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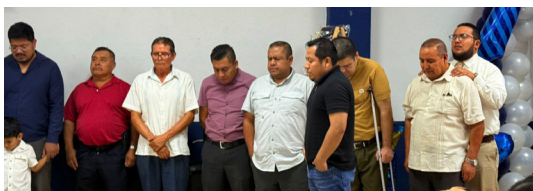
Lake Titicaca, Bolivia

**Pastor Roberto Chaucón,
Los Andes, Chile**



God has opened doors for their new “Good Samaritan” Spiritual Accompaniment Ministry in the city hospital emergency room. Starting July 15th, they will offer tea/coffee and sandwiches, share evangelistic literature, and preach the Gospel. They also continue their 1+1 Project: each member winning and discipling one person by year’s end. Pray as they go forward in faith!

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



During a seven-day trip to Guatemala, the team ministered to three pastor-led communities. In addition, the church distributed 400 Gospel tracts and 500 pamphlets door-to-door and launched an academic support program for local children. Pray for many to be saved through these evangelistic efforts!

**Pastor Adán García,
Ensenada, México**

Pastor Adán García reports a blessed month in Ensenada with new members (Kah-

lei and Escobar family), 20 professions of faith, and 15 visitors. Sunday attendance held strong at 35-40 as multiple families came to Christ and joined faithfully. Pray for continued growth and family needs!



**Pastor Diego González,
Guardia, Costa Rica**

It was a dynamic month of ministry. The team spent four days at Guardia School organizing sports and sharing the gospel with around 400 children, with several now visiting church. They delivered food bags to needy families of the school, shared the gospel, and saw some family members begin attending services. Youth are growing in passion for preaching and Bible study, with training planned alongside pastors from two other churches. Children’s, teen, and young adult ministries continue expanding, and 16 people will attend upcoming youth camp. Pray for spiritual growth!



NEW! Pastor José Oyola

Izcuchaca, Perú

Pastor José Oyola and the team in Izcuchaca are seeing God's hand at work during May and June 2026. They launched evening courses with an Old Testament Overview and continue their faithful Wednesday study through the Book of Proverbs.

A special blessing came through an offering from a nearby school, allowing them to treat and bless the mothers of the church. They also welcomed a visit from brothers at a local church in Cusco.

Evangelism remains active with open-air outreaches in Izcuchaca Square near Monte Olivar and Antioquia Church. The team continues distributing grocery products to contact new people and regularly packs groceries for those in need. They celebrated Father's Day with a joyful gathering, and the brothers continue attending faithfully.

The Bible Institute is preparing students for service, with prayers for Brother Reynaldo as he graduates this year. They have requested a senior student from the Baptist Bible Seminary (SEBIC) to help strengthen the work.

Prayer needs include several families and individuals in the church, eloquence in preaching the Gospel, Pastor Oyola's wife's health, and a faithful servant to assist in the ministry.

Thank God for the steady progress and faithfulness in Izcuchaca!



Pastor Pablo de Godos

Cuenca, Ecuador

May and June 2026 have been months of rich blessing and visible growth for Pastor Pablo de Godos and the De Godos family at Iglesia Bautista Fundamental "El Shaddai" in Cuenca. The church has now reached 42 members and recently began holding two Sunday services (10 a.m. and 5 p.m.), reflecting the increasing attendance and hunger for God's Word.



A beautiful highlight was the recent conversion of newly-married Luis and Mayra, along with their baby Zoe. This young family now travels two hours each

way to attend, brought faithfully by Pedro and Mónica. Several others, including Mónica Pintos (scheduled for baptism on August 1) and David Vélez, are preparing for baptism — a powerful testimony of transformed lives.

The church is investing deeply in discipleship. The second Men's Gathering focused on the book Beyond Sin, encouraging integrity and leadership. The second Youth Gathering drew 65 young people from six churches for fellowship, games, food, and powerful preaching. Brother Germán continues to support worship leadership, while several men including Patricio and Pedro are being trained to preach.

In addition, the "Good Samaritan" Solidarity Basket initiative, led by Brother Patricio Jaramillo, is actively

blessing needy families, the juvenile detention center, geriatric home, and rehabilitation centers.

Looking ahead with anticipation, the church is preparing to host five visiting missionaries from July 21–27 for intensive outreach: addiction centers, juvenile detention, geriatric home, open-air evangelism, hospital visits, and more.

The De Godos family gives all glory to God for His faithfulness and asks for continued prayer as they disciple new believers and expand Christ's Kingdom in Cuenca.



Pastor Omar Millán

San Mateo Atenvo, México

Pastor Omar Millán and his family continue to see God's faithful hand at Grace Baptist Church. June 2026 brought rich opportunities for training, fellowship, and outreach as the congregation seeks to honor Christ in every area of life.

Early in the month, Pastor Millán attended a valuable postgraduate course titled "Developing a Biblical Philosophy of Ministry," taught by Dr. Mark Minnick. The week of intensive study and fellowship with other servants proved deeply edifying, strengthening his vision for the local church.

The church also invested in its families and youth. A special ladies' meeting focused on the importance of being a wise woman in the home, combining solid teaching with joyful fellowship. The monthly youth gathering addressed the challenges of holy living in a difficult world, particularly the struggle against immorality. Pastor Millán encouraged the young people to remain pure before the Lord and trust His timing for future relationships.



Father's Day was celebrated with gratitude for the fathers' faithful example and dedication. A joyful worship concert united several churches in heartfelt praise, exalting God's attributes and redemptive work.



A highlight came near month's end with the launch of a new Bible Club for children. The response has been encouraging, and the church is already preparing to start a second club in another area. Prayers continue for more workers and for the salvation of the children and their families.

The congregation is also working diligently toward official recognition as a Religious Association in México and using earnings from cookie sales to repair the auditorium roof. Several new believers — including Sister Antonia, Brother Román, Brother Ricardo del Angel and his family, and Brother Francisco — are being discipled and established in the faith.

The Millán family thanks supporters for their prayers and asks continued intercession for more laborers, the equipping of the saints, and many souls coming to Christ.

Pastor Andrés Melgar

Puerto Maldonado, Perú



Andres and Jessica Melgar are excited to report the beginning of a new church plant in El Triunfo, a growing mining town of approximately 13,000 people near Puerto Maldonado. The couple has begun regular meetings in this strategic location, where mining dominates daily life alongside common challenges such as alcohol use and worldly entertainment.

The people have proven very receptive to the Gospel. While most consider themselves Christian — largely due to Catholic background or previous contact with other groups — many hold mixed or incorrect beliefs, such as reincarnation. Pastor Melgar shares how one local referenced John 9:2 to support his views, highlighting the need for clear biblical teaching. Through tract distribution and personal conversations, the team is already sowing seeds and beginning the vital work of evangelism and discipleship.

The Melgars are trusting God to raise up more workers, provide needed plastic chairs for meetings, and open hearts to the true message of the cross. They ask for prayer that the Gospel would be presented accurately and that many would repent and place their faith in Christ.

Praise God for this new harvest field! The Melgar family invites your continued prayers as they labor to establish a healthy, Bible-teaching church in El Triunfo.



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

**Director's
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This past month, Jo and I had the opportunity to participate (whether active or passive) with Vacation Bible School, Family Camp, and Teen Camp. We have also enjoyed praying and encouraging our children and grandchildren as most have served in summer camps, VBS, and youth training throughout the U.S. It has been such a blessing to see young people exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Working with youth reminds us of how tender hearts can respond to the Word of God. These Spirit led responses can change not only the child's life and future, but also their family and acquaintances. It's easy to get myopic in our focus and vision as we work and serve in the adult world. But time with young people can be precious and irretrievable. They may never cross our influence for Christ again. Let's be reminded of the words of Christ in Matthew 19:14, "But Jesus said, Suffer (allow) the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."



Along side the outreaches here in North America, our hearts are stirred as we see so many of the BEME church starters reaching their communities through Bible Clubs, camps, VBS, teen Bible studies, athletic, art, and music activities. The dedication and enthusiasm of these new churches is causing life changing conversions and leading whole families to come to the Savior. We are seeing discipleship, baptisms, and church membership following the hard work, sacrifice, and answered prayers.

May we encourage you to get involved and invest in the youth of your world, neighborhood, church, and family. Just think, 33% of the world's population is under the age of 20, with some regions of Africa seeing more than 40% of the population under the age of 15! A great field of young lives is waiting to be harvested. It's time to pray, to go, to give, to share, and to mentor the next generation for Christ. If not you . . . then who?

Matthew 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: 20 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."

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

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA

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AUGUST 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pastor José Oyola's church in Perú to raise the funds to purchase land to build a church
2 Outdoor evangelistic outreaches by many of our Latin church starters, to see lasting fruit	3 August VBS at Bethel Baptist in Monclova, México with Pastor Eliab Hernández to go well.	4 Pastor Omar Millán, México: Completion and approval for government recognition of church	5 New ministry of adult/children's literacy classes at Divine Savior Baptist in Costa Rica, Pastor José Carvajal	6 Bolivia's Independence Day: that BEME churches would see many Bolivians saved	7 For new members in the BEME churches, to assimilate and serve faithfully	8 Jesus is the Rock Baptist Church (Perú), for construction of water lines, electric, roof, 2nd floor rooms
9 Pastor Natanael Aguilar's church, México, needs 4 leaders to cover evangelism/transportation routes	10 Ecuador's Independence Day: pray for many to be saved in this country	11 Jesus is the Rock Baptist Church in Tumbes, Perú: funds for property purchase for growing church	12 Pastor Andrés Melgar to reach souls in the mining town in Triunfo, Perú	13 Latin American Bible Colleges and Seminaries to continue to produce godly pastors/missionaries	14 Pastor José Carvajal, Costa Rica: needs to find a home near the church	15 Transportation needs and vehicle repairs of several BEME church starters
16 The 400 school children that Pastor González (Costa Rica) shared the gospel with over a 4 day outreach	17 Important BEME advancement meeting in Pennsylvania	18 Lasting fruit from the thousands of gospel tracts our new churches have distributed	19 The 20 new professions of faith recently in México at Pastor Adán García's church	20 BEME pastors and their families to stay healthy and safe while serving	21 Pastor Alvaro Espinoza (México) as he teaches some module classes, and a literacy outreach at his church	22 Growth of faithful attendance at the church services/activities of our new church starts
23 North American Bible Colleges/Seminaries, as they start their fall semesters	24 BEME-LA's supporting churches in the U.S. to continue to be faithful and to see souls saved	25 Uruguay's Independence Day: for many to come to Christ in this very secular country	26 Pastor Edwin Tobar (Perú), to see growth at the new church location	27 Director Counterman in Brazil, today through Sept. 5th, for BEME expansion opportunities	28 Formerly supported BEME church starts (over 150) to continue to grow and stay faithful	29 BEME pastors to stay encouraged and strong as they preach the Word of God
30 BEME individual and corporate donors, that God blesses their generosity to missions	31 New location for Pastor Erik Alvarado's church in Cajamarca, Perú, as they have outgrown their current one					