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Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, plunging 3,212 feet — taller than 3 Eiffel Towers stacked on top of each other!

Matching Gift Update

God has allowed us to raise $32,833 toward our matching gift goal of $40,000! Thank you so much. There's still time to give before the end of the year. Scan the code on page 4 to give.

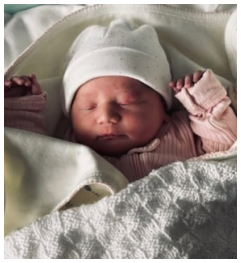
Flooding in Perú



Continue to keep our pastors, families and churches in prayer who are experiencing flooding in Perú.

Precious New Lives

Pastor Ben and Daniella Alegría in Chile welcomed their baby girl, Maia Selah!
And by God's grace, Pastor Adán and Adalid García in Méxco are rejoicing over the safe arrival of their daughter, Ailani.





Pastor Manuel Macancela Shell, Ecuador



Praise God for His work in Shell and Morete Cocha! Young Selena trusted Christ, daily services and school devotionals continue, and seven more began discipleship. They launched a children's support ministry providing study help and meals while reaching families. Church land is progressing—eventually, the land will be ready for use, allowing them to build their permanent sanctuary.

Pastor Jeimy Muñoz Pisac, Perú

God is at work in Pisac! This month Jose Daniel, Mariam, and Benito came to faith in Christ and joined their gatherings. The church continues to grow, youth deepen their walk, and an evangelism team encouraged outreach. Pastor Jeimy completed his Master of Divinity. Please keep lifting them up and asking God to multiply His church!



Pastor Alvaro Espinoza

Nuevo León, México

Alvaro Espinoza and his wife, Rubí continue serving with joy and dependence on the Lord in Guadalupe, Nuevo León. From mid-September through mid-October, seasons of hard work, new opportunities, and family challenges have highlighted God's care and faithfulness at every turn.



A major highlight is the launch of a new class in partnership with the OREMUNDO ministry, focused on evangelism and discipleship. The goal is to equip believers who embrace their role in the Great Commission, strengthening local churches and expanding the gospel's reach.

The Espinozas have also walked alongside two pastors facing ministry and family challenges, offering careful counsel rooted in biblical principles to support both their homes and congregations.

In their local church, New Hope Baptist Church, they continue visiting members, celebrating family milestones, and recently held a special service that welcomed outside visitors. The gospel was clearly shared, and some responded—encouraging further prayer for those lives. Wednesday evenings remain dedicated to strengthening marriages through the study of Strengthening Marriage, helping couples build homes grounded in God's Word.

These weeks also brought significant family trials. Rubí faced two delicate health situations requiring medical attention, including an ER visit and bed rest. Their little son Asaf became ill, needing emergency care and additional treatment. Though exhausting, the family experienced God's special provision and continues to trust Him.



They ask prayer for Rubí and Asaf's ongoing health and medical resources, growth of the new OREMUNDO class, the pastors they counsel, the couples in marriage studies, those who heard the gospel, and faithfulness in their family and church.

Grateful for every partner, the Espinozas press on, resting in the Lord's grace amid every opportunity and challenge.

Pastor Yonathan García

Rivera, Uruguay

The García family joyfully continues their mission as binational church planters in Rivera, Uruguay, and just across the border in Livramento, Brazil. Motivated by Matthew 9:36, they praise God for the chance to serve among the crowds, seeing souls with the compassionate heart of Christ. In October, they held their first missions conference. Pastor Yonathan had hoped this event would have an eternal impact—awakening hearts to share Christ's care for the lost and encouraging believers to be more active, much like the Macedonian churches did. Please pray that God's work in the hearts of all who attended remains strong and that it sparks a passion for evangelism. Outreach efforts are expanding in Rivera,





Livramento, and the nearby town of Lagos del Norte, about eight kilometers away. While many in Lagos del Norte want to gather, the distance to the city is a barrier for most. The team has been concluding their outreach there and is patiently waiting for God to lead them to their next step. A special encounter happened in Livramento when Pastor Yonathan met Marta, a Brazilian woman eager to learn about Christ. As he shared John 3:16 with her, her eyes were opened to God's love. Despite her concerns that poverty might prevent her from attending church—since some congregations discriminate based on economic status—Marta declared her faith and later attended with her partner, Giovani. Praise God! Door-to-door ministry continues in a Brazilian neighborhood filled with Spiritist centers practicing Umbanda, where unclean spirits are summoned. The García family is thankful for their mutual support and for every partner who prays and gives. They press forward, trusting God to open doors for the gospel on both sides of the border.

Pastor Diego González
Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Pastor Diego González and his wife, Angie report a fruitful October in Guardia, Liberia, Guanacaste. The family continues seeing God at work among children, teenagers, and the wider community.

Children's ministry remains strong through church classes and the kids' club. Pastor Diego is training young people to organize these activities and care for the children. Praise God that more youth are showing interest in becoming workers and leaders!

November is seeing a month-long kids' program—similar to VBS but lasting the entire month. Children are studying the Bible, inviting siblings and classmates, and earning points redeemable for toys and candy. Adults are getting involved by teaching, inviting, and helping to purchase the prizes.

The teenagers' group is growing, with 23 present at the last meeting despite university and work schedules. In November the focus is shifting to one-on-one discipleship: seven trained leaders will each begin discipling one teenager.



A soccer outreach reached 30 neighborhood young people with the gospel. The month also brought pastoral care opportunities—one leader recovered from a seven-day hospital stay, the church is helping a mother recovering from surgery, and Pastor Diego is counseling a family whose son Fabricio struggles with drug use. He also assisted Pastor Miguel Sanchez after a stroke; Pastor Miguel is now recovering at home.

The González family experienced a short illness but is doing well. They ask prayer for more leaders, a larger vehicle, land for their family, youth camp preparations and funds, and continued breakthroughs among the children, teens, and those they are counseling.



Pastor Josué Rodríguez

El Milagro, Peru

The Rodríguez family marks one year of church planting work in El Milagro, Huanchaco, La Libertad, Peru. Inspired by Psalm 126, they praise God's faithfulness as they spread the Word, expecting a joyful harvest.



September focused on the Bible. Attendance rose: Sunday worship averaged 40, youth and prayer meetings had 18 each, and building service 25. The children's Bible club reopened with 11 kids, sports ministry shares the gospel with teens, and children respond to Christ. The ladies' group meets again in the church building, and the choir is improving.

Construction advanced well. Brothers plastered walls, installed lights and outlets, and finished the second-floor ceiling. The baptistery floor, lid, and gate are done—ready for baptisms. A special fund covered the monthly payment, and the congregation happily returned to their building.

Highlights included evangelism training, a fruitful School of Pastors and Workers ("The Word of Truth"),



and Bible Day where visitors got Bibles. Twenty-nine are in baptism classes—praise God for this growth!

The family asks for prayers for spiritual and numerical growth, more children's workers, salvation of contacts in El Milagro and Trujillo, protection from heavy rains, and God's provision for all needs.

Thankful for every partner, the Rodríguez family continues joyfully, trusting God for a greater harvest!

Pastor Enrique Cadena

Pomasqui, Ecuador

A former BEME church starter, Pastor Enrique and his wife Cilita rejoice as God blesses children's ministry in Ecuador! A six-day Holiday Bible School averaged 30 children, while outreach continues in multiple communities and a new family joins in Pomasqui.

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Director's Corner

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

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" – Ephesians 5:20

Our November was filled with gratitude as we finished up our travels (in country and abroad). Andy's last trip to Mexico this month proved to be very successful, opening another source school and encouraging several of our former and present church starters.



We are also thankful for each supporter, prayer warrior, individual, church, and corporate encourager in our efforts this year. BEME is indebted to the tireless work of our staff, foreign advisors, and church planters across Latin America. We finish up the month looking with grateful hearts towards the upcoming Christmas season of giving. Recognizing these tremendous kindnesses and generosity from God builds humility and evokes a natural desire of generosity towards the needs of others. When a person thinks of the ultimate gift, the Lord Jesus Christ coming to earth and dying for our sins, it is impossible not to desire sharing the gospel gift with others. One author stated that there are four principles we learn when we are thankful and give generously:





- First, generosity helps us keep a healthy balance so that we don't just accumulate blessings, we give them as well.
- Second, when we give with joy, we emulate the generous grace of Jesus Christ who offered Himself not out of obligation but out of joy (Hebrews 12:2).
- Third, generosity counteracts selfishness and covetousness. Generosity loosens greed's grip. (Eph. 4:28)
- Fourth, we become increasingly generous the more we give. Giving prompts more giving, and the joy multiplies!



In closing, we would like to wish each one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed December as we approach the Christmas Advent Season. Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35.

Jo and Andy Counterman, BEME-LA

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

DECEMBER 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Giving Tuesday! Consider giving to global missions.	2 For Pastor Andrés in Perú, as his son Caleb is experiencing a mystery illness and there is financial strain because of it.	3 Pray for Pastor Glenn Ramírez's wisdom to preach the Gospel and the children's club in Los Ángeles, Bolivia.	4 Pray for Pastor Felipe Peña's guidance regarding new churches in Rengo and San Francisco de Mostazal, Chile.	5 Pray for Pastor José Oyola in Izcuchaca, Perú for a plot of land and successful fundraising event planned for November.
6 Pray for Pastor Counterman presenting BEME in Wisconsin.	7 Pray for Pastor Christian Sua in Bogotá, Colombia for purchase of property and a vehicle to serve as a transport route.	8 Pray for the future sports academy ministry in Pastor José Oyola's church in Perú.	9 Pray for Pastor Aguilar's parsonage building project and fruitfulness in evangelism campaigns in México.	10 Pray for Pastor Counterman as he attends a college board meeting in Wisconsin.	11 Pray for Pastor Cristian Alvarado in Bogotá, Colombia, for the purchase of property and a vehicle to serve on a transport route.	12 Pray for Pastor Erik Alvarado in Perú to minister to the family of brother Wilmer who lost a relative and needs salvation.
13 Pray for Pastor José Carvajal's church to have impact and be a light to the community through the gospel and witness in Costa Rica.	14 Pastor Roberto Chaucón in Chile will be visiting several plots of land in faith to plan for construction of a church building.	15 Pastor José Churata in Perú welcomed 2 new little ones to his family; pray for more work and for finances to care for his family.	16 Pray for the salvation of Chehochim, who heard the gospel from Pastor Pablo de Godos in Ecuador.	17 Pray for 3 church members in Pastor Juan Durán's church in Ecuador to be encouraged and come back to church.	18 Pray for Pastor Espinoza's wife Rubí and son Asaf's health in México.	19 Pastor Yonathan García, evangelizing a neighborhood in Brazil with many Spiritist centers. Need is great, but laborers are few.
20 For Pastor Miguel, friend of Pastor Diego in Costa Rica, recovering from a stroke.	21 Winter season and summer seasons begin. Pray for outreaches in each hemisphere!	22 Pray for the repairs to the home of Pastor Lukas González in Argentina after a hailstorm.	23 Pray for the new families and new believers in the church of Pastor Eliab Hernández in México.	24 Christmas Eve services take place across U.S. and Latin America. Pray for salvation of the lost.	25 Christmas Day. May those who do not know Christ, receive Him.	26 Pastor Andrés Melgar in Perú for wisdom, purchase of materials for Bible club, fuel for picking people up, and purchase of projector.
27 Pray for Pastor Josué's provision to complete church building including baptistery, flooring, & Sunday school rooms in Perú.	28 For the protection of Pastor Geiner Morales and family in Perú. Due to heavy rains, certain illnesses are emerging.	29 For the well-being of brothers and sisters in Perú; many live in prefabricated homes that are being affected by the rains.	30 Resources needed to host a special celebration for the children at Christmas in Pastor Glenn's church in Bolivia.	31 Last day to donate to BEME's Matching Fund Campaign!		