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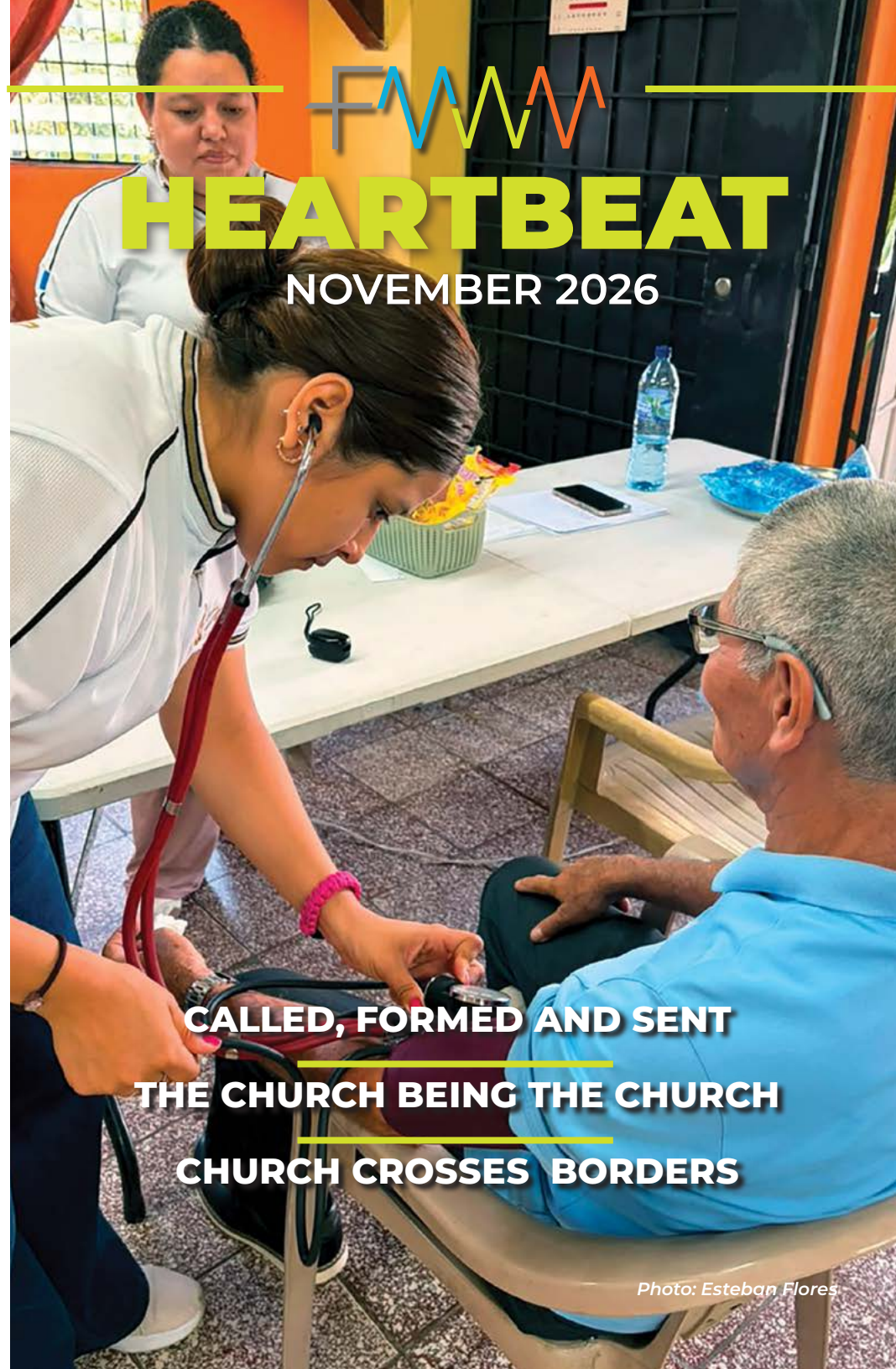
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*Free Methodist World Missions makes disciples by mobilizing the global church and empowering international leaders
to establish transformational churches.*

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By Beth Gómez

When Jazmin Angulo began a Master of Arts in Ministry with a focus on leadership through Asbury Theological Seminary, she wasn't preparing to become a pastor. A Mexican educator and church leader, she wanted to grow spiritually, deepen her relationship with God, and become better equipped for the ministry she was already doing, particularly through the development of the *Raices* (Roots) children's discipleship program.

But God had other plans.

Over three years, the program did more than provide Jazmin with new knowledge. God used the experience to form her identity, clarify her calling, and give her confidence to respond when a new door opened. In January 2026, Jazmin accepted the call to pastor her local church.

Looking back, she recognizes an important lesson: Healthy leadership begins with the

leader's formation. "Ministerial leadership begins with our own formation and relationship with God," she reflected. Today, she is leading with greater clarity, humility and purpose.

Still, Jazmin's story is part of something much larger.

In late summer, 26 Latin American leaders completed this three-year bilingual master's program, the first Latin American cohort Asbury Seminary has offered in this format. Seven of the graduates are Free Methodist leaders, now better equipped to serve where God has called them: in their own nations, cultures, churches and communities.

For Jenmira Sanchez, a Venezuelan serving in Peru, that formation is already multiplying in the lives of others. She describes the opportunity to study – along with receiving a scholarship – as an unexpected blessing from God. The program deepened her theological understanding, but the academic experience also became a place

of encountering God. Even before graduating, she shared what she learned in her ministry and church. "It was not only a blessing for me," she reflected, "but for other people around me."

This is the vision behind the investment. As the Free Methodist Church grows and multiplies across Latin America, we need healthy leaders with a strong theological foundation. Investing in these leaders, and in future cohorts, helps ensure the next generation of Free Methodist leadership is deeply grounded in Scripture, shaped by Wesleyan theology, dependent on the Holy Spirit, and prepared to pass these convictions to others faithfully.

Please pray for these graduates as they serve, disciple and lead. Pray also for future cohorts, that God will continue raising healthy, Spirit-filled, biblically grounded Wesleyan leaders who will participate with God in the restoration of Latin America.



THE *Church* BEING THE CHURCH

By Beth Gómez

What does a transformational church look like?

In Latin America, it sometimes looks like a hot meal served among the rubble, medicine placed in the hands of someone who needs it, or a pastor applying lessons learned from one crisis to serve people facing another.

When devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela on June 24, Free Methodist churches quickly mobilized. Pastors and members cared for one another, but they did not stop there. They provided meals for families and rescue workers, collected emergency supplies, offered temporary shelter, and prayed with grieving families.

Medicaracas, our Free Methodist medical clinic in Caracas, became a key hub for relief efforts. The clinic distributed medicine, clothing, personal hygiene kits, food and other essential supplies, including bandages and antibiotics for hospitals facing shortages. An ambulance delivered food and supplies to some of the hardest-hit communities and transported injured survivors out for medical care.

Recognizing recovery will take years, Free Methodist leaders are now exploring the purchase of a property in La Guaira that could serve as a long-term shelter and food distribution center, providing an ongoing Christian presence among families rebuilding their lives.

The church also refocused its planned annual conference to provide encouragement, worship and trauma-care training for hundreds of pastors and ministry leaders, including leaders from other denominations.

Then, on August 10, another powerful earthquake struck Colombia.

Pastor Miguel Quintero had recently traveled from Colombia to Venezuela to participate in the trauma-care workshops. When his own community in Cali was affected, he and his wife, Yole, put that training into practice, organizing a team and preparing hot meals for survivors.

In Pereira, Pastora Yenni Mena continued serving while facing her own loss. Her home had been declared unlivable, yet she and her church were distributing food, water, tents and other emergency supplies. "I'm so busy helping others," Yenni said, "that sometimes I forget I'm an earthquake victim too."

This is one way the Free Methodist Church is participating with God in the restoration of Latin America. In both Venezuela and Colombia, churches and leaders are moving toward people who are hurting, combining practical service with spiritual care, and remaining present even as they experience suffering themselves.

Recovery in both countries will take years. Pray with us for wisdom, strength and endurance for these leaders. And pray the church will continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to communities on the long road to recovery.

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When the Church Crosses Borders

By Esteban and Cris Flores, International Missionaries

For many residents of Soyapango, stepping inside a church once felt impossible. This summer, that began to change.

For years, Soyapango, El Salvador, was a community shaped by fear. Gang control left deep wounds in families and neighborhoods. Today, the situation is changing, but significant needs remain: physical, emotional, relational and spiritual.

In the middle of this community, a Free Methodist congregation is becoming a place of hope.

In July, that local ministry became a beautiful picture of what can happen when the global church mobilizes together.

Seven Free Methodists from Guatemala, accompanied by Provisional District Director Pastor Victor Marroquín, traveled to El Salvador. There they joined volunteers from Mexico and the local Salvadoran church. Three nations came together, not as separate ministries carrying out separate projects, but as one body of Christ serving one community.

For a day, the church building became a center of holistic care. Nurses and eyecare professionals served people face-to-face, while technology connected others with doctors and psychologists for virtual consultations.

Children participated in Bible classes and received their own Bibles. Approximately 50 people of different ages received care.

But perhaps the most significant moments happened in the prayer area.

Several neighbors shared through tears that the outreach had helped remove an invisible barrier that had kept them from ever entering a church. Practical acts of compassion had opened a door for relationship and for the hope of Christ.

The visiting teams eventually returned home, but the mission continues. Pastor Nelson Rodríguez and the Free Methodist Church in Soyapango remain in the community, faithfully walking alongside their neighbors and seeking the restoration of families through the love of Christ.

This is the global church at its best: local believers faithfully serving their community while brothers and sisters from other places come alongside them, bringing their gifts, resources, prayers and presence.

As you pray, ask God to continue mobilizing Free Methodists across borders and to reveal how He is calling each of us to participate in His global mission.

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NOVEMBER PRAYER GUIDE

01 > Sunday | Portugal

Pray for the Free Methodist Church in Portugal as they seek to multiply discipleship groups across all four churches. Ask the Lord to deepen the faith of current participants and draw others into growing relationships with Christ.

02 > Monday | Ecuador

Pray for the FM Church in Ecuador as it grows and matures amid economic hardship, insecurity and nationwide health challenges. Ask God to strengthen the church and use it to bring hope and transformation through the power of the gospel.

03 > Tuesday | Ethiopia

Ask God to provide for the Free Methodist congregation in Addis Ababa as it establishes ministry in a new location. Pray for the resources needed to purchase property and build facilities that will support a growing ministry and increase the church's impact in Ethiopia.

04 > Wednesday | Thailand

Ask God to give Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin wisdom, strength, good health and a deeper relationship with Him in the year ahead. Pray for God's guidance and grace over her family, ministry and all He has entrusted to her.

Birthday: Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin

05 > Thursday | Japan

Pray for Chris and Yuko Wilkins as they intentionally build relationships and share the gospel with their neighbors. Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen their neighbors' understanding of Jesus, remove spiritual barriers, and create opportunities for continued Bible study and growth toward wholehearted faith in Christ. **Birthday: Yuko Wilkins**

06 > Friday | Iraq

Many young people in northern Iraq have been displaced by war. Ask God to deepen their faith and raise up young leaders who will disciple others and bring the hope and love of Jesus to their communities.

07 > Saturday | Asia

Leaders from across Asia will come together November 7-9 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, for the annual Better Together Converge. Pray the Holy Spirit will refresh and renew leaders during this time of worship, fellowship and equipping.

08 > Sunday | Sierra Leone

Give thanks for a new Free Methodist congregation in Tondolah, Sierra Leone, and for the man of peace who has opened his home to provide a place for worship. Ask God to strengthen this new church, expand its witness in the community and lead many to faith in Jesus.

09 > Monday | Latin America Missionaries

Pray for the Latin America missionary team to have physical, emotional and spiritual health as they balance life and ministry. **Birthday: Betsy Crawford (LA Missionary Care)**

10 > Tuesday | Spain

Pray for missionaries Camilo and Magaly Mora during their sabbatical, asking God to grant them good health, renewed strength and clear direction as they seek His guidance for the future. **Birthday: Magaly Mora**

11 > Wednesday | South Africa

Pray for the Free Methodist Church in South Africa, asking the Father to empower each congregation to be deeply rooted in prayer, worship and God's Word while faithfully sharing the gospel and multiplying churches.

12 > Thursday | Middle East

Across the Middle East, God is using everyday conversations to open hearts and point people to Jesus. Pray believers will have meaningful encounters with family and friends that lead to lasting spiritual growth and transformed lives.

13 > Friday | Taiwan

Leaders in Taiwan will come together this week for a time of teaching and training for local church boards. Pray this will not be just information but a time of renewed vision for the impact of Christ's church in the local community.

14 > Saturday | El Salvador

Pray for Cris Flores, asking God to guide and sustain her in ministry and to give her discernment to follow His leading. Pray also for her health and for clear answers and wisdom regarding treatment when she meets with a neurologist on November 30.

Birthday: Cris Flores (International Missionary)

15 > Sunday | Missionary Support

Ask God to give Debra Gilmore wisdom and discernment as she coaches and trains missionaries to overcome support-raising challenges. Pray He will increase her ability to ask relevant questions and use her to encourage missionaries throughout the process. **Birthdays: Debra Gilmore (Support Raising Coach); Richard (Asia U.S.-Based Partner)**

16 > Monday | FMWM/Ukraine

FMWM: Pray for Jonathan Fajardo and his family, asking God to keep them safe and healthy. Pray especially for family members who are not walking with Jesus, that they will recognize His faithful presence and be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him.

Birthday: Jonathan Fajardo (FMWM Financial Liaison)

Ukraine: Pray for peace in Ukraine, asking God to bring an end to the conflict and establish His justice. Pray that the church will be a courageous and faithful witness, demonstrating the hope, compassion and reconciling love of Christ.

Birthday: Misha Petrochenko (International Missionary)

17 > Tuesday | Colombia

Pray the young people in the youth worship team Shane and Katie Jewell are leading would grow in faith and community. Ask God to use worship rehearsals and mentoring relationships to develop their gifts, deepen their walk with Him and strengthen their relationships with one another.

Birthday: Katie Jewell

18 > Wednesday | South Sudan

Pray for the Free Methodist Church in South Sudan as it seeks to bring transformation in communities through the gospel. Ask God to provide resources to meet physical needs, so that acts of compassionate care open doors for vibrant faith in Christ.

19 > Thursday | ICCM

Pray for ICCM Burundi as they support children and families through education, agriculture, livestock projects and other essential care. Ask God to provide needed resources, strengthen families and sustain the ICCM team as they travel difficult roads to serve children throughout Burundi.

20 > Friday | Chile

Pray for the Chile Annual Conference as it gathers November 20-22. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide Superintendent Samuel Soto and strengthen a shared vision among pastors as the Free Methodist Church serves 19 cities across Chile.

21 > Saturday | Asia/Costa Rica

Asia: Pray Eric and Virginia will have health, protection, endurance and spiritual vitality amid extensive travel and ministry responsibilities. **Birthday: Virginia**

Costa Rica: Pray for the Leon family as they prepare for significant transitions in the year ahead. Ask God to give them wisdom, grace and peace as their oldest son graduates from college and gets married and their daughter begins college.

Birthday: Kyle Leon

22 > Sunday | Togo

Praise God for His healing power in Togo! In August, a woman who gave her life to Jesus through an outreach program experienced healing and was able to walk. Give thanks for the ways God is working through prayer and faithful support.

23 > Monday | Albania

Pray for the advancement of the gospel in Albania as relationships are built through cycling, fishing and camping ministries. Ask God to use these connections to open hearts to Jesus and make disciples.

24 > Tuesday | Scripture Translation

According to Wycliff Bible Translators, one in five people are still waiting for the Bible in their language. Pray for Free Methodists Roger and Vangie Stone who are working to translate Scripture into several dialects in the northern Philippines. **Birthday: Vangie Stone (Affiliate)**

25 > Wednesday | Middle East

Pray for God's justice and righteousness to take root across the Middle East. Ask the Father to protect those who are suffering, bring security where there is fear and uncertainty, and provide places of safety and rest. Pray God's people will be faithful witnesses of His hope, healing and reconciliation.

26 > Thursday | Philippines

The Philippine General Conference convenes on November 27. Please pray for this vibrant and growing church as they gather in celebration. Ask the Lord to give them unity of mind and heart as they continue to fulfill the Great Commission.

27 > Friday | Uruguay

The FMC in Uruguay will hold its annual meeting November 27-29. Ask the Lord to guide leaders as they seek His direction for the coming year. Pray for continued growth in Durazno and Montevideo, for the strengthening of developing churches, and for Community Church Planting and holistic ministries to bring gospel transformation to individuals, families and communities.

28 > Saturday | Spain

Ask God to bless the church in Mar de Cristal and guide its leaders, granting them wisdom and spiritual discernment. Pray for unity within the body and effective ministry as each person uses their spiritual gifts to share the good news.

Birthday: Camilo Mora

29 > Sunday | Kenya

Pray for continued opportunities to impact women and young girls through these vital ministries: Tumaini Women Kenya, Wunders and Thrive. **Birthday: Vickie Reynen (FMWM Ministry Deployment Coordinator)**

30 > Monday | Set Free Movement

Pray for Set Free Ministries in Hungary as they mentor children living in children's homes. Ask God to build trust and consistency in these relationships and provide opportunities to speak hope and truth into their lives. Pray also for growing engagement among churches, that more believers will recognize their role in serving vulnerable people.

"Some of us are senders and some are goers. Neither is more important than the other. Neither is possible without the other."

— David Sills, *The Missionary Call*