

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

Our heavy October travel schedule has been fruitful for the presenting of God's Word, acquiring new support partners for BEME, expanding into new fields in Latin America, and completing construction on the home office. During our travels we have observed the frantic harvesting of fields, followed by careful field preparation and planting for next season's fruits. Even the forest glade is slowly removing its colorful autumn garments in exchange for drab, dry leaves and stems, gently releasing their fruit to the cool ground to be covered by a snow blanket. Their winter rest will awaken later with new green shoots of promised fruit.



Our church starters in Latin America are seeing many souls saved, and doors of opportunities opened with the warm weather of Spring and Summer. This growth and acceleration in activity demonstrates how they have prayerfully capitalized on nurturing open hearts to the gospel. This has been accomplished through soul-winning, Bible studies, vacation Bible schools, camps, and continued growth in their established church services.

Our wise God has planned this miraculous cycle of both physical and spiritual life, and we have the privilege to serve in a small part of His glorious plan. Where do you find yourself in this cycle? Are you sowing in hope and obedience, looking for new opportunities to plant God's Word? Are you in the summer of life, actively helping with continued growth and acceleration of more fruit? Are you busy in the harvest, whether gathering in or helping the new fruit of a soul get assimilated into your church? Is it a winter season, a time of pause for deepening your roots in prayerful anticipation of continued provision and future blessings? Wherever this newsletter finds you, may you prayerfully be asking the Lord of the harvest to bring wholesome new grain for His glory.

Andy and Jo Counterman, BEME-LA

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Pastor Diego González, Guardia, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Pastor Diego González started leadership training for 14 teenagers from his church and a neighboring church. Pray for their spiritual growth and that they would be raised up to lead God's churches in the future!



Family Blessings Across Fields:

Pastor Juan Duran in Conocoto, Ecuador and his wife announce they are expecting their fourth child. Pastor Diego González and his wife Angie are expecting another new baby in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Pastor Yonathan Garcia in Uruguay and his wife are expecting (pictured below). Please pray as the pregnancy is high-risk. Pastor Alvaro Espinoza and his wife Rubí in México continue to seek adoption. Please pray for continued faith in God's timing and provision.



Pastor Yan Carlos Mercado, Dominican Republic

On August 10, this former BEME church starter held a Family day and 20 adults and teenagers received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for these new converts to have changed lives and spiritual growth.

Pastor Yonathan Garcia, Rivera, Uruguay

Praise the Lord for two souls saved, Mirta and Miguel! Pray that they will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Pablo and Daniel, who had the seed of the gospel planted in their hearts, that they would accept Christ.



Pastor Edwin Tobar Mendoza, Cusco, Peru

This month they held training for leaders and pastors, which was a great blessing. Also, pray for their Saturday children's club. Some children from the club are now attending Sunday School. Pray that all of the children, and their parents, would be able to attend Sunday School and church.



construction of their building. We had 17 people go, which is the most people we ever had go on a missions trip. This past August, we went again and had 26 people. What an impact it had on everyone who went! We have formed lasting friendships with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Peru.

Our financial commitment for our first BEME-LA church start has ended, but the impact will last forever. This has been a tremendous experience for our church. Our missions giving has increased significantly, which

I credit to people seeing missions on a much more personal level. I can honestly say this is one of the best things our church has ever done.

I realize not every church can take on a commitment of this size. But if you can find a way, it will be a great blessing to your church. And what a legacy to know that you have been part of planting a church in another country. Will our church do it again? We are already working on it.

Pastor Christian Sua

Bogotá, Colombia

Evangelism

The Sua family—Christian, Cinthya, Camila, and Mateo—share that souls are coming to Christ and their church continues to grow in Colombia. Evangelism remains a core focus, with weekly street preaching to share the Gospel.

In July, they hosted a vibrant Children's Day at a local basketball court, partnering with Paterson Baptist Church. Nearly 100 children and over 20 adults heard the Gospel message, receiving gifts and spiritual encouragement.

August featured an Evangelism Day at a soccer field with a sister church: door-to-door outreach in the morning and open-air preaching in the

afternoon, reaching more than 70 people. Follow-ups continue via personal visits and phone calls, including contacts from last month's Vacation Bible School. Prayers are requested for these individuals' hearts to open fully.



Church Growth

To accommodate growth, the church expanded their space by tearing down a wall, creating a larger area with a new platform and exterior sign. Regular Wednesday prayer meetings and Sunday services continue, with hopes to acquire the building's third floor for age-specific Sunday school classes.

Discipleship

Discipleship thrives: Sunday services draw visitors, and about seven people have begun classes, nearing baptism. Family visits reveal God's work in the community. Prayer requests include wisdom and grace to serve, thanks for visitors, and strength for new believers.