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A Note from Frank

Dear Crown family,

It is with great joy that I share with you what God has been doing throughout the Spanish-speaking world during the first half of this year. As you read these pages, I hope you will be encouraged by the many ways lives are being transformed through biblical stewardship. From the beginning of ministries in Nicaragua to the training of pastors, teachers, entrepreneurs, and families, we continue to see God opening new doors in Latin America and beyond. I am especially pleased with the new partnerships the Lord has allowed us to establish this year with **IBAM** (International Business as Mission), **Partners Worldwide**, and **HOPE International**, which expand our capacity to serve and multiply Crown's impact in the region.

This season of growth has also created new opportunities to strengthen our leadership team. Our long-time leader in Costa Rica, Rodrigo Sandoval, has volunteered as **Director for Latin America**, providing support and motivation to leaders throughout the region. We also celebrate Abigail Bracho's new role as **Director of Operations** for Crown Spanish. Based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Abigail will help strengthen our growing network of partners and continue to drive our mission in Latin America and the United States.

I am thankful to every partner, volunteer, pastor, facilitator, ministry leader, and friend who faithfully serves alongside us. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and commitment are helping to bring God's truth to Hispanic communities around the world.

We pray that these stories will motivate you and remind you that, together, we are having an eternal impact.

With gratitude,



Frank González
Managing Director
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Guatemala

Transforming a nation Through financial education

MISSIONARY TRIP | CHIQUIMULA & GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

"I had always imagined missions as if they consisted of giving someone a fish, but now I understand in a more meaningful way what it means to teach someone how to fish."

—Phillip Matheny | Member of the missionary group

A week-long mission trip to Guatemala in June 2026 provided an opportunity to experience firsthand the impact of Crown's work through trusted local partnerships. Our CEO, Chuck Bentley, and Managing Director of Crown Español, Frank González, along with fifteen members of the missionary group were able to

connect with families, visit agricultural development projects, and be warmly welcomed by **Potter's House** and **Zona Cero**, long-standing local partners whose faithful ministry continues to bring hope and transformation to communities throughout Guatemala.



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Watch the highlights from the seminar **"5 Habits to Stay Financially Free"**.

The team traveled from Guatemala City to Chiquimula, touring the beautiful facilities and community center of Potter's House, visiting both agricultural projects and functioning hygiene units.

Back in Guatemala City for the rest of the week and alongside the Zona Cero team, Chuck shared biblical teachings on resource management with more than **2,180 teachers, business leaders, pastors, and church members** in general, including a business conference, a teachers' conference, and three Sunday services at Casa de Libertad Church.

Together with our partners, we saw firsthand how the word of God is taking root in homes, churches, schools, and communities throughout Guatemala, sowing seeds of hope that will continue to grow for generations.



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Watch the video summary of the seminar "5 Habits of a Financially Free Master".



Chuck Bentley teaching at a seminar for teachers in Guatemala City.

Guatemala



Leadership team at the seminar "5 Habits to Stay Financially Free"; Guatemala City.



Nicoya, Costa Rica | June 2026

Costa Rica

A training hub for Latin America

Costa Rica continues to flourish as a place where God trains and sends leaders committed to biblical stewardship. At the start of the year, 19 key leaders participated in the annual Stewardship Retreat and SALT program at **Vida Abundante Norte Cariari Church**, while 16 new graduates of the Money Map program at **Bethel Orotina Church**—many of them pastors and ministry leaders—were equipped to multiply biblical

financial principles in their churches and communities.

During a summit organized by **WhinShape** and **ThriveWorx** at the end of April, Pablo Barrantes, from the Crown Costa Rica team, and his wife Jeni McLane led the "From Donors to Partners" workshop for 55 leaders from different churches and organizations, inspiring them to strengthen strategic alliances for the Kingdom.



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Watch a video summary of the annual retreat of the Abundant Life North Cariari Church "Transformative and Financial Stewardship".



Foundations for Farming training in Nicoya, Guanacaste, Costa Rica | June 2026



Costa Rica

Alajuela, San Carlos, Costa Rica at SIFAT | June 2026

Also, in coordination with the **Evangelical Alliance of Limón, 75 pastors and leaders** from the Costa Rican Caribbean received training on "How to Get Out of Debt," discovering practical tools to achieve financial management faithful to the principles of the Word of God.

The vision also crossed borders: in partnership with **SIFAT** (Servants in Faith & Technology), 23 participants from eight countries, including Honduras, Guatemala, Bolivia, Angola, the Philippines, Ghana, the USA, Costa Rica, and a Filipino missionary in Laos, were trained in the Money Map by

Crown's team of facilitators in Costa Rica and also received the Foundations for Farming training in La Tigra, San Carlos. This latter training was facilitated by Laynus Martínez, our Foundations for Farming Trainer for Latin America, who later also led the training in Nicoya, bringing together 21 participants from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama. Together, these sessions planted the seeds of biblical farming and financial stewardship tools that are now bearing fruit in families, churches, and communities both within and beyond Costa Rica.



Limón Province, Costa Rica.



Agreement signed with the Ministry of Education to bring "Zona Cero Escolar" to schools in Guatemala.

Guatemala

Educating hearts, Transforming futures

We began the year celebrating a historic moment in Guatemala: the signing of a cooperation agreement with the **Ministry of Education**, authorizing our local partners' program, "Zona Cero Escolar" (Zone Zero School), to provide financial training to teachers in the national education system. Through this alliance, and with the support of its own ministerial resources, the program continues to expand its reach to train new generations in wise and sound financial management.

The training continued to expand in various sectors of Guatemala: in Totonicapán, the Financial Emotional Intelligence Diploma program trained **430 teachers**, including 150 teachers in May. Training was also provided for churches and communities, such as a conference in San Juan Ostuncalco held at Iglesia de Dios del Evangelio Completo in partnership with IDEC leadership, with **300 participants**, and a hybrid stewardship training for 35 pastors and ministry leaders.



Financial training for 250 teachers in Totonicapán, Guatemala | March 2026



Guatemala

Financial training for 150 teachers in Totonicapán, Guatemala | May 2026

This same vision has also reached the business sector, where companies like BANRURAL and LANCE have joined the training process. Since last year, **325 BANRURAL employees** have participated in the Financial Emotional Intelligence Diploma program, while 25 LANCE employees completed a six-week financial education course.

Through Zona Cero Escolar, God has continued to multiply its impact: more

than **1,100 teachers** have been trained, more than **100 schools** have been reached, and more than **27,000 students** are receiving management, savings, and entrepreneurship tools from an early age.

These stories reflect a growing movement where schools, churches, businesses, and communities are coming together to raise generations who honor God with their resources and live out faithful stewardship.



Alex Gudiel teaching personal finance to 300 leaders and entrepreneurs in San Juan Ostuncalco, Guatemala.

Nicaragua joins the Crown Family



Nicaragua

Managua, Nicaragua | April 2026

“The participants came from remote areas of Nicaragua, eager to learn how the Bible talks about finances, something they had never heard before. They had a deep desire to learn and to be free.”

-Rodrigo Sandoval | Director of Crown LATAM

It all began in January 2026, when Frank and Rodrigo traveled to Nicaragua to connect with local ministry leaders and lay the groundwork for future collaborations. Through this trip, God opened doors to strategic alliances with **Partners Worldwide**, **Generosity Path**, **Centro Nehemías**, **Mundo Renovado**, **Iglesia Centro Vida**, and the **Church of God's** business network,

preparing the ground for a nationwide movement around biblical stewardship.

In April, we officially launched our ministry in Nicaragua, making it the eighteenth country in the Crown Español network. More than **260 pastors and ministry leaders** gathered in Managua for a two-day training on biblical financial stewardship.



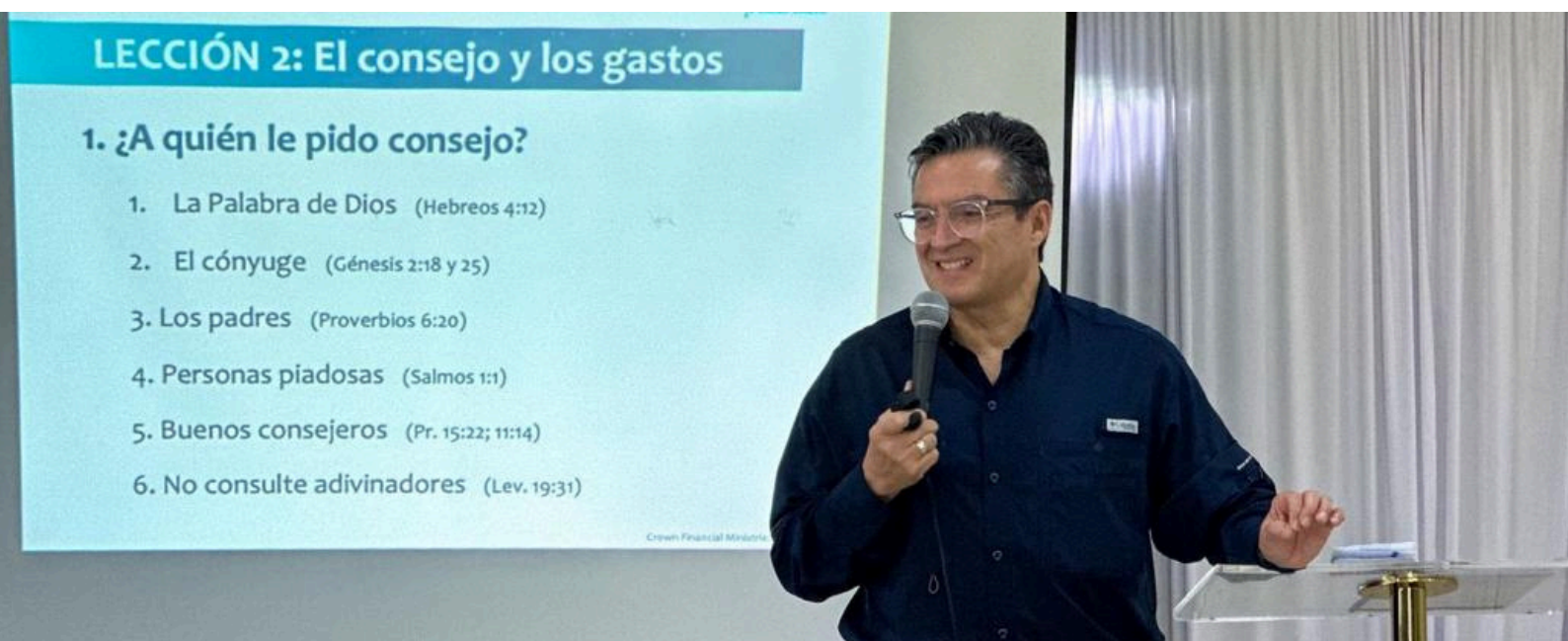
Rodrigo Sandoval with Pastor Mirna Mendoza of the Church of God organization in Nicaragua.

Thanks to the support of Javier Angulo of **Generosity Path**, who facilitated connections with key leaders and participated as a speaker, this launch marked a strong start for Crown in Nicaragua. More than 60 participants joined the Crown Español online academy to be trained as facilitators of the Latin Money Map and to implement it in churches and communities throughout the country.

That momentum continued in June, when six Nicaraguan leaders traveled to Nicoya to complete an agricultural training led by Laynus Martinez from Bolivia, our Foundations

for Farming trainer for Latin America.

Upon their return, they started a demonstration plot and prepared for their first harvest using biblical farming methods. That same month, five entrepreneurial leaders from Nicaragua were selected for hybrid microenterprise development training led by our new partners, **Partners Worldwide**, strengthening their capacity to drive lasting economic and spiritual change in their communities.



Javier Angulo, from Generosity Path, giving a financial education course in Nicaragua.

Forging a Legacy of Biblical Stewardship

In Paraguay, our partner Fundación Principios de Vida continues to impact lives through Crown's YES! program, implemented in conjunction with the **Paraguayan Ministry of Education and Science** to provide vocational guidance to young people and teenagers. The program helps students discover their strengths, identify their purpose, and make sound decisions for their future from a perspective based on biblical principles.

During the 2026 school year, the program reached **17 departments** across the country, benefiting **33,623 students** from **986 educational institutions**, and training **1,158 teachers**, for a total of **34,781 beneficiaries**. This is how Fundación Principios de Vida continues to expand the program's reach, instilling principles that inspire new generations to build a future with purpose and hope.

Paraguay



The Minister of Education and Science, Luis Fernando Ramírez, was present at the opening ceremony of the conference. Asunción, Paraguay, | May 2026



Students benefiting from Crown's YES! program in Paraguay

Cultivating hope through Agriculture

Bolivia

During the first half of the year, Laynus Martínez, our Foundations for Farming trainer in Latin America, led **13 training sessions** in Cochabamba and La Paz, reaching **68 participants** and showing how agriculture can strengthen families and transmit biblical principles of stewardship. Much of this work took place in



Laynus Martínez at the "New Life" children's home, Quillacollo, Cochabamba.

foster homes for vulnerable children. At **Misión para la Niñez Boliviana**, 15 girls learned composting, medicinal gardening, and herbal infusions. At **Hogar Infantil Nueva Vida**, 16 boys and girls learned soil conservation and pest control, in addition to receiving lessons on responsible stewardship, accountability, and teamwork.

In **Alto Florida, Cochabamba**, about 20 neighbors gathered to build family gardens of vegetables and medicinal herbs, meeting not only to plant but also to pray and encourage one another. At the Stewardship Center, students continued learning about medicinal plants, basic gardening, and seed production. One of the participants,

José, proudly shared part of his own harvest after applying what he had learned.

We also celebrate reaching Lluto, a community at over 3,000 meters altitude in the Bolivian Altiplano, where we partnered with the **Tierra Foundation** to train producers in agroforestry, pruning and grafting of fruit trees.



Laynus Martínez teaching about identifying pest symptoms in plants at the "New Life" Children's Home.

Transforming Perspectives in Bogotá

Colombia



Vida en Acción Church Christian Crusade | Bogotá, Colombia.

During the months of January and February, God continued to open doors to extend biblical financial discipleship in Colombia, delivered in partnership with local churches committed to the holistic development of their congregations.

In January, 28 participants completed their training at the **Charismatic Foursquare Church of Villavicencio**, while another 14 were certified at the **Philadelphia Church** in Bogotá.

In February, 14 new students successfully completed training at the **Vida en Acción Cruzada Cristiana**, also in Bogotá.

Each course represents much more than a time of learning: it is an opportunity for leaders and believers to renew their perspective on the stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to them. Through biblical principles and practical tools, participants are equipped to live out faithful stewardship and, at the same time, become instruments for discipling others in their churches, families, and communities.



Foursquare Charismatic Christian Church | Villavicencio, Colombia.

Financial Discipleship Crosses Borders

Switzerland



Graduates of the Community of Faith church in Lausanne, Switzerland

The **Community of Faith church in Lausanne** recently celebrated 10 graduates of the Crown Financial Concepts program. Equipped with practical tools and biblical principles, this graduating class demonstrates that the word of God knows no bounds. Today, their lives flourish as a testament to faith and sound financial stewardship in the heart of Europe.

In Panama, we continue to expand financial discipleship with virtual training programs tailored to each participant's pace. Between March and July, three groups brought together **17 participants** who progressed in their training as faithful stewards. Among them, our partner Italia Vergara completed the financial study with a small group, witnessing how each graduate transforms their financial freedom into a living blessing for their families and communities.

Panama



Italia Vergara in session with a Crown Financial Concepts group.

From Chiapas to Quintana Roo

“As a pastor, I see how lives are truly transformed by the Word of God, presented so clearly through Crown’s courses.”

-Pastor Alfonso González
Playa del Carmen

This year has been fruitful in Mexico, with progress on two key fronts. In January, the Crown Guatemala team trained more than **250 pastors and ministry leaders** in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, the culmination of months of prayer and planning. These leaders returned to their churches with practical resources and biblical principles that will continue to be shared within their congregations.

In Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, five small groups brought together a total of **62 participants** to delve deeper into the biblical principles of stewardship. Among them was a notable number of young people and individuals who had previously drifted away from the church. From Chiapas to Quintana Roo, the same message resonates: *a seed of faith, planted in one heart, ultimately bears fruit in an entire community.*

Mexico



Participants from one of the small groups in Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

The Crown Money Map: A vision that grows



Dominican Republic

Pastor Dina Rea teaching Money Map in the Dominican Republic.

When willing leaders answer the call to serve, God opens doors for His wisdom to transform new communities. In February, pastors Luis and Dina Rea traveled from Venezuela to Santo Domingo to deliver the Money Map training to **over 100 participants**, many of whom envision becoming future facilitators. Pastors, organization leaders, and ministry workers

received biblical tools to address families' financial challenges. Now, these new facilitators are bringing hope and biblical stewardship principles to their churches and communities, multiplying the impact of the biblical principles taught.

Building homes and ministries

One of our leaders in Chile, Gonzalo Aranda, and his wife Cristina had the opportunity to participate in a marriage conference in April, organized by the **Assemblies of God in Santiago, Chile**. There, they shared biblical principles on financial management with **over 100 participants**. The couples present were encouraged to strengthen their marriages by honoring God in their finances and making wise, faith-based decisions.

That same month, Wilson Cifuentes from Temuco, Chile, in partnership with the **Major Ecclesiastical Seminary of the Pentecostal Church of Nazareth**, taught the course on biblical stewardship, which is part of the seminary's curriculum.

It was developed in eight sessions for 31 theology students and ministry leaders. Through in-person and online sessions, participants explored biblical administration, financial management, budgeting, and their practical applications in ministry.

The enthusiastic response has already paved the way for this course to become part of the future training of church leaders. As new generations of pastors and ministry leaders are equipped with a biblical understanding of resource stewardship, the impact of this investment will continue to multiply in their churches and communities.

Chile



Gonzalo Aranda and his wife Cristina teaching in Talcahuano, Chile.



Tabernacle of Worship Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

United States

Hispanic Communities Equipped to Transform

During the first months of 2026, we continued to strengthen the teaching of biblical stewardship in Hispanic communities across the United States. In New York, our Abundant Life course was held at **Centro Cristiano Familia de Fe**, where 16 participants were equipped to apply biblical principles in their homes, churches, and ministries. Similarly, in Fairfax, Virginia, 18 participants completed MoneyLife at **Iglesia Tabernáculo de Adoración**, and the same material was completed by **Rise Ministry Church** in Manassas, Virginia. Both courses were taught by Gilberto Abreu from the Dominican Republic.

In March, Frank was able to visit the Rio Grande Seminary in McAllen, Texas where new

collaboration opportunities arose through **Radio Esperanza**. The station now broadcasts the audio story of Money Map, and the seminar is exploring an Abundant Life training program.

Leadership training continued with a Bi-vocational Ministry training at **Summit Church Spanish** in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a conference where Frank participated in Richmond, California, alongside leaders from Thrivent, AGTS and the Hispanic Access Foundation, strengthening networks of Hispanic churches with representatives from 10 cities.

Each connection reflects new opportunities to sow biblical principles and multiply the impact of stewardship in Hispanic communities across the United States.



Christian Family of Faith Center in New York.



Madrid, Spain | June 2026

Spain

Expanding the vision in Europe

Each new connection represents an opportunity to sow God's truth in new communities. In June, that seed reached Madrid, where leaders of the Spanish church learned about the vision and resources of Crown Español. Along with Pastor Jesús Castañeda and his wife Margarete, Frank presented Crown Español to **COMIMA** (Community of Ministries and Ministers of Madrid), a meeting that brought together nearly **200 pastors and leaders**, sharing the ministry's vision and connecting

with leaders interested in strengthening their churches.

In a separate session, Frank presented the Money Map, MoneyLife, and God Provides programs to a group of pastors and leaders, providing them with tools to teach stewardship principles. The response was very positive, and as a result of this visit, a small group is already studying MoneyLife, taking the first steps to ensure this teaching continues to spread throughout Spain.

Watch the
workshop
summary video at
Madrid



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Faithfulness and hope in the midst of challenges

The double earthquake that struck Venezuela on June 24 left a profound mark on the country, with thousands of lives affected, more than 5,000 were confirmed dead, thousands injured, and numerous families displaced. In the midst of this emergency, our local leaders responded with compassion and commitment. Pastor Luis Rea and his wife Dina, a doctor, traveled to the affected area of La Guaira to provide support, deliver aid and supplies, and stand with brothers and sisters in faith going through difficult times. From their base in Barquisimeto, they have also extended their assistance to displaced families who have arrived in the city, serving with love and bringing practical hope in the midst of need.

This response is the result of a work that God had already begun in Venezuela: strengthening families through biblical stewardship. When the earthquake struck the country, more than 450 people had already been trained this year by our local teams, including the ministry led by Pastor Carlos Hernández in Barquisimeto. Even amidst new challenges, the seed continues to bear fruit; in July, a group in Chabasquén, a community affected by landslides after the earthquake, completed the God Provides study against all odds. All of this reminds us that God continues to work through His people, sowing hope and laying the foundation for the **reconstruction of a new Venezuela rooted in the values of His Kingdom.**





Barquisimeto, Venezuela.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur

Purpose-driven entrepreneurs

This year we continued to cultivate a faith-based entrepreneurial vision, equipping leaders who desire to honor God through their businesses and their calling. During this period, two new groups completed their training: one virtually, bringing together entrepreneurs from Venezuela, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and the United States, and another in person in Orlando, Florida, where six entrepreneurs completed the program.

Thanks to the alliance with Faith Driven Entrepreneur, this movement continues to grow with **14 active facilitators, 172**

certified entrepreneurs, 16 completed groups, and a presence in 7 countries: Dominican Republic, Hispanic communities in the United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Venezuela, Panama, and Chile. Currently, new groups continue to be formed, including three in Barquisimeto, Venezuela with 51 participants and one in Costa Rica with 8 participants.

Each story represents a seed of purpose, shaping leaders who seek to build businesses with integrity, impact, and a vision aligned with the Kingdom of God.





Academy Virtual Classroom | May 2026

Crown Español Academy

Equipping leaders Beyond borders

Crown Español Academy continues to expand the reach of biblical stewardship, equipping pastors, leaders, and families with tools that strengthen their ministry and enable them to multiply these principles in their communities. Through this online platform, **more than 100 people** have been trained this year.

Among the new fruits of this path are the launch of “**Business By the Book**,” taught by Maritza Pérez, and the culmination of the Abundant Life course with a group of 30 pastors and leaders from the *Pentecostal*

Church of God in Puerto Rico and the United States, led by Pablo Barrantes. We also celebrated the launch of the “**Latin Money Map**” with Pastor Luis Rea and his team, with three groups completed: two focused on pastors and key leaders in Nicaragua as a strategy for Crown's launch in the country, and one aimed at leaders of our new ministry partner, *Partners Worldwide*. Each training represents a seed of truth and transformation that continues to spread to new places across the globe.



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Watch the testimony of Maria from the USA.

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- *Budget Coaching*
- *Business by the Book*
- *MoneyLife Personal Finance Study*

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