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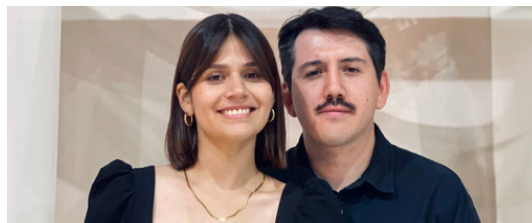
Some BEME churches now support their own missionaries, including BEME, creating MORE churches in Latin America!!



April 2026

Pastor Benjamin Alegria, Santiago, Chile

Praise the Lord, he and his wife Danielle are expecting their first baby! Pray for health and strength for Danielle and baby. Their church has also been busy with wildfire aid, encouraging another church starter, and hosting a youth missions conference.



Pastor Geiner Morales, Puerto Pizarro, Perú

This month, they launched the Esther 2026 Women’s Ministry! The women were greatly blessed by the teaching of God’s Word delivered by Miss Carolina from Lima. Please pray for the growth of this ministry.



Pastor Jeimy Muñoz, Cusco, Perú

This February, camp season ignited hearts as his church sent children, youth, teens, and adults to powerful Baptist camps for life-changing spiritual growth! They also launched their first VBS—40 excited kids dove into fun, received Good Samaritan

shoebboxes, and heard the life-saving Gospel. Many parents joined too—pure grace in action!



Pastor Juan Durán, Conocoto, Ecuador

Praise God! Their precious baby girl arrived safely on March 20, after weeks of waiting and some challenging days for his wife. Around the same time, Pastor Juan also underwent surgery. By God’s grace, all family members are doing wonderfully. The Lord has been so kind and merciful to this one year old church!



Pastor Joel Gamboa, Trujillo, Perú

Pastor Joel Gamboa, previously supported by BEME, and the team have received official permission to teach the Gospel at El Milagro Prison in Trujillo. Recently they entered, shared powerfully with inmates, and three souls reconciled with Jesus Christ!

Pastor José Muñoz

Bogotá, Colombia

Pastor Jose Muñoz and his wife are rejoicing as their church, Transforming Hearts Bible Baptist Church, marked its eighth anniversary in January 2026! The couple, former BEME church starters, hosted a vibrant missionary conference with guest preachers and a strong turnout, praising God for His faithfulness.

The church recently moved to a better location, which has opened exciting new doors for outreach. Their 2026 vision is clear: bolder evangelism in the streets and homes of Bogotá, plus reaching areas still lacking solid biblical teaching. The transition has brought fresh faces who have accepted Christ and are now being disciplined.

Prayer needs are urgent: continued provision for the new property and a road to establish an additional outreach route, plus encouragement and strength for the whole congregation during

this season of change.

Praise God for eight years of transformed hearts in Colombia! Pray that this new chapter produces abundant contacts, salvations, and steady growth for His glory.



Pastor Yonathan García

Rivera, Uruguay



The García family in Rivera, Uruguay, is bursting with joy and thanksgiving! On March 27, their third daughter, Amanda, was born — the youngest of their four precious children. Mom is recovering beautifully, and the whole family gives glory to God for this wonderful gift.

Evangelism remains at the heart of their binational ministry. Pastor Yonathan continues preaching the Gospel in two strategic neighborhoods: Barrio Sonia in Rivera, Uruguay, and just across the border Barrio Armur in Santana do Livramento, Brazil. Many people are listening attentively.

God granted a special blessing when Pastor Yonathan led an elderly woman named Maria to faith in Christ. She eagerly agreed to attend services, but when the

team returned to pick her up, they learned she had moved and no one could provide her new address. Pray for Maria to find a solid Bible-teaching church wherever she is!

Encouraging developments continue: Miss Judith recently joined the congregation after months of searching for sound doctrine. She spotted the church sign reading “Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth,” visited the very next service, and has faithfully attended ever since. Brother Rafael also remains steadfast in his walk and service, even as he asks for prayer for his wife Paola and daughter Kendra, who currently

attend a Neo-Pentecostal church. This man prays that his family will come to understand the true Gospel.

Prayer needs are pressing: trading their current car for a more suitable SUV, more people added to the church, additional workers raised up for Uruguay, and a genuine revival across the nation.

“God is at work,” Pastor Yonathan affirms, “not always on our timetable, but He is indeed faithfully at work.” The García family thanks supporters for every prayer and gift that helps them press forward for the Gospel.

Pastor Diego González

Guanacaste, Costa Rica

In Guardia, Liberia, Guanacaste, Pastor Diego González and his family are celebrating a powerful March 2026 at their growing church.

The church enthusiastically observed Missions Month with a special evangelism training led by Pastor Diego. The results have been exciting! Many young people are now boldly sharing the Gospel with friends and classmates. Several classmates have expressed interest in attending church, and some live in areas where new church plants could one day be established.

The congregation also conducted house-to-house evangelism in a local neighborhood, inviting people to

services. This month they plan a large-scale outreach in Guardia’s Park, involving the entire church—including adults. “Pray for the people who will hear the Gospel and for our adults to become examples to the next generation,” Pastor Diego asked.

Other highlights included a beautiful ladies’ activity where Pastor Diego’s wife Angie shared the Word, encouraging more women to learn how to teach Scripture. The church also rejoiced as young adult Carlos Matarrita received his first degree in theology. The congregation is recognizing it as a victory when God raises up pastors and missionaries from within their own family. “We are in great need of preachers in Guanacaste, and God is using our church to train more,” Pastor Diego commented.

Note: The church ministry van continues to serve reliably after receiving its annual permission from the government!

On the family front, the González home is preparing for the arrival of their second baby at the end of April. Mother and baby are doing well after many medical appointments.

Prayer needs remain urgent: a larger car, buying their first home, land to build a permanent church building, and God’s continued blessing on the new evangelistic efforts.

Thank you for standing with this faithful Costa Rican team as they train leaders, reach the lost, and expand God’s Kingdom in Guanacaste!



Pastor Alvara Espinoza

Nuevo León, México



approaches six months old. Pastor Alvaro also successfully defended his master's thesis and anticipates graduation in May.

Prayer needs include the teachers serving in the churches, the Almaguer outreach, the families of the congregation, the pastors and young people being mentored, and special care for Alvaro's wife Rubí and their growing family.

"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may advance and be glorified," Pastor Alvaro writes, quoting 2 Thessalonians 3:1. The Lord is clearly at work in Nuevo León!

February and March 2026 proved to be a rich season of Scripture-focused ministry at New Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Alvaro Espinoza reports that the church has made Bible teaching the very center of its life. On Sundays, consistent preaching continues, but the biggest excitement is the new direction in Sunday School: the entire congregation is now committed to studying the Bible together and memorizing the order of all 66 books!

Home-based small groups are steadily advancing through the Gospel of John, while Pastor Alvaro is personally mentoring several young men who feel called to preach. Each week he prays with them and guides them in deep text study as they prepare Sunday messages.

On the regional level, Pastor Alvaro continues bi-weekly Zoom meetings with pastors in Guatemala. They recently completed an intense study of the Book of Job and have now begun the Psalms. This is an encouragement to each man.

At home, the Espinoza family is rejoicing as little Asaf

Quicklook: Easter Baptisms!

Praise the Lord for a blessed Easter Sunday of baptisms in Pastor Gustavo González's church in Artigas, Uruguay and surf baptisms with Pastor García in Ensenada, México!



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

In Latin America, BEME pastors have shifted into their fall programs and Bible studies in their churches. It is a time of follow-up and discipleship from the many decisions made during summer camps and evangelism. The Bible colleges, Institutes, and Seminaries have also started their fall semesters. Pray for more laborers to be called into His service.

The unseasonably warm spring weather accompanied us as we finished our travels to SD, WY, UT, WI, and PA. We're thankful for the new contacts for BEME and the support it has produced for the mission. We will be reporting and presenting the mission in ND, MT, SD and WI in the month of May. Please pray for travel mercies and open hearts for support.

There has also been maintenance and outdoor yardwork needed at the main office. Upon inspection of the lawn, we discovered an elaborate pattern left by voles. The small rodents had eaten their way across the yard, leaving behind tunnels to prove their labor and life. During the summer and fall months there is no evidence of their ongoing activity.



This made me think of our own spiritual lives. It's easy to look back and remember times of great faith and actions for the Lord. There may even be visible fruit from yielding to God's convicting challenges for service and sacrifice. But now, as we read the Word of God, hear a sermon, or find ourselves in an obvious "divine appointment", we may not respond spiritually. There is an obvious touch of conviction from the Lord, but a hardening of the heart. Dr. Harold Sightler once noted that the Lord spoke to his heart. Someone asked if he heard an audible voice. He replied, "Oh no, it was much clearer than that." You felt it . . . a point of decision that God is pressing on the heart. We should respond, engage, and make a difference for eternity.

But we pause, halt, and hesitate. We mull over, analyze, count the cost (whether real or fictitious), not yielding to the Lord's nudge. We set the spiritual ember aside, until it grows cold or is forgotten. No action, no evidence of conviction, no proof of the Lord's working in our heart is seen.

Unfortunately, we don't change the world by looking at it, but through the way we respond to it. That means action must take place. Perhaps we would serve ourselves better when the Lord prompts our hearts for service or sacrifice, to respond quickly in faith. We should stop observing, looking for easy options, and instead, embrace the opportunity as an obligation of our reasonable service (Luke 17:10). Any prompting of the Lord lately? Perhaps it is time we respond in faith and service.

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

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA



MAY 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Pray for the Countermans presenting BEME in Sydney, MT.	4 Pray for the new baby expected by Pastor Alegria and his wife! (Chile)	5 For pastor's wife, Rubí Espinoza (México) with many health issues.	6 For Pastor Enoc Catón's two new children's rooms for the church.	7 For building projects at many of our new church starts.	8 Pray for Pastor Enoc Catón's wife to have relief from frequent back pain.	9 Pray for Pastor de Godos's church building and land in Ecuador.
10 Mother's Day: pray for wives/mothers of our pastors in Latin America.	11 Pray for a helper for Pastor Edwin Tobar's Sunday school and club.	12 Pray for Pastor Geiner Morales's land to build the church in Perú.	13 Growth for Pastor Enrique Cadenas's church in Ecuador (former BEME).	14 For Pastor Espinoza's baby Asaf and the whole family's health.	15 Pastor Adán García in México: for a children's classroom.	16 For Pastor Adán García's Children's Day outreach and many souls saved.
17 Pray for Pastor Glenn Ramírez's wisdom to lead his church. (Bolivia)	18 Fall semesters begin at seminaries and Bible colleges in South America.	19 For the discipling of new converts at Pastor Astudillo's church in Chile.	20 Pastor Yonathan García requests prayer for a revival in Uruguay.	21 For Pastor Diego González's wife's healthy pregnancy and safe delivery.	22 Pray for Pastor Diego González's land for the church building.	23 For hearts touched in Pastor Alegria's youth conference in April.
24 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he preaches in South Dakota.	25 Pray for Pastor Enoc Catón's evangelism team and sound system.	26 For chairs and benches for Pastor Morales's church in Tumbes, Perú.	27 For the soccer academy launched by Pastor Erik's church in Perú.	28 Pastor Counterman speaking at a Family Camp in Wisconsin.	29 For the indigenous outreaches by Pastor Catón's church in Bolivia.	30 For renewal of the De Godos family passports and ID cards. (Ecuador)
31 For copier to print materials for the children in Pastor Geiner's church.						