

The Mathews Family

Equipping, mobilizing, and developing the local church for gospel advancement among the nations.



THANK YOU

“Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.”

Psalms 40:5

Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you for standing with us. The last few months have been full ones - full of travel, full of meetings with leaders, and full of evidence that the Lord is at work across the Caribbean and Latin America. Here's a little of what is happening:

Brazil: Building, Training, and Gathering

Oasis Project - São Paulo: Construction continues to move forward at the Oasis Project, and it is encouraging to see walls rise where we have prayed for years. This space will serve as a hub for ministry, training, and discipleship in São Paulo, and the progress on site is a tangible reminder that God is providing what is needed at the right time.

A new semester is underway at MDI, and it has been a joy to welcome new students and new teachers into the classroom. We pray that MDI becomes a key training ground for the next generation of Brazilian church planters, pastors, and missionaries - men and women being shaped theologically and practically for the work of the gospel.

Encontro LIDER - São Leopoldo: In March, over 60 leaders gathered in southern Brazil, and the atmosphere was one of celebration. We celebrated new churches that have been planted, new congregations that have affiliated with Converge Brasil, and the deepening of relationships among leaders who are committed to seeing healthy churches multiplied across the country. Gatherings like this remind us that the missionary task is fundamentally relational and that the Brazilian church is increasingly leading the way. Search for Converge Brasil on social media for pictures and videos.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support,

Jonathan and Erin Mathews



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Mexico: Praying and Planning

The Converge Mexico leadership retreat in Cuernavaca in April was one of the most strategically important meetings of the year. Mexican leaders from around the country came together for three days of prayer, fellowship and planning. They came away with a plan for church planting and church strengthening over the next two years.

What encouraged me most was the ownership in the room. This is *their* plan, shaped by *their* vision for *their* country. My role is to walk alongside, encourage, train, and help where invited. That is exactly what indigenous, healthy partnership looks like.

Before we left Cuernavaca, the leaders gathered in prayer - for one another, for their churches, and for the next two years of ministry across the country. My team will be traveling back to Mexico again this year to help these leaders take their next steps.

I can't wait to share all that God will do through this new partnership.



Haitian Churches in the DR

Our survey trip to the Dominican Republic in March was a significant step forward. In Santiago, we met with Haitian pastors and leaders who are faithfully ministering to a large and growing Haitian population in the DR. These conversations were rich, honest, and full of vision. We came away with a much clearer picture of how we can come alongside what God is already doing through Haitian leaders in this context - connecting, catalyzing, and coaching rather than directing. Please pray with us as we discern next steps in this partnership.



How You Can Pray

- For wisdom and stamina as we train leaders in 3 new countries in the coming months.
- For the leaders we serve in Brazil to continue to advance the gospel through new church plants.
- For our family as Abigail prepares for graduation and the next chapter at college.
- For new financial partners as we step out in faith to serve in more countries.