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*Free Methodist World Missions makes disciples by mobilizing the global church and empowering international leaders
to establish transformational churches.*





Discipling

No Distance or Age Limitations



By Leobenyg Barreto

Agua Prieta, Mexico, is a town on the country's border with the United States, adjacent to the town of Douglas, Arizona. This is where Myrna Galvan lived, received the Disciples that Multiply Disciples (DMD) training, and started a "house of peace." Shortly after the house church began, she went through a difficult family situation necessitating a move. Myrna settled in Hermosillo, about a five-hour drive from Agua Prieta. There she managed to find work and joined the Tercera Free Methodist Church.

In addition to her move, her closest family members – her sister Paulina, brother-in-law, and two nieces, Danhya Paola and Danha Elena (ages 5 and 8) – moved to South Korea. This additional transition left Myrna lonely and her nieces longing to be with their beloved aunt.

To stay connected with her nieces, Myrna planned a call with them. Despite the 16-hour time difference – 11 p.m. for Myrna was 3 p.m. the next day for the girls – Myrna connected to tell them Bible stories. While sharing stories with her nieces, Myrna thought, *What if I share with them the DMD model?* And so, she did! Myrna's nieces began receiving training on how to be disciple-makers.

One day, Myrna received a surprising video from her sister. It showed her nieces sharing Jesus, using their own drawings of "My Story" and "The Three Circles." The girls used simple tools to make disciples among their cousins, uncles and friends. They also began translating the stories and illustrations into English, the common language among their classmates.

Myrna participates with God in the restoration of Latin America through the multiplication of committed disciples. She continues her special appointment time with her nieces. And now, she has begun to develop another disciple, her nephew Mateo, who lives in Mexico. Myrna teaches him about Jesus Saturday after Saturday, strengthening herself as a teacher. To Myrna's surprise, her pastor has invited her to be director of Christian education for the church.

Currently, she is looking for a new area to open a "house of peace" for women and to begin making more disciples. The pain and loneliness she has endured continue to diminish as she follows Jesus, multiplying more disciples as new doors open in her life and ministry.

Leobenyg Barreto is a content generator for IML Latin America. She lives in Colombia where, together with her family, she is planting a church in Tocancipá.



Sickness to Health

Community Transformation

By Glendys

Worldwide, we see humanity experiencing crises and distress, particularly in developing nations. Creative Access Country-X is no exception.

The medical clinic project in Creative Access Country-X was born out of a desire to participate with God in the restoration of Latin America by empowering transformational churches. The church in the capital city sees the economic, social, moral and health crisis plaguing the nation. They see the men, women and children suffering.

The national public health sector is deficient. Unfortunately, many doctors have emigrated from the country seeking professional improvement, and those still in the country are poorly paid. Hospitals and clinics do not have adequate resources, supplies, medicines or trained personnel to solve this crisis while also attending to the patients who enter their doors daily. As a result, people are forced to turn to the private health sector, which is expensive, and many do not have the resources for this costly medical care.

Through the medical clinic project, the church will offer medical assistance in various specialties at low costs, with excellent care, by trained and

experienced medical personnel. The clinic will serve the most vulnerable, including the disabled, the elderly and children, providing free medical examinations. Regularly scheduled free vaccination days for children will help prevent future diseases. Preventative health seminars will address such topics as healthy diet and exercise, drug abuse, and the dangers of casual sexual activity.

We believe this project will be an agent of change and a blessing to all who enter our doors. The clinic will offer hope for those without it, answers for those who bear the weight of painful questions, and a solution to those in desperate need of medical care. The clinic and the staff will be a physical representation of Jesus' words in Matthew: "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give" (Matthew 10:7-8, NIV).

Glendys is director of the clinic. She lives and serves in Creative Access Country-X with her husband, mission district leader Pastor Hector. To give to this project and other transformational church projects in Latin America, visit [give.fmcusa.org/donation/df-eplaemptrach](https://fmcusa.org/donation/df-eplaemptrach).

ANSWERING *God's* CALL

By Beth Gómez

Let me introduce you to Juan Carlos and Yaneth Rodriguez. They started their ministry as youth pastors and later began focusing on church planting and small-group ministry. In 2004 they planted the “Manantial de Vida” (Spring of Life) Free Methodist Church in Nogales, Mexico, where they ministered for 17 years. Juan Carlos served eight years as conference superintendent for the Pacific Conference of Mexico and was chairman of the conference missions committee for several years.

Always missions-minded, they have guided and trained short-term mission efforts and teams that served churches in Ecuador and throughout Mexico – Campeche, Mexico City and the Yucatán region. Now, after 29 years of marriage and raising two children, both now adults, they have accepted a new calling from God. In late September, they left their home in Mexico and moved to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they now serve as international missionaries.

Building upon their extensive ministry experience, Juan Carlos will help develop healthy leaders by developing and implementing a plan to train pastoral mentors throughout the region. He specifically mentors the leaders in the new mission



districts of Guatemala and Bolivia, as well as the superintendent in Paraguay. Yaneth serves the area as a member of the empowering transformational churches team, advising local churches, districts and conferences wanting to start a holistic community transformation project. She will walk with churches as they consider how to design a project to impact the local community. Together, Juan Carlos and Yaneth also endeavor to develop and multiply leaders to strengthen the ministry in Bolivia.

Pastor Juan Carlos says, “It is exciting to think that we were called to missions from the very beginning of our Christian lives, but God put us in a school that lasted 25 years before sending us to serve the mission field.”

Please pray for the Rodriguezes as they make this transition and take new steps of faith. Pray for their new home country of Bolivia as it faces a series of political, economic and social challenges. Pray the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through Yaneth and Juan Carlos will bring restoration to the communities they serve.

May God be glorified through their obedient service!

To join in financial support for international missionaries Juan Carlos and Yaneth, use this link: give.fmcusa.org/donation/df-cpborodriguez.

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NOVEMBER PRAYER GUIDE

01 ➤ Tuesday | Bulgaria

David and Jill Sweet adopted twins in Bulgaria. Join them in prayer as they continue to wait for the boys' American citizenship. **Birthday: Jill Sweet**

02 ➤ Wednesday | Asia Leadership

Pray for the Better Together Convergence, an all-Asia leadership event to be held November 5-9 in Chiang Mai. Ask God to renew and encourage leaders in Asia.

03 ➤ Thursday | Ecuador

Praise the Lord for the growth and multiplication of the second and third generations of house churches in Ecuador.

04 ➤ Friday | Creative Access Asia-NP

Pray for In Better Hands' ministry in Southeast Asia, particularly for the sponsors needed for several young girls in Creative Access Asia-NP.

Birthday: Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin

05 ➤ Saturday | Japan

Pray for the church multiplication and discipleship training in Japan as they train disciples who can make disciples of the next generation. Yuko Wilkins is coaching several women online. Pray she will effectively encourage, equip and empower them for ministry. **Birthday: Yuko Wilkins**

06 ➤ Sunday | Honduras

Pray for the physical and spiritual health of mission district leader Pastor Manuel Herrera and his family.

07 ➤ Monday | Ivory Coast

Our country leader, the Rev. Maho Olivier, had surgery in late August. Pray for his return to complete health and strength.

08 ➤ Tuesday | Creative Access Asia-PN

The Book of Discipline was recently translated into the predominant language of this country. Pray for the thorough editing and contextualization in this culture.

09 ➤ Wednesday | Latin America

Join our missionary care couple, Guy and Betsy Crawford, in praying for the Latin America missionary team during a season full of ministry opportunities. Ask the Father to give strength, wisdom and grace to every missionary and their family. **Birthday: Betsy Crawford**

10 ➤ Thursday | Spain

Pray the missionaries and Christians in Spain will find meaningful ways to share the gospel among lost and hurting people. Ask God to send revival in Spain.

Birthday: Magaly Mora

11 ➤ Friday | Philippines

Free Methodists in the Philippines will gather November 14-16 for their General Conference. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading in all their decisions, including the election of a bishop.

12 ➤ Saturday | Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)

Pray this group of small churches being established through the Democratic Republic of Congo will grow and become passionate about sharing the hope of Christ.

13 ➤ Sunday | Middle East

Pray our leaders in the Middle East will continue to put their trust and confidence in Christ. Ask the Father to pour out His blessing on them (Jeremiah 17:7).

14 ➤ Monday | Latin America

Kay Stotts Godoy and her family recently made some transitions. Pray for them to develop healthy family rhythms during this time. **Birthday: Leo Godoy (husband of Kay)**

15 ➤ Tuesday | Global

Debra Gilmore will participate in the Support Raising Coaching Certification Training. Pray this will allow her to become more effective in helping our missionaries raise support. **Birthday: Debra Gilmore**

16 ➤ Wednesday | FMWM Resource Team

Jonathan Fajardo helps the missionary team keep track of crucial financial information related to their support. Pray the Lord will give him joy and a keen sense of his value in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Birthday: Jonathan Fajardo (FMWM Financial Liaison)

17 ➤ Thursday | Colombia

As the Jewell family settles into life in Colombia, pray Katie will establish healthy routines, find a helpful Spanish language partner and build strong relationships with Colombians. **Birthday: Katie Jewell**

18 ➤ Friday | Rwanda

New missionaries Emmanuel and Rachel Nzungize will arrive in Rwanda this month. Pray for them as they transition and settle into a new home and roles at Kibogora Hospital.

19 ➤ Saturday | ICCM

ICCM in Paraguay began in March 1983. There are now two ICCM schools and sponsorship for the pastors' kids. Pray for God's transformative work in the lives of these sponsored children.

20 ➤ Sunday | Greece

Ask God to provide the material and human resources to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the ongoing influx of immigrants passing through Thessaloniki. Pray particularly for people to help with discipleship.

21 ➤ Monday | Asia/ 360 Mission District

Asia: Ask the Father to give continued physical and spiritual strength to Eric and Virginia as they travel in Asia and give oversight to missionaries and FM leaders. **Birthday: Virginia**

360 Mission District: Pray for the Leon family as they anticipate family transitions this next year – preparing kids for college and their next steps.

Birthday: Kyle Leon

22 ➤ Tuesday | Middle East

Thank the Lord for increasing connections in several more creative access countries. Pray the Lord Jesus will continue to reveal Himself to the men, women and children in these countries.

23 ➤ Wednesday | Mali

Pray God will call leaders, and they will develop the skills and passion for effectively planting churches among those of the majority religious background.

24 ➤ Thursday | Philippines

Pray for Roger and Vangie Stone as they do Bible translation work with the Ayta languages in the Philippines. According to Wycliffe there are still 1.51 billion people without a full Bible translation in their first language. **Birthday: Vangie Stone**

25 ➤ Friday | Set Free Movement

The Set Free team in Latin America works with hundreds of at-risk children throughout the region. Through online and in-person workshops, they are raising awareness of trafficking. Pray for this ministry to vulnerable children.

26 ➤ Saturday | South Sudan

Pray for peace in this nation and unity among believers.

27 ➤ Sunday | Egypt

Praise the Lord for a fruitful ministry reaching out to at-risk young men, many suffering from addictions. Pray for leaders as they listen, build relationships and share the good news of Jesus.

28 ➤ Monday | Europe

Pray for Camilo Mora as he trains leaders to minister in Madrid's Mar de Cristal church. Ask God to raise new workers with a passion for serving Jesus throughout Europe. **Birthday: Camilo Mora**

29 ➤ Tuesday | Kenya

Pray for the leaders of Tumaini Women Kenya (Hope for Women in Kenya) as they give direction for the continued development of this ministry. As more groups are established, and more women and families are strengthened in their faith and financial stability, pray God's grace may abound!

Birthday: Vickie Reynen

30 ➤ Wednesday | Creative Access Country-X

Pray for the mission district in the west as it seeks to expand the Community Church Planting network in the Amazon region.