church planting efforts.

BEME has facilitated over 125 self-supporting churches. At present, we are underwriting 24 men for their two-year support period. We are grateful to report, that we have more men awaiting funding, and a church in Wisconsin has recently voted to start regular monthly giving to BEME. We praise God for these blessings and ask for your continued prayers as we proceed into several busy months. Our Latin church pastors are also engaged in their busy summer outreaches and growth.



February is also a time in North America that is focused on Valentine's Day. This annual celebration should make us pause and examine our love for others, God, and His Word. Scripture reminds us of the importance of this love. Psalms 119:47-48 says, "And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes." God's Word is refreshing, comforting, convicting and brings clarity. It can expose our deepest sins, and then lead us to Christ and His forgiveness. Many institutions and experiences instruct us on how to make a living, but do not prepare us for life present and eternal. One pastor recently stated, "Encouragement from God, for the people of God, comes from the Word of God." The prophet Jeremiah exclaimed, "Thy words were found and I did eat them", and Peter proclaimed to Christ in John 6:68, "You have the Words of life."

This season serves as a powerful reminder to examine where our love is directed. Let's commit to read God's Word, love it, obey it, confess our allegiance to it, and of course, to share it.

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

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA



# MARCH 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for Pastor Ben Alegria and family in Santiago, Chile, one of our newest supported pastors.	2 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he returns from Columbia & Perú, South America.	3 For the children who attended VBS Feb. 16-21 at Pastor Geiner Morales's church in Bolivia.	4 For 16 children who were reached in a new jungle area in Kamunguy, Ecuador.	5 Pray for the Countermans at a conference in Wisconsin March 5-6.	6 Pray for the newest family member of Pastor Josue Rodriguez, baby Esdras.	7 Pray for a Sunday School teacher in Pastor Edwin Tobar's church in Perú.
8 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he presents BEME in Allentown, Pennsylvania.	9 Pray for four discipleship leaders in Pastor Aguilar's church in México.	10 Salvation of 55 visitors and weekly discipleship classes in Pastor Duran's church in México.	11 Pray for Pastor Aguilar's church in México to evangelize two new neighborhoods!	12 For Pastor Lukas's friend Tomás and for Tomás' wife Milagro to be saved in Argentina.	13 Pray for the guests of Brother José to come to Christ (Pastor Aguilar, México.)	14 For the salvation of Flor, Briana, Michel, and Wido in Pisac, Perú.
15 Pray for the Countermans as they report and update on BEME in Lebanon, PA.	16 For the salvation of the 260 children who came to the hot chocolate event in Perú.	17 Pray for Pastor Erik Alvarado & family in Cajamarca, Perú, one of our newest supported pastors.	18 For Nathan Aguilar (pastor's son) in México, to learn hymns on the piano for church!	19 Pray for Pastor José Carvajal in Costa Rica as he begins his 2nd year of pastoring.	20 For the children who attended camps and VBS, for lives to be changed!	21 For the growth of new believers in Pastor Glenn Ramírez's church.
22 Salvation for contacts in Sector 4 of El Milagro, (Pastor Josue Rodríguez).	23 Pray for the ongoing aid in the aftermath of forest fires in southern Chile.	24 For Pastor Espinoza and wife Rubí as they raise their newborn son, Asaf.	25 Pray for the wives of our BEME church starters as they labor in the ministry.	26 Pray for Pastor Albino de la Cruz's church in Ecuador.	27 Pray for the new evangelism workshop in Pastor Erik's church in Cajamarca, Perú.	28 For Pastor Jeimy Muñoz & church family during the extreme rains in Cusco, Perú.
29 Pray for churches' Palm Sunday and Easter presentations, for souls to be saved.	30 Strength for Pastor Josue in Perú, giving long hours to church construction.	31 For the families in Pastor Geiner's church in Bolivia suffering loss and health issues.				