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The pink yarn tassels pictured above (called t'ikas) mark ownership, keep insects away, and decorate llamas in the Peruvian Andes.



The Season of Giving!



Coffee for the Cause campaign: Sacrificially commit the cost of one weekly cup of coffee or other beverage and send the funds to BEME-LA. Your gift would help meet mission office needs, support church plants, and show how God multiplies our “little” into much. Choose your amount and length (e.g., \$2.50/week $\times$ 52 = \$130/year).

As we approach **Missions Conference** season and the **Christmas Season**, consider taking on a special giving project. Let's raise funds for BEME-LA and support the Lord's work in Latin America

-Director Counterman and Staff

Pastor Adán García, Ensenada, México



God has grown their church: a nursery for three babies, children's class tripled to six, and youth group doubled. Julio joined after outreach; Isaias returned to Bible college. Believers stepped up in service and gave for sanctuary

needs. Please pray for Israel's marriage, Dominga's health, more space for kids/youth, and Pastor Adán's wife's pregnancy (minor concerns). Glory to God!

Pastor Josué Rodríguez, El Milagro, Perú



God is opening doors in El Milagro! The Rodríguez family celebrated the completion of their church roof, while 29 people entered baptism classes. With new believers serving and their first missionary tour to El Ceibo in the highlands of Piura completed, they are prayerfully preparing to help plant another church and perhaps start a Christian school.

Pastor Yonathan García, Rivera, Uruguay



This month they launched “Beyond My Border,” visiting Masoller and Santo Tomaz Albornoz—a binational town 85 km from Rivera—for the first time. Carlos and Clarissa professed faith, and many others heard the unadulterated Gospel. The goal is to preach in every corner of their area. Also, their first missions conference is October 30–November 1; pray that God would stir hearts and call laborers.

In Loving Memory of Missionary Robert Whatley

Perú



With heavy yet grateful hearts we share that Missionary Robert Whatley has gone home to be with the Lord.

For over 60 years he faithfully served in Peru, leaving a lasting mark through churches planted, the Peruvian Creation Museum, and a Bible school established. Many of us are thankful for the privilege of knowing him and witnessing his lifelong labor for Christ.

In the midst of these days, his son Tim Whatley was serving deep in the jungle — traveling hours for special services, navigating constant rain and even a landslide,

then safely returning home only to receive the call that it was time to travel to California to be with his ailing father.

Robert had been confined to bed, receiving a steady stream of family and friends. Just days before his passing, the Peruvian government scheduled a ceremony in November where his contribution to Peru and its people will be recognized.

Please keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss and transition. They are deeply thankful for the faithful coworkers at Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Kiteni, SEBIC Cusco, and Museo FUNDAMENTOS who continue serving so that the Lord's work continues.



Pastor Felipe Peña

Santiago, Chile

Pastor Felipe and his family continue to see God move powerfully in Rancagua and the surrounding region during July and August 2026. After a serious infection, Anita has fully recovered by God's grace, and children Gabriel and Olivia are growing well. Pastor Felipe, however, has been experiencing various respiratory issues and will undergo medical tests in September—please keep him in prayer as he trusts the Lord's care.

Ministry is advancing on multiple fronts. The monthly Men's Breakfast, held on the second Saturday of each month, continues to provide rich fellowship and practical teaching tailored to the real needs of the men. A dedicated Couples' Ministry is also underway, strengthening marriages in the congregation, with a special couples' conference planned for October.

The most exciting news is the launch of new Bible studies! At the end of July the church held its first Sunday meeting in the area of Rengo, and it is a joy to see how God is already at work with this new group. This follows the first Sunday gathering in San Francisco de Mostazal, the other new outreach area currently being established. These steps of faith mark significant growth for the ministry.

On August 8 the team hosted a lively Children's Day event called "All Aboard." The entire program was



intentionally evangelistic, and men, women, and children clearly heard the Gospel. Praise God that some responded and came to know Christ as Savior!

Looking ahead, the family asks for wisdom regarding the next decisions for the new outreaches in Rengo and San Francisco de Mostazal, strength for every discipleship group currently meeting, and continued health and strength for Felipe.

Grateful for every partner standing with them, the Peña family presses forward, trusting the Lord to keep building His church in Chile!



Pastor Jeimy Muñoz

Pisac, Cusco, Perú

This July marks a special milestone for Pastor Jeimy and his family as they celebrate the anniversary of the church plant in Pisac, Cusco, Perú. Pastor Jeimy is also giving glory to God for his recent graduation, receiving his Master's Degree in Divinity (M.Div.), with a focus on expository preaching. "One more step in the process of being equipped to serve the Church of Christ and fulfill the ministry that He has entrusted to me."

The church continues to grow steadily according to God's will. As Scripture reminds us, "God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). The Muñoz family remains committed to sowing the Word and making disciples, recognizing that the results rest ultimately in the Lord's hands. Believers are being discipled toward spiritual maturity so that their lives may increasingly glorify God. The youth ministry is also advancing, with young people growing in faith and learning daily how to live for Christ in a way that reflects His love and truth.



Sunday gatherings remain a highlight as the congregation studies the book of Philippians together, seeking to

apply its rich truths to everyday life. The church also enjoyed a meaningful time of fellowship at the home of a family in the rural highland community of Amaru. During that gathering they commemorated Peru's 205th anniversary of independence, giving thanks to God for their nation and praying for its leaders and people.



The family asks for focused prayer, especially for their young daughter Hallel, who has developed an allergic reaction covering her body. Tests are underway, and they are trusting the Lord for healing and favorable results. Additional prayer needs include strength for their marriage and ministry, the salvation of Melquier and Wido, continued spiritual and numerical growth of the church, greater opportunities to reach surrounding communities, the raising up of a faithful ministry team, and the provision of a vehicle for rural outreach.

Thankful for every partner who stands with them, the Muñoz family presses forward in the confidence that their God is good, faithful, and powerful.

Pastor Erik Alvarado

Cajamarca, Perú

Pastor Erik and his family continue serving with joy at Mount of God Baptist Church in Cajamarca, Perú, and they have much to celebrate this August!

First, praise God for answered prayer: Erik's health has improved considerably. The church maintains steady Wednesday and Sunday services, and a new discipleship focus with children and adolescents is underway. Some of these young hearts have already received Christ; others are still being prayed for, that the Lord would work powerfully and raise them up as future servants.

A special highlight is the training of faithful brother Wilmer Guadaña. Erik is teaching him how to disciple, preach, and evangelize, and Wilmer's passion is contagious—he constantly seeks opportunities to share the Gospel with his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Please pray that this fervor remains strong.

Savior. She is now attending services and has three children; the family asks prayer for their salvation as well.



God is also moving among the neighbors. After nearly two months of patient witnessing, a neighbor named Agripina accepted Jesus Christ as her only and sufficient

In the community of La Molina, the team continues distributing practical aid to families in greatest need while clearly sharing the Gospel, trusting the Lord to open hearts.

One significant practical need remains: their 1997 Nissan AD has been in and out of the repair shop for six months with constant new issues. A reliable vehicle is essential for ministry, so they are praying for a new or newer car and invite partners to consider helping.

Thankful for every prayer and gift, the Alvarado family presses forward with excitement, watching God build His church one life at a time in Cajamarca!

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

September's cool weather is a clear reminder of anticipated change ahead. There is an exciting expectation of bringing in the harvest before cold weather. I sense this is a great illustration of how I feel upon returning from BEME's expansion trip to Brazil. Thank you to all who prayed and gave for this trip.

Here are some blessings from the trip to Brazil:

- Safely traveled 6,080 miles in Brazil, and another 13,000 miles to and from Minneapolis.
- Navigated delays and changed flights without losing any appointments.
- Visited four cities and three schools.
- Interviewed 8 men for future consideration.
- Upon returning, received an email expressing a desire to support one of our men in Brazil. This came from a personal contact.
- Also, had an email waiting from a seminary in southern Peru. If we collaborate with them, there will be four more well vetted men in the pipeline.



The blessings don't stop there. Our calendar year is full (if you want us to report or present, schedule your dates). I have an upcoming trip to Mexico in November to hopefully connect with some more men that desire to start churches. This will also be a time of visiting and encouraging several church-starters (past and present).

Let me encourage all of us with Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The hand of God is on BEME-LA. To Him be the Glory. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA



OCTOBER 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pray for good results from applications by new church starters in Brazil and Perú.	2 Pray for Pastor Aguilar's church, for spiritual growth of all team members and new believers in Tijuana, México.	3 Pray for Pastor Aguilar's need of an 18-passenger van or bus for church routes.
4 That the Lord works in children's and adolescents' hearts under Pastor Alvarado's discipleship in Perú.	5 Pray for Pastor Counterman at a Pastor's Conference in Michigan.	6 Pray for BEME office personnel at a conference for organizational upgrades.	7 For Latin American churches trying to finish construction projects before the rainy season.	8 Pray for a spacious plot of land for Pastor Aguilar's Granjas Bible Baptist Church.	9 For Pastor Erik Alvarado's brother in Christ Wilmer Guadaña to maintain fervor in sharing the Gospel.	10 Pray for the BEME presentations taking place in several churches in Colorado.
11 Pray for Pastor José Carvajal's continued fruitfulness after the children's outreach in Costa Rica, with the U.S. group's assistance.	12 Pray for Pastor Juan Durán's Vacation Bible School in Conocoto, Ecuador to reach many children and families.	13 Pray for Pastor Durán's provision of a property for the church and his health and strength.	14 Pray for Pastor Adán García's provision and health for his family and classrooms in Ensenada, México.	15 Pray for Pastor Adán García's wisdom to lead the church in México and growth of new families and discipleship.	16 For the new contacts with seminaries and Bible colleges in Brazil and Perú.	17 Pray for Pastor Lukas González's evangelistic picnic in Argentina, that invited first-time visitors hear the Gospel.
18 Pray for the BEME presentations and church services in two Wisconsin churches.	19 Pray for Pastor Eliab Hernández's strength to train Pastor Gerardo Garza and serve the youth faithfully in México.	20 Pray for Pastor Pablo de Godos' provision of a church building in Ecuador and a vehicle for evangelistic routes.	21 Pray for Pastor Alvaro Espinoza's son Asaf's passport process and his wife's special care needs in México.	22 Pray for Pastor Omar Millán's youth in México to choose serving the Lord and to make wise decisions.	23 Pray for Pastor Josué Rodríguez's provision to complete the church building including baptistry and flooring.	24 Pray for Pastor Felipe's health regarding respiratory issues and upcoming medical tests.
25 Pray for the BEME presentation and church services in Iowa.	26 Pray for Pastor Glenn Ramírez's wisdom to preach the Gospel and lead the children's club in Los Angeles, Bolivia.	27 Pray for Pastor Josué Rodríguez's spiritual and numerical growth of the Jesus Is the Rock Baptist Church in Perú.	28 Pray for Pastor Felipe Peña's guidance concerning new churches in Rengo and San Francisco de Mostazal, Chile.	29 Pray for South American countries affected by heavy rains/flooding due to super El Nino.	30 Pray for Pastor Josué's church in Perú, for more servants and teachers for the children's ministry and family spiritual life.	31 For upcoming México trip for encouragement, expansion, and establishment of advisors, schools and candidates.