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The Andes Mountains are the longest mountain range on Earth, stretching about 4,300 miles.



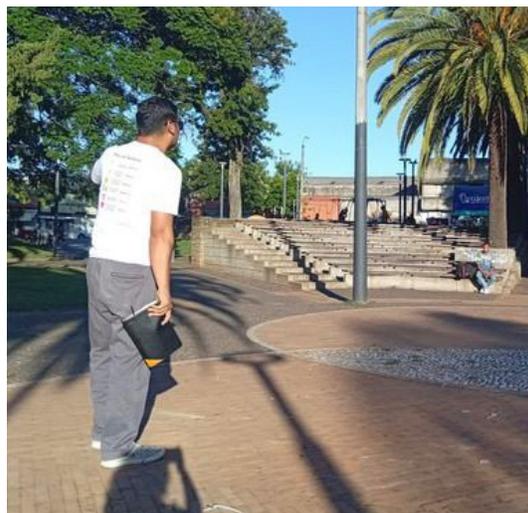
**Pastor Natanael Aguilar, Tijuana, México**

An evangelistic campaign was held at the end of February. Three women with their children visited and heard the Word of God preached! Pray for God's saving power from this activity!



**Pastor Yonathan García, Rivera, Uruguay**

This month, he preached loudly in one of the city's public squares, and while some people didn't appreciate it, others listened attentively to the message of salvation. While he was preaching, the seminary students who were visiting them distributed pamphlets and spoke with



people in the surrounding area. Pray for fruit from this bold endeavor!

**Pastor Diego González, Guanacaste, Costa Rica**

Praise for a youth banquet where three invited guests were saved! Also celebrating that during a soccer outreach, 10 youth heard the gospel. Praise God for these victories, and pray for the church as they continue to emphasize and instruct on evangelism.



**Pastor Christian Sua, Colombia**

They held their first couples' meeting, where God's Word was shared. Seven couples attended, two of them as guests. For most of them, it was their first Christian couples' meeting. They had a wonderful time as a church. They will hold their next meeting in two months. Pray for strong marriages!



# Pastor Adán García

*Ensenada, México*

Pastor Adán García and his church are celebrating an incredible February 2026 at Iglesia Bautista Sublime Gracia in Ensenada, Mexico! They launched their very first Sunday school youth class, welcoming new teens while strengthening those already serving. God moved powerfully: 5 new visitors walked through the doors and over 50 people professed faith in Christ this month alone!

A bold new outreach route, Los Encinos III, opened with many fresh prospects. And praise God—an answered prayer! The church now has transportation, fulfilling a long-time need.

The youth group continues expanding, with special prayer for Ka-l-el, Isaías, Junior, and Yamilet. Next month the teens head to a youth conference in Mexicali—pray for hearts on fire and provision for the trip.

As families with children pour in, two new classrooms are urgently needed. The church is trusting God for a

10-15 passenger van and continued growth. “God is always good!” declares Pastor García. Keep praying for spiritual depth, more souls saved, and every provision ahead!



# NEW! Pastor Antonio Peña

*Santiago, Chile*



## **Meet Felipe and Ana Peña – Passionate Church Planters in Chile**

Felipe Peña grew up in Santiago with a believing mother and unbelieving father. At age five, an aunt introduced him to the Gospel, and young Felipe trusted Christ as Savior. His faith grew steadily, but the clear call to ministry came at 17 during a powerful camp in Chile in 2009. That summer he surrendered completely to God’s service. He immediately began leading youth evangelism, discipleship, and various ministries at San Joaquin Missionary Baptist Church.

In 2012, after high school, Felipe studied three years at Palabra de Vida Bible Institute in Argentina. There, in 2013, he met Ana while serving together. They dated

in 2014 and married in March 2016, committing to serve the Lord as a team. God blessed them with two beautiful children: Gabriel (7) and Olivia (1).

After six fruitful years supporting the Missionary Baptist Church in Rancagua—where Felipe served as deacon and teacher—he pursued a Master of Arts in Ministry (completing April 2025). In April 2025 he passed his pastoral examination and was officially commissioned in August 2025.

Now the couple is boldly planting a new church in Rengo (30 km south of Rancagua) and another

Bible study in San Francisco de Mostazal (30 km north), already connecting with families and holding Wednesday meetings.

Ana, from Argentina, came to Christ at 16 during a youth meeting on June 9, 2009. Raised in a broken home, she found hope in Jesus and prayed for a husband to serve in missions. She fully supports Felipe's vision 100%.

Together, the Peñas are joyfully raising disciples and advancing Christ's Kingdom across Chile.

## **NEW! Pastor Omar Millán** *San Mateo Atenco, México*

### **Meet Omar and Yomara Millán – A Family Fully Surrendered to Gospel Ministry**

Omar Millán's journey with Christ began at age 16 during his grandmother's funeral. Although he had heard the Gospel many times, he had never truly surrendered. As the preacher proclaimed the good news of Jesus' sacrifice, the Holy Spirit brought powerful conviction. Omar repented that day and placed complete trust in Christ's finished work on the cross. From that moment, everything changed. A fresh hunger for the Lord filled his heart, and a deep desire to seek God and serve Him began to grow.

At age 18, during an ordinary mid-week service, God spoke directly to Omar through 2 Corinthians 5:15: "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." Even though the message wasn't about a call to ministry, the verse pierced his heart. He knew instantly that God was asking him to dedicate his entire life to full-time service. Unable to stay silent, Omar immediately shared what the Lord had done with his family and pastor. From that day forward, he has walked faithfully in ministry, allowing God to equip and shape him step by step through His mercy and grace.

Yomara Karina (née Gama Olivarria) grew up in a Christian home, attending church from the age of five. She knew the Gospel by heart and had prayed many times, but true salvation came at eleven. After an evangelistic outreach, one believer walked her home and shared the message of Christ once more. That evening, alone in her house, deep conviction fell upon her. She suddenly saw herself as lost, the greatest sinner in the world, destined for hell apart from Christ. In that quiet moment she cried out, asking Jesus to forgive her sins, acknowledging Him as the only way to heaven, and placed her faith in Him as her one and only Savior.

Today Yomara stands 100% behind her husband's church-planting vision. Together, the Millán family, with children Adaiah (8), Pablo (6), and Hadasa (4) are serving Christ as Omar pastors Grace Baptist Church in San Mateo Atenco, México.



# NEW! Pastor Andres Melgar

Puerto Maldonado, Perú



At ten years old she trusted Jesus as Savior during an evangelistic campaign. At thirteen, after meeting a missionary family who discipled her, she felt a clear call to serve children. Baptized at sixteen, she eagerly helped in every area of church life. Her deepest prayer was to marry a man who loved the Lord and to serve together in missions—and God has answered beautifully!

Today Andres and Jessica, with their five children—Andres (19), Andrea (17), Caleb (15), Benjamín (10), and Mathias (7)—are joyfully serving in Puerto Maldonado. As a family united for the Gospel, they are advancing Christ’s Kingdom in the Amazon region of Peru.

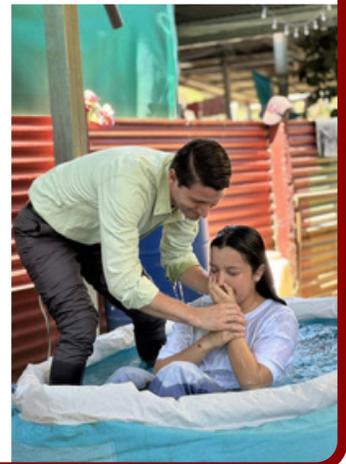
## Meet Andres and Jessica Melgar – Church Planters in Puerto Maldonado, Peru

Andres Melgar was born into a Christian home in Peru. His mother, once Catholic, had been evangelized by missionaries and led the family to church. At age nine, Andres clearly understood his sinfulness and joyfully accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized by immersion at twelve. Through discipleship classes he learned that every believer is called to teach God’s Word and make disciples. The call became personal during a powerful mid-week meditation led by an older brother in the church. As they studied Matthew 28:19-20, Andres felt the Holy Spirit’s burden to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples. From that day forward, he has lived to fulfill that Great Commission.

Jessica Galarza Medina grew up in a strong Christian family, spending many hours with her paternal grandparents who constantly shared Christ with her.

### Quicklook: Teenage Baptisms!

Praise the Lord for four teenagers baptized in Pastor Diego González’s church in Costa Rica! Pray for them as they begin serving the Lord.



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

### The Small Picture

March started with Andy returning from a two-week checkup and recruiting trip to Colombia and Peru. It was very successful for the Lord's work in South America. Thanks for your prayers. Then, we were on the road to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and South Dakota for multiple conferences and meetings.

We praise God for a new church in Texas committing to monthly support, as well as several other churches increasing their giving to BEME. Praise God for visionary churches with a heart for missions.

This time of year, the change to spring weather, a busy travel schedule, and ever-changing global events, can cause easy distractions from what is important. This was brought to our attention in a recent article we read. Let me share a dose of reality from Pastor Chuck Swindoll to help us stay focused.

### The Big Picture

*Matt. 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

"If you were to do a little fun research to discover the sheer quantity of activities that happen each day in America, you'd be amazed. Consider, for example, the number of cups of coffee consumed, the number of babies born, the number of people who take a taxi, bury a pet, get divorced, go to the hospital, watch prime-time television, ride on an airplane, and go to school. So what? That's trivia, right?



When you multiply all those things by 365, you get the general idea that there's a fair amount of energy, money, activity, and trauma going on in a year's time. And that's just in America – representing only a portion of the world's population. We may not be big, but we're busy. In fact, we are so busy it's easy to get selfishly swept up in the whirlwind of our own little playground sandwiched between the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans . . . blessed beyond measure and rich beyond comparison.

Every so often it's helpful to stop the annual merry-go-round, get off, look objectively, and think clearly. It's not only helpful, it's essential for the Christian. In this circus-like American lifestyle of ours, we tend to be deafened by the blare of our own band and blinded by the lights of our own spots, shining--always shining--on the ring of our own choice.

That needs to change. We need to hear the voice of the Ringmaster as He raises His hand to stop the band:

*"We interrupt this program to bring all of you a reminder that the world in which you live is not the whole world. . . but only a very small part of the world for which I died."*

The Great Commission is still "the Great Commission", not "The Limited Agreement for My Corner of America". He still looks across a wide world and weeps over men and women and children who do not know--have never heard--His healing, life-giving Name.

Can you feel His pain? What could you do this week to reach farther, see wider, feel deeper? What could help you kindle a greater understanding, perspective, and compassion for this vast hurting world of ours?

- Taking a missionary out for coffee?
- Reading--really absorbing--a good missions magazine?
- Writing a letter to some battle-weary missions veteran in the trenches of a distant country?
- Making friends with a lonely international student?
- Writing a check so that a hungry third-world family finds hope for another day?
- Praying that the Lord would give you an opportunity to serve Him in a cross-cultural experience – even for one year?

Sound risky? Maybe. But I've got a hunch that when the score is added up one day as we stand before our Lord, many of us will wish we'd played a lot more *Risk* . . . and a lot less *Trivial Pursuit*."

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

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA



# APRIL 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Happy Easter! Pray for good services in all our supporting churches and new church starts.	6 Pray for stability in the governments in our Latin American countries.	7 For teachers and students of newly started Sunday Schools in many of our church starts.	8 For our South American Bible colleges and seminaries as fall semesters begin.	9 Pray for health and strength for the Countermans with their busy schedule for BEME.	10 For Pastor Carvajal's church in Costa Rica in the passing of their former pastor.	11 For Pastor Carvajal's youth group as it has been recently started!
12 For Pastor Espinoza in México as they have begun Zoom meetings with young adults.	13 Pray for Pastor Alvaro Espinoza in México as he defends his doctoral thesis.	14 Continue to pray for health for Pastor Espinoza's wife, Rubí. Things are currently good.	15 Pastor Adán García in México asks prayer for youths Ka-l-el, Isaías, Junior and Yamilet.	16 Pray for the youth in Pastor Adán's church as they attend a conference in Mexicali.	17 Strength for Pastor Yonathan García's wife in 3rd trimester! (Uruguay)	18 Pray for Rubens, Ana and Neiba, recent converts of Pastor Yonathan García (Uruguay).
19 For recently baptized teens in Pastor Diego González's church in Costa Rica.	20 For Pastor Lukas González in Argentina as he recovers from surgery.	21 2026 youth camp, and for growth of music ministry in Pastor Eliab's church in México.	22 Administrative Professionals Day! Pray for the BEME office and remote staff.	23 For the 20 children who professed Christ at VBS in Pastor Geiner's church in Perú.	24 Care for the homes of Pastor Geiner's church members due to heavy rains in Perú.	25 For Pastor José Muñoz's church as they evangelize areas with no sound doctrine.
26 Pastor Counterman presenting BEME and preaching in North Dakota.	27 For Pastor Glenn's church in Bolivia to bear fruit from discipleship & evangelism.	28 For strong marriages in Pastor Sua's church in Colombia (great couples meeting!)	29 For a children's teacher in Pastor Tobar's church in Cusco, Perú.	30 For land, buildings, and coverage of expenses for all of our BEME churches.		