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By Beth Gómez

The origins of JUMELI (Spanish abbreviation for Free Methodist Youth) are in Mexico, where international missionaries Esteban and Cris Flores grew up. As a teenager, Esteban was mentored by his youth pastor, sparking a ministry journey that now spans 25 years. When he married Cristina Hernández, she joined him in that calling, partnering with him in youth ministry and other leadership roles within the church.

Esteban and Cris helped organize the first JUMELI Summit, which was held in Colombia during Holy Week 2024. That event united 150 youth and young adults from 10 countries. “I’ve always thought we needed a youth movement, and I believe the 2024 Summit helped launch it,” Esteban reflects.

Stepping down after a decade as lead pastors of a transformational church in Hermosillo, Mexico, Esteban and Cris have now joined the Latin America team as full-time international missionaries. Today, they steward the growing JUMELI movement while also networking globally. They will attend the Better Together Converge in Asia this month to connect with FM youth leaders in that region and are partnering with the Awakening Movement, which grew out of the 2023 Asbury Awakening. The Awakening

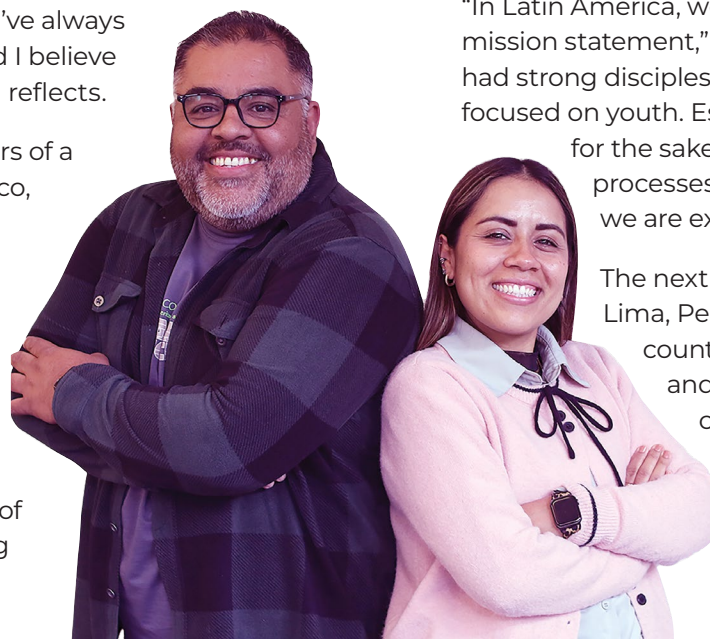
Movement links Gen Z leaders in discipleship bands across the U.S., U.K., Australia, Germany and now Latin America.

The Floreses have also traveled to 11 countries across Latin America, leading youth and young adult events and guiding 27 leaders through a diploma in youth ministry. They are energized by seeing young people make decisions for Christ, grow in their identity in Him, and develop as leaders equipped to serve their generation.

“In Latin America, we develop healthy leaders. That is the first pillar of our mission statement,” explains Area Director Dr. Ricardo Gómez. “While we had strong discipleship resources for children and adults, nothing directly focused on youth. Esteban and Cris are filling that gap. We don’t hold events for the sake of events – we use them to begin or reinforce important processes. The first JUMELI Summit sparked the movement, and we are excited to see how the second one will reinforce it.”

The next JUMELI Summit is scheduled for April 2-5, 2026, in Lima, Peru. Organizers expect 400 youth from 19 Latin American countries and are inviting young people from the U.S. and Canada to join in this celebration of cross-cultural collaboration.

For more information, please contact Cris and Esteban (estebanycrisflores@gmail.com) or Ricardo (ricardogomeziml@gmail.com), or use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/xDqfbDtKtNtAe5wc7>.





Singing a *New* Song

By Alí León – Mission District Leader in Peru and Community Church Planting Coach

In the community of Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, Pastor Huasca and his wife began a challenging yet faithful journey. Their vision was to gather local teenagers – many from broken homes and troubled backgrounds – into a safe place where they could experience God's love. Over time, this vision gave birth to a house of peace within the Free Methodist Church of Río Piedras.

The work was far from easy. At times, progress seemed invisible, and discouragement loomed. Yet the couple refused to give up. Their perseverance and compassion led them to try new approaches to reach the teens. One door God opened was through music. Pastor Huasca began teaching the youth to sing and play instruments. What began as simple lessons soon grew into something deeper. The teens learned discipline, commitment and a new way to express themselves.

As their musical abilities grew, so did their personal transformation. Families noticed real changes – better behavior, renewed motivation and hope. It was clear God was working in powerful ways through the love and consistency of their leaders.

The story, however, doesn't end there. The couple's perseverance has borne new fruit: Four families connected to these teenagers are now attending Sunday services at the church. The house of peace is no longer simply a refuge for adolescents; it has become a space for entire families to encounter God and begin a journey of discipleship.

Today, families in Río Piedras are singing a new song of faith. They are choosing to place their lives in God's hands, trusting that He can restore what was broken. For Pastor Huasca, his wife and their church, this is only the beginning of a transformation — one that will continue to ripple through a community in need of hope.





Rescuing Smiles

By Yaneth Aguirre – Empowering Holistic Transformation Coach

Maranatha Free Methodist Church in Guastatoya, Guatemala, is bringing hope to children and families through its Rescuing Smiles ministry. Each week, children gather to hear God's Word, play games, participate in activities and share food. "It's a beautiful space where we feel loved and valued," says Alexa, one of the participants.

But the program goes beyond snacks and games. The team cares for each child's heart, mind and body, showing them God's love through meaningful action. Recently, Rescuing Smiles launched a new initiative called Operation Chick, designed to foster family self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Sixty children each received five chicks and learned how to feed, protect and raise them. The project offers multiple benefits: Families can use the chickens for food, sell them for income or reproduce them to expand the flock. Children have embraced the project with enthusiasm, but the most powerful outcome is the spirit of generosity it inspires. Once their chicks

reproduce, participants pledge to gift one chick to another child who didn't receive one, multiplying the blessing.

Through this experience, children are learning responsibility, work ethic and care for others. They are discovering that they too can be agents of transformation in their community.

Alexa testifies to the impact: "Sometimes I'm quiet, but I make an effort to join the games and activities because I know they help me grow, make friends and feel more confident. Before, I felt very alone and didn't talk much to the other children. Now I have friends, I play, I learn, and I feel like I have a purpose – something that motivates me every day."

Rescuing Smiles is planting seeds of hope – one child, one family, and even one chick at a time.

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NOVEMBER PRAYER GUIDE

01 > Saturday | Asia

Around 300 leaders are gathering for the Better Together Convergence, taking place in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from November 1 to 4. Ask the Father to encourage, refresh, equip and unify them in mission.

02 > Sunday | Bulgaria

Pray for training opportunities to help disciple and shape the next generation of leaders in Bulgaria.

03 > Monday | Latin America

Pray for a growing base of intercessors in Latin America as the area seeks to develop a culture of discernment and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

04 > Tuesday | Thailand

Pray for Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin as she balances the care of their three children, her responsibilities for In Better Hands, and her relationships with neighbors and friends in Thailand. **Birthday: Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin**

05 > Wednesday | Japan

Pray for Yuko Wilkins as she works alongside Ammabelle Bacus in leading the Web of Asia Women (WAW). This network has been organized to connect, inspire and mobilize FM women throughout Asia.

Birthday: Yuko Wilkins

06 > Thursday | Middle East

Pray the words of Psalms 29:11 for the believers in this region. Lord, give strength to your people and bless your people with peace.

07 > Friday | Ethiopia

Praise the Lord! In September, 210 people from one church were baptized, and 12 people were delivered from demons. Pray the wind of the Holy Spirit will continue to blow across this country.

08 > Saturday | Creative Access-MR

After an earthquake earlier this year, FM churches in the country provided families with food, offered help and shared the love of God. Now many of these people, all Buddhists, want to learn about Jesus. Pray they will yield their lives to Him.

09 > Sunday | Latin America

Pray the missionaries in Latin America will be faithful in the spiritual disciplines and will daily “remain” in Christ Jesus.

Birthday: Betsy Crawford (Missionary Care)

10 > Monday | Spain

The theological seminary in Spain is offering two courses this semester. Pray that the leaders being trained will be well-prepared and God will continue to call new pastors and leaders to serve throughout the country.

Birthday: Magaly Mora

11 > Tuesday | Creative Access-LO

Pray for believers who meet quietly in homes. Ask God to give them courage and wisdom as they disciple new followers of Jesus.

12 > Wednesday | Zimbabwe

Pray for evangelism efforts among children and young people in remote areas of Zimbabwe.

13 > Thursday | Iraq

Pray for the physical safety of church planters and those who gather in house churches.

14 > Friday | Latin America

Pray for the Raices team as they continue to train leaders across the area in using this curriculum. Pray many children will become faithful followers of Jesus through this discipleship system. **Birthday: Leo Godoy**

15 > Saturday | Asia/FMWM

Asia: There is a growing need for motorcycles among our Asian pastors. Pray for Richard as he helps find continued support for Motorcycles for Missions.

Birthday: Richard (U.S.-Based Partner)

FMWM: Pray for our international missionaries as they learn and develop skills for raising prayer and financial support, enabling them to take the gospel to the unreached.

Birthday: Debra Gilmore (U.S.-Based Partner)

16 > Sunday | Ukraine/FMWM

Ukraine: Pray for the children from Ukraine who have been displaced, lost parents or taken from their homes. Ask the Father to reveal His love and faithfulness to them.

Birthday: Misha Petrochenko (International Missionary)

FMWM: Pray for FMWM staff member Jonathan Fajardo as he cares for the details of finance so missionaries and ministries around the world can serve effectively.

Birthday: Jonathan Fajardo (FMWM Finance)

17 > Monday | Colombia

Pray God will use Katie Jewell in mentoring and discipling several piano students in two churches.

Birthday: Katie Jewell

18 > Tuesday | Sierra Leone

Praise the Lord! The FMC in Sierra Leone now has its first property. Pray this will be a place where many in the community come to hear the good news.

19 > Wednesday | ICCM

Pray for ICCM during a transition of leadership. Ask God to encourage the staff and guide the new ICCM director.

20 > Thursday | Sweden

Pray the churches in Sweden will have enough resources to rent or buy a meeting place that can be used for ministries throughout the week.

21 > Friday | Asia/Mission District

Asia: Pray the Lord will give Virginia meaningful and fruitful connections and grace to listen well to the Holy Spirit's leadings. **Birthday: Virginia**

360 Mission District: Pray for Dennis and Kyle Leon as they work with church planting in Pavones. Ask the Lord to protect them and pray the Holy Spirit will move in people's lives. **Birthday: Kyle Leon**

22 > Saturday | Jordan

As leaders help refugee children receive an education, pray these children will know the love Jesus has for them.

23 > Sunday | Malawi

Pray for the three annual conferences in Malawi as they continue to work on steps toward becoming a provisional general conference.

24 > Monday | Philippines

Pray for Roger and Vangie Stone as they continue to work alongside others in Bible translation toward completion of the Ayta Ambala New Testament. **Birthday: Vangie Stone**

25 > Tuesday | Set Free Movement

The Wunders menstrual hygiene kits meet a specific need in several African nations. Pray this small provision will have ripple effects impacting communities and reducing young women's vulnerability to human trafficking.

26 > Wednesday | Cameroon

Praise the Lord for the newly formed Ministerial Education and Guidance Board in Cameroon. Pray for this group as they work together to strengthen the mission district in developing new pastors.

27 > Thursday | Chile

Pray for the annual meeting of the Chilean Annual Conference, taking place November 28-30. Ask the Father to guide Superintendent Samuel Soto and Area Director Ricardo Gómez as they lead, encourage and equip the pastors and leaders.

28 > Friday | Spain

Pray the FMC in Mar de Cristal, the center of Madrid, will have favor with the authorities in granting approval for the church's official license. Ask the Father to strengthen the leaders so that, together, they can reach their community for Jesus. **Birthday: Camilo Mora**

29 > Saturday | Kenya

Praise God for the growth of Tumaini Women Kenya (TWK) and pray for wisdom as TWK leaders guide women to grow in faith and experience true freedom in Christ.

Birthday: Vickie Reynen

30 > Sunday | Honduras

Pray for wisdom in dealing with the economic challenges and injustices throughout the country that pose difficulties for families and churches.

"Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes and accept Thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all, utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt, work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever."

– Betty Scott Stam, martyred in China in the 1930s