



Impact beyond borders

Have you noticed that the Lord's blessings are usually not about just one person?

If you've received a blessing, you can bless others. In the Bible, a prime example is Abraham. The Lord promised Abraham that He would make his offspring innumerable, and that in his seed, all the peoples of the earth would be blessed (Gen 22:18).

Our God is a God of exponential multiplication! He's also a God Whose plans go far beyond our wildest expectations.

Imagine—the followers of Jesus are together in Jerusalem, obeying the Lord's instructions to wait until they would be "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

Many had known what it was like to be given the same authority Jesus had when He sent them out in pairs. But could any have imagined that flames of fire would rest above

their heads and that they would all be empowered suddenly to speak, with only the hearers understanding what the speakers were speaking? What an amazing way to bring the Gospel across regions and dialects!

As we celebrate both Shavuot and Pentecost this month, we're reminded of the call that comes with the gift of God's Word, together with divine empowerment and equipping.

The focus of this month's newsletter is an update from Jorge Sedaca, our Executive Director, that echoes this call. He shares about how the work of Chosen People Ministries Canada and its affiliated organizations, is growing in Latin America.

What is the Lord calling and equipping **you** to do?

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UPDATE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: God at work in Latin America

Shalom in Messiah Jesus! Last month, I had the opportunity to visit Argentina and Brazil for a busy but fruitful ministry trip.

Due to Brazil's new visa requirements, I had to make a short stop in Argentina until the visa was approved. Then I flew to São Paulo, the largest city in the country, with a population of 23 million and the largest Jewish population (over 120,000, according to Confederação Israelita do Brasil, conib.org.br).

Over three years ago, I was tasked by Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries Inc., to formalize our presence in Brazil by forming a Board of Directors for Ministério ao Povo Escolhido Brasil (Chosen People Ministries Brazil). Currently, this body is made up of Danny Woods, President, and Luiz Sayao, Mitch Glaser, Jorge Sedaca, and Michael Woods as members. Each member has been heavily involved in Jewish ministries and has many years of experience in the work.

In the next year, Al and Rachel Leite, now completing their missionary training, will move to São Paulo as Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, possibly working in partnership with Chosen People Ministries. Al is a Brazilian native, and Rachel was raised in Brazil as a missionary kid ("MK"). Both have a strong calling to Jewish evangelism and missions.

The purpose of Chosen People Ministries Brazil is to share the Good News of Yeshua the Messiah with the Jewish population and to partner with other believers in the mission.

For the last three years, the focus of our work has been to promote Jewish missions among evangelical churches through personal visits and publications. We've also held two conferences in São Paulo. In 2025, the topic was "Confronting the Growing Antisemitism and God's Plan for Israel and the Jewish People". This year's topic was "The Feasts of Israel." Prior to the conference this year, we also held several "Messiah in the Passover" events for pastors, Messianic leaders, and Jewish seekers.



Clockwise from top left:
Danny Woods, Luiz Sayao,
Jorge Sedaca, Alexandre Dutra

God at work in Latin America (continued)



While in São Paulo, I spoke at two churches on Sunday: in the morning, Igreja Batista Esperança (Hope Baptist Church), a large congregation making an impact in their community; in the evening, Igreja Batista Emanuel (Immanuel Baptist Church), a smaller group with a passion for Israel as well.



Then I flew to Buenos Aires for a week of special events. On a personal level, I had the chance to meet with family and high school friends I hadn't seen in years. One of the most moving experiences was to visit the Nicolas Lowe Foundation in Mercedes City, the children's home where my late father, Victor Sedaca, grew up and remained until he turned eighteen and moved to live with relatives in Buenos Aires. Even though he didn't become a believer in Yeshua at that institution, he learned the foundations of the faith while growing up there. For that I'm very grateful! So, I encouraged the staff at the home to continue their good work, because they may not always know the impact they have on the lives of those boys and girls!

On Saturday, April 18, I spoke at Centro Mesiano Derej Haemuna, the Chosen People Ministries mission that my father led until his homegoing and where I grew up learning from him. Missionary José Lewin has been leading the work for several years and has been doing a wonderful job within the Jewish community. Participating in their Shabbat service is always like going home!



Early Sunday morning, I took a flight to the southern city of Neuquén, near the Andes mountains. I was invited by Hugo Márquez, Pastor Emeritus of Jesús es Rey (Jesus is King) Baptist Church, to speak at their morning and evening services. At their request, I did a "Messiah in the Passover" presentation for both services. These were very well received by the congregation, with more than 500 people at each service! The pastor loves Israel and the Jewish people, and that's the reason they're thriving. It was a blessing to be there.



God at work in Latin America (continued)

In the afternoon, between the two services, I visited my 97-year-old uncle Eduardo Coconi and aunt Elva. He is the youngest of my mother's four siblings and the only living uncle I have left. In spite of his age, he is as lively and joyful as ever. He used to have a beautiful tenor voice and used it to praise the Lord all his life. One of my cousins, Jorge, travelled 300 km to spend the day with me. He's the one on the right in the photo below. I cherish that moment dearly as it might be the last time I see my uncle and aunt this side of heaven!



On Monday morning, I flew back to Buenos Aires, and that evening, I caught my flight back to Toronto after two intense weeks.

As I reflected on my experiences during those days, the Lord showed me several things. First, people everywhere, whether Jew or Gentile, still need Messiah Yeshua as the Answer to their problems and spiritual needs. Second, the same Lord is at work in the hearts of people here in Canada and all over the world. Third, we need more servants who are prepared and willing to answer God's call to reach the lost sheep of Israel with the good news of Messiah Yeshua! Maybe **you** are the one. Would you pray and seriously consider answering the call to Jewish missions and evangelism? If so, please contact us! We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of our work!

Until all Israel is saved,

Jorge Sedaca
Executive Director

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