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## IN MEMORIAM

### Margaret Swanson

Margaret went to be with the Lord, in August 2025. We send our sympathy to the family at their loss, while rejoicing in the knowledge that Margaret is with the Lord her Saviour. Margaret was a keen supporter of our monthly OMS prayer group. She also helped to prepare the many prayer letters that were sent out from the Manchester office.

(Written by Norman Lyons)

### Iris Russell

Went to be with her Saviour in December 2025. She was a faithful member of the OMS Prayer Group in Omagh and Drumquin. Please pray for her family in their loss.

### Jim Smyth

OMS retiree Jim Smyth, was promoted to glory in February of this year at the age of 90. Jim served as an OMS missionary for more than 34 years in Colombia before retiring in 2003. Please uphold his wife, Grace, in your prayers along with his wider family circle.

Front cover: Ladies' Retreat, Ecuador





**Melvin Kelly**  
UK Director

# Prepare

(Isaiah 40:3-5)

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Preparations are woven into everyday life! Some preparations are joyful like getting the house ready for family gatherings or planning for a holiday. Others require discipline and perseverance, like training and preparation for a Duke of Edinburgh expedition or revision for important exams. **Preparation matters because what lies ahead matters!**

Recently, I was reading Donald Coulter's book, *Revival: The Story of the Six Mile Water Awakening*, and I was struck by how God was preparing the way for revival long before people recognised it. The book tells the story of five ministers from Scotland and two from England who fled persecution in the 1600s. What looked like political upheaval and suffering was, in God's hands, part of a much bigger story. Rev. Matthew Kerr reflected on this by saying: "*God can make the wrath of man—even the persecution of kings—to praise Him. Rulers, in carrying out their own schemes of lust or ambition, are all the while preparing the way of the Lord*" (p103). What an encouragement for us today! **Even in uncertain times, God is still at work. He still reigns.**

*"In every revival ... human and supernatural elements are at work"* (p90). God alone brings revival, yet again and again Scripture and history show believers preparing their hearts for His moving. In Bangor, County Down, through the ministry and example of Rev. Blair, "*the people began to relish the duty of prayer, and attend more diligently to their spiritual interests*" (p103). **Prayer became precious to them.** Their hunger for God deepened. No doubt this also led them into Scripture, fellowship, outreach, worship, and service. It was said of the Rev. John Welsh, the son-in-law of John Knox, he had "*a clear purpose and an unwavering commitment to pray*" (p95).

Duncan Campbell, who ministered during the revival on the Isle of Lewis described revival as: "*a community saturated with God*" (p59). Rev. William Still added this challenging thought: "*To prepare for revival is to prepare for heaven, so that in a true sense we can say that preparation for revival is revival*" (p107).

So the question for us is not merely whether we would like revival to come. The deeper question is: are we preparing for it? Are we making space for prayer? Are we pursuing holiness? Are we growing in love for God's word and for one another? Are we becoming people who are truly saturated with God?

**May the Lord prepare us like a wick soaked in oil — ready to be set ablaze for His glory!**



# A Journey of Faith

Dr Oscar Jimenez  
InterLondres

My name is Oscar Jimenez. I'm a Colombian by birth, a missionary by calling, and now, a Londoner at heart. Alongside my wife, Julieth, and our two children, I serve the Hispanic community in this incredible city. London; a melting pot of languages, cultures, and stories, where, again and again, I have watched the Gospel speak into people's lives.



I did not grow up imagining I would live and be involved in ministry in the UK, since I loved my country and my relatives. But, in hindsight, God's leading shows through. My family came to faith through OMS missionaries in our region of Colombia. I was educated in OMS-founded schools and trained at The Biblical Seminary of Colombia in Medellín, another work founded by OMS. Years later, while mobilising Colombians to go as missionaries to the ends of the earth, Jonah 4 was an instrumental passage — the picture of a city full of people unable to tell their right hand from their left. The cities I had been sending others to began to weigh on my own heart, and a quiet conviction settled in: I needed to obey God's calling as a reflection of God's own heart. This led me on an adventure to London, which also included an unexpected opportunity: to undertake my doctoral studies in New Testament at the London School of Theology.



The ministry God has laid on my heart has three fronts. The first priority is **the local church** — strengthening what already exists, walking alongside pastors, encouraging tired leaders, and helping congregations grow as healthy and vibrant churches. The second focus is **leadership development** — investing in

the next generation of Hispanic believers who will pastor, teach, plant, and serve among (and potentially beyond) the Hispanic community. The third focus is **writing and publishing** — putting solid, accessible theology in the hands of Spanish-speaking Christians.





I have now been serving in London since September 2013 — fourteen years that have shaped me far more than I could have anticipated! Julieth and I married in December 2019, and the Lord has since blessed us with two children: Martina and Mathias. Julieth is a business administrator by training; alongside raising our family, she co-leads the children's ministry at InterLondres and serves as administrative assistant at the church.

Although we have seen God's faithfulness, these years have not been without difficulty. Julieth walked through a long battle with hyperthyroidism, and after receiving radiation treatment in April 2025, the Lord has graciously restored her health. Our daughter Martina was born with a severe feeding disorder for which doctors have never been able to identify a clear cause. Today, Martina loves eating. She is a daily reminder of our dependence on the Lord's mercy. Through every chapter, God has sustained us — quietly, faithfully, and often through the prayers and generosity of His people.

In ministry today, the three fronts the Lord planted in me years ago continue to bear fruit, as I lead the ministry at InterLondres. Through *Fe y Vida*, our online leadership programme, we are training Hispanic leaders, now not only in London, but also in Leeds and York. We are also discipling six ministry trainees — young professionals being formed as leaders within the church.



By God's grace, I have published works on the ABC of the Christian faith, the attributes of God, preaching the metaphors and parables of Scripture, and a study on suffering through the book of Job. I am currently working on three further books: one on spiritual disciplines, one on the Ten Commandments, and one drawn from 2nd Peter, entitled *Adding Virtue to your Faith*.

I share all of this with a deep awareness that none of it is mine. I am a Colombian who never planned to live in London, a scholar who never planned to plant a church, a husband and father whose family has been pulled into something far bigger than we could ever sustain alone. We need partners, intercessors, and friends. We need the body of Christ.

By God's grace, I hope to keep walking this road for many years to come. In the UK, the harvest is ready!

**Why not consider becoming a mission partner with Oscar or InterLondres, to pray and financially invest in this discipling ministry?**

<https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/missionary/jimenez>

<https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/project/interlondres>

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## A change of plans...



Debbie Vogan  
OMS Intern

***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55: 8-9***



The last couple of months have been a time of exploring possibilities. As the title above suggests – plans have changed. I thank the Father for being with me in this time. His love and mercy is evident as He patiently listens, answers my questions and helps me gain understanding. I continue to ask the Lord to open my eyes (showing me what I cannot see) and to meet with me in the moments of confusion or uncertainty.

***\* “Member Care is the ongoing preparation, equipping and empowering of missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry and work.” - Global Member Care Network***

In my last update, I shared about my plan to go to the United States for a Member Care\* Internship. Unfortunately, I received the news that there was no visa I could apply for. The Lord closed the door for me to go physically. However, I have been given the opportunity to complete the internship remotely. A detailed 12-week plan has been proposed and I am very excited. This remote internship requires a full-time commitment and remains unpaid. Yet, I know God will take care of me and if He desires you (dear reader) to be a vessel through which He provides, glory be to Him!

Through this internship I will be given the opportunity to explore and develop an understanding of the burden God has placed on my heart for His people. During this internship I will be taking four courses. The Lord has gifted me one of these through a scholarship programme and, thanks to your generosity, I have been able to purchase two while they were on special offer. The final course, Caring for People God’s Way 101 and 201, has a total cost of £250. Please consider if you would be able to take part in contributing towards this.

Feel free to get in touch by sending me an email at [dvogan@onemissionsociety.org.uk](mailto:dvogan@onemissionsociety.org.uk) if you have any questions or comments. I would love to hear from you! I also send out a personal update via email every other month. If you would like to receive this, please let me know.

God willing on the 29th of July, I will be travelling as part of a team of five to Ecuador. The main purpose for the team is to serve alongside the church in Loja in their Holiday Bible Club (HBC). We will also take part in other church ministries such as youth outreach, home visits and encouraging local believers through prayer, Bible reading, and sharing what God has done in our lives. Please pray that God would be preparing the hearts of both the children who will hear the Gospel through the HBC and the family members who will attend the family service at the end of the HBC. May our partnership with the local church be a time of blessing, growing together, and serving our wonderful Saviour.



Pray also for our team as we still have funds to raise as the prices of flights were much higher than we anticipated. I praise the Lord for His provision this far and trust in Him for the £400 still needed on my end. Prayer for protection (physically and spiritually) in the lead up and the journey are much appreciated. It will be the first time for some travelling such a long distance (the journey takes around 15 hours in flights).

If you would like to partner with the team by covering us in prayer, contact the office and request to be added to the WhatsApp group for the Ecuador Team's daily updates during the trip. The OMS WhatsApp number is +44 7716 370250

May you know the Father's grace.

Blessings and love,

Debbie

“How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts!”  
Psalm 92:5



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# Biblical Orality

*a powerful way of helping people understand the Bible*



Dr Billy Coppedge  
Biblical Orality

In Acts 8, the Holy Spirit directs Philip to run alongside the chariot of the Ethiopian eunuch who is trying to read the book of Isaiah. Philip asks him, ***“Do you understand what you are reading?”*** And the official replied, ***“How can I unless someone guides me?”***

This exchange of questions captures the heart behind orality and what we are trying to do through oral Scripture engagement. In the story, there is a problem. The Ethiopian desires to engage with the Scriptures to learn about God, but he does not have the skills or understanding to make sense of what is in the text. The Spirit recognises the communication gap between this man’s abilities and the biblical text and chooses to bring someone alongside him who can help. This help is not only to engage with the Scriptures but to understand of what, or rather of whom, they are speaking. In a dramatic way, the story continues, ***“Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”*** Notice first the solution was relationally based; Philip climbed up into the chariot next to the official. Then second, although the eunuch had the biblical text in his lap, and as an official, he may have been well trained in literate technologies; he could presumably read, the text alone was not enough for him to be able to understand Jesus. He needed something more. It is only when Philip communicates orally, opening his mouth and explaining what was happening in the biblical narrative that understanding happens. Third, as soon as the Ethiopian understands about Jesus, he wants to acknowledge his decision to follow Him. But such a decision, to be baptized on the side of the road, would never have happened if Philip had not helped him engage in the Scriptures orally.

In many ways, oral Scripture engagement is the act of coming alongside people today who are interested in engaging the Bible to learn more about the God it reveals and helping guide them so they can make a decision for Jesus just like the Ethiopian did. We have found that there are many people who lack literate skills which hinders them from engaging with biblical text.



They do not read the black ink on the white page with any understanding. They rely on oral communication to convey information. But there is also an increasing number of people who have literate skills, so they can read just fine. But they do not like to read. Thus, they prefer oral communication. It is for these two groups of people that we have found oral Scripture engagement incredibly powerful as a way of helping people understand the Bible and Jesus whom it reveals.

We have found using oral strategies such as oral biblical storytelling to be incredibly powerful tools for helping people engage with the Scriptures.

Our family was invited to Honduras as a lady named Claudia had previously participated in one of our online orality trainings. God had used it in her life and so she welcomed us to Honduras to facilitate a similar training. In July 2025, we spent a week with Claudia and her friends, meeting evening after evening to learn a five-step process of telling a story from God's word and then exploring the treasures within through a process of asking key questions.

We had a beautiful time together and God met with us through His word. Since then, we have heard encouraging reports including one of a pastor named Arturo, who started a Bible storytelling class with approximately thirty students and each week they are learning a new story from the Bible.



Pastor Arturo (right) did our training & on his return ran his own Bible storytelling training.

Other friends named Gabe and Dahiana who attended the training and who are working among an unreached group in Paraguay reported that they started using the oral Bible storytelling with the young people. The response was active, lively engagement by the whole group in the story from God's word. Such accounts are so encouraging; just like the Ethiopian, people are still looking for guidance when it comes to the biblical text.



We have found that the Spirit still loves to bring people together so they can orally engage in the stories of the Bible and discover more about Jesus. Join us in praying for the right ongoing trainings and follow-up so that we can equip more people in biblical orality.

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## Maputo Biblical and Theological Seminary

By Melvin Kelly  
OMS UK Director

OMS has been committed to training Christ-like leaders in Mozambique since commencing ministry there in the 1990s. What began with a small Bible school in the early 2000s has grown into a flourishing seminary. I had the privilege of being involved in the construction of a dedicated building from 2005 to 2007 before the training programme was launched in 2010. Over the past sixteen years, we have seen God's faithfulness in sustaining and growing this ministry.



Establishing the Seminary has not been without challenges. From recruiting qualified staff and enrolling students, to developing curriculum and sourcing library resources to maintaining the facilities has required perseverance and trust in God's provision. Yet through it all, the Seminary has continued to develop and bear fruit.



In recent years, important milestones have been reached. The Seminary has established a governing board and, in March 2025, obtained official legal status. This allows it to operate more independently, including managing its own finances. One Mission Society UK remains committed to supporting the Seminary as it continues to develop.

The next major step is accreditation with the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA). This is an ambitious and strategic goal that will strengthen the Seminary's credibility and impact across the region. As part of the preparation for the ACTEA inspection at the end of June 2026, some essential building maintenance is needed, along with investment in new computers for the library.



With support from OMS UK, Director Obed Melembe recently attended an ACTEA leaders' conference in Ethiopia. This provided valuable training and an opportunity to connect with other leaders in theological education across Africa, further equipping him for his role.

*(← Professor Obed Melembe is pictured with fellow seminary director David from South Sudan at the conference.)*

Today, the Seminary serves 150 students, supported by 18 professors, and offers an undergraduate degree, a ministry course, and a Christian formation course. Its mission remains clear: to glorify God by providing biblically faithful theological education; equipping pastors, leaders, and disciples to serve the church across Mozambique and beyond.



To take this next important step towards accreditation, the Seminary needs to raise £10,000. Would you consider partnering with us at this critical time?

Three ways to give:

(1) Cheque (made to OMS),

(2) Bank Transfer (to One Mission Society, Barclay's Bank, Account: 30677035, Sort Code: 20-26-20) using the ref MOZBC or

(3) Online at <https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/project/mbts>




We also ask for your prayers for Obed and his family, particularly as he continues to deal with ongoing health challenges.

**1 Board of Directors**  
 Bill Anderson  
 Eddie Currie  
 Gareth Kirk  
 Alan Russell  
 Joanne Parkinson  
 Pray for additional directors.

**2 Jimenez Family London**  
  
 Pray for Oscar (Julieth, Martina & Mathias) serving the InterLondres church which ministers among hispanic people in London.

**3 Vogan Family Ecuador**  
  
 Pray for blessing in homeland ministry assignment. Pray as Sammy finishes his first year of GCSEs and Mark in his Masters studies.

**4 Michel Family USA**  
  
 Pray for Storly and Kate in their ministry to the Haitian people through 4VEH. Pray for Hannah as a new mum and Esther in her education.

**5 Morton Family USA**  
  
 Pray for Jonathan and Lupita in their ministry with Red Nueva Vida (New Life Network) and for their sons Daniel and Noah.

**6 Carl & Heidi Walton USA**  
  
 Pray for Carl in HR and Heidi as she serves as an Editor for Global Ministries.

**7 Charity Shops Cookstown, Lisburn Portglenone & Strabane**  
 pray for their local ministry and fundraising for New Life Network (RNV) What's the Story MEFI, Maputo Seminary, *Fundación Unydos, Hogar Esperanza, and Somos Nós.*

**8 Eddy & Chris Delameillieure Belgium**  
  
 Pray for more volunteers for the Helping Hand ministry and for the spiritual growth of the One in Christ Church.

**9 Richard Brown Finance Officer**  
  
 Pray for Richard as he oversees the finances of OMS UK and considers new finance systems.

**10 Billy & Joanna Coppedge (Seconded from WGM)**  
  
 Please pray for Billy & Joanna developing ways to access and engage with the Bible through orality and training others to use these skills.

**11 Debbie Vogan Media Assistant**  
  
 Pray for Debbie as she prepares for a internship with OMS in member care and for God's leading for the future.

**12 Jim Magill Glocal Witness**  
  
 Pray for Jim as he connects with charity shops, develops links between local and global ministries as Glocal Witness Ambassador.

**13 Alan Russell Men for Missions**  
  
  
 Please pray for the work of MfM and for Alan Russell the UK MfM Director.

**14 Heather Greer Database Manager & Finance Assistant**  
  
 Pray for Heather as OMS UK update the finance program.

**15 Leslie Reid Area Rep N. Ireland**  
  
 Please pray for Leslie to have more opportunities to represent OMS in Northern Ireland.

**16 Pollock Family ROI**

Pray for new people to come to church & workers to spread God’s word in Ireland. For Ben, Joshua and Caleb in school.

**17 Montgomery Family ROI**

Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for spiritual fruit and for the kids in school. Praise God for all He is doing.

**18 Hannah McCalla UK & ROI**

Pray for Hannah supporting Calvary church Loughrea, What’s the Story and serving in the UK office in Belfast.

**19 Philip & Fiona Richardson UK**

Pray for Fiona working with the Esther Project and in prayer ministry. Pray for Philip’s health, teaching schedule and safe travels.

**20 Bruce & Mabel Callender USA**

Please pray for Bruce and Mabel as they encourage and mentor missionaries. Pray also for their children and grandchildren.

**21 Jeannine Brabon Colombia**

Pray for Jeannine’s health and for those who have come to faith that they will be discipled in the faith and grow in God’s word.

**22 KK & Kay Outreach Birmingham**

Pray for KK and Kay as they seek to reach the Hong Kong community with the Gospel. Pray for many souls to come to Christ.

**23 Kelly Family Melvin Kelly UK ED**

Pray for wisdom for Melvin in his leadership role, Sharon as she studies and supports Somos Nós, and Abi, Joshua, Noah and Lydia at school.

**24 Josephine Rugeruzo Belgium**

Pray for Josephine as she raises support to enable her to work alongside Eddy and Chris Delameillieure in prayer and outreach.

**25 Cheryl Kelly Payroll**

Pray for Cheryl as she serves as UK Payroll Officer and as she encourages the missionaries in this role.

**26 Ali McClure Mobilisation & Communications**

Pray for Ali in her two OMS roles. Pray for the three 2026 Explore teams and for new missionaries to be sent out.

**27 Brenda Reid**

Pray for Brenda as she explores new ministry opportunities. Pray also for Darina and Liam’s education.

**28 Tommy Hui Leeds, UK**

Pray for Tommy as pastor of the Rockgate church. For funding for a building and new outreach programmes.

**29 Retirees**

Please pray for those who have served with OMS in the past and are now in their season of retirement.

**30 31 Volunteers, Prayer Groups and Financial Partners**

Pray for those who serve by supporting the ministries of OMS in various ways.

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Medellín, Colombia



How I value your prayers and support! Every person who responds to the Holy Spirit and receives Jesus as Saviour is a result of your investment! Thank you!

I have returned from an intense week of spiritual warfare as Wild at Heart was held inside the El Pesebre Penitentiary, three hours from Medellín. Was it worth it? Just imagine being in a room full of men on their knees! Praise God for the new freedom the prisoners received. "I am so grateful for this experience. Thank you," the brothers repeatedly said. God has given us a great team in the prison ministry (ACCA). OMS Men for Missions Canada sponsors our outreach to the prisons in Antioquia and makes these special events possible.



The Wild at Heart team at the prison



God surprises me with testimonies of his faithfulness. I received a picture of a foreword in a Bible that I had given to a new believer seven years ago! Juan Carlos texted me, "Thank you for this invaluable gift. God's love is infinite. Thank you for telling me of His love."

Today, when I shared Jesus with a security guard, he said, "What relief! Thank you for this powerful prayer! A burden has been lifted. Please come back and tell me more about Jesus!" My great joy is continuing in ministry. As it says in 2nd Timothy

4:5, "But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you." (NLT) Jesus, keep me faithful!

On 25th March, I joined the Prison Fellowship International board's visit to a village where restorative justice has made an impact. Granada has had three military sieges, twice by the guerrillas, once by paramilitaries. A picture of each individual who was massacred is remembered on the wall, as well as all the missing individuals. You feel the pain yet see how God has ministered healing through the process of restorative justice. Criminal justice deals with the perpetrator, while restorative justice listens and involves the community where the violence occurred.



Prison Fellowship International team in Granada at the house of remembrance.

With gratitude to God,

*Jeannine*

Thank you for praying for the Captivating retreat. Jesus came in a precious way.

Pray for God to intervene to enable freedom in the ministry in the prisons. Pray for permissions to be granted for spiritual assistance in the patios of Pedregal Penitentiary. Also, for the door to be open for ministry in the Itagui Penitentiary.

Pray for the men's boot camp in Bogotá, 6th-9th August, and in Cartagena, 14th-17th August. We are grateful to God for the freedom and healing that comes through John Eldredge's ministry of Wild at Heart. The March event in Medellín was powerful. We thank you for your prayers. God alone works redeeming miracles.



Speaking on "the irreplaceable role" at the Captivating retreat.



Jeannine & some of the ladies from the Captivating team.

*"All the world will know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel". Isaiah 49:26b NLT.*

## Tommy & Kathie Hui



HUI PRAYER LETTER

THE ROCKGATE CHURCH, LEEDS



The following are our prayers requests:

1. Pray that the installation of heaters for our church building will be done during the summer so that in the coming winter we can meet in a warm building to worship the Lord.
2. Pray for our church development and planning for a second "English" worship service. Currently, we are having a "Cantonese" worship service every Sunday Morning.
3. Pray for our community in Hong Kong as we are starting to apply for UK "settlement" after having moved from Hong Kong to live in the UK 5 years ago.



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### A story of two castles.

If you have been following us over the past years, you may have heard about the infamous “procession of the noose” during the annual Ghent Festival. Each year this procession commemorates how the Spanish Emperor, Charles V, punished the people of Ghent for their rebellion in 1540. Instead of sentencing the leaders of the city to execution by hanging, he publicly humiliated them by having them walk the streets of Ghent in their underwear, barefoot, and with a noose around their neck. Five hundred years later we still remember that event! There are things a person cannot forget. But when a whole city refuses to forget, something larger is at work, the wounds run deep, and memory becomes the thread that binds people to one another. Remembering serves a purpose.

We all remember what has contemporary relevance. When we lived in Spain, we lived and worked in (San Lorenzo de) El Escorial, where Eddy taught at a small seminary. Only later did we realise the historical significance of where the Lord had put us: we lived only a kilometre away from the majestic castle of Felipe II, the son of Charles V. We could see the towers from our apartment. Where we live now, in Ghent, we are actually situated 1 km away from where the infamous castle of the Spanish Charles V used to be. We basically moved from castle to castle, from the son’s to the father’s abode! The Spanish castle in Ghent was vast. Compared to the Castle of the Counts

of Flanders, built in 900 AD, the Spanish military castle spoke of might and power. Emperor Charles claimed that his castle would remain whilst the other one would be destroyed. However, the people of Ghent hated the Spanish occupiers so much that they destroyed the Spanish castle so thoroughly that not a single stone is left today.

Why is this memory so important? It takes us back through history to the christianisation of Ghent. On the very site where emperor Charles built his new castle, there used to be a huge cathedral - the Saint-Baafs cathedral - attached to one of the most important monasteries of Flanders. Some of its ruins still exist, but Charles V completely destroyed the cathedral in 1540 to make room for his castle. 1540 was an “annus horribilis” for Ghent. I wonder whether, after 500 years, we have fully recovered. Today, the new Saint-Baafs cathedral is in the centre of the city.



On the spot where the monastery and the cathedral once stood, there now stands a new memorial: the “green cathedral”. It was constructed out of plants: where there used to be a pillar, a hedge was planted. The whole area breathes Christian history. It was here

that Amandus, a missionary from France, first set foot on Ghent's soil and shared the Gospel. It was here where the people of Ghent threw him back in the river over and over again until they eventually accepted the Gospel.

Nowadays, this area is a well-defined neighbourhood "Saint-Baafs village", situated between two rivers, the tracks of a railway station and a small park. It houses a big Turkish mosque, a war memorial, a New Age yoga and dance club, a primary school with questionable symbols on its walls, a Freemason lodge and a Catholic church which was deconsecrated 3 years ago. The church held mass during the days and black, Satanic masses during the night, as witnessed by some New-Age leaders. This is where the Lord told our church, One in Christ, to go and witness. A real challenge! Most of the people that live in this area are "unchurched" and there is a sizable Muslim population.

How do we make an impact? We pray; we started prayer walking (which is quite a challenge for Latinos who like to chat.) We are also hoping to have a little street choir to come and sing near the "green cathedral" sometime in June or July. There is also a cultural centre where we could rent a room... we are praying about using it to sing Christian songs in Spanish, bringing a

Spanish flavour to the neighborhood. We would like, with the help and grace of God, to establish some kind of presence in the area by the end of 2026. Please pray for wisdom and resources, financially as well as help from other churches. Please pray for favour with the cultural centre as it is run by the City.

As you know I, Eddy, together with most pastors in Ghent, have been teaching Religious Studies part-time in high schools. It has been fulfilling my calling to instill Christian values into the younger generations. I have been doing this for about 10 years. Sometimes it seems a waste of time: religion is considered the fairytale of the curriculum. But, there are precious moments when I am able to directly share the Gospel in such a way that it affects the grey matter of my pupils! Even today, one student asked me if I could baptise her! Please pray for this young lady. The timing is perfect as in two months' time I will stop teaching. This will give me more time for the church, for evangelistic outreaches, for further developing our prayer ministry in Ghent, Belgium, the European Parliament, and Europe. Possibly too, time to travel to European countries on ministry assignments. And of course, time to write!

We are hoping to travel to the UK in November and visit some of your churches.

May the Lord bless you!

*As we say in our church  
¡Bendiciones!" (Blessings!)  
Eddy & Chris*





Melvin, Sharon,  
Abigail, Joshua,  
Noah & Lydia.



We are thankful for all that God is doing in Mozambique. Please pray for us and the Mozambican *Somos Nós* team in this busy summer season. Melvin will travel to the States to Missionary Council from 21st-29th June. He then has a quick turn-around to travel to Mozambique to host the Exodus team from 30th June-16th July. I (Sharon) then travel with the OMS Explore team from 17<sup>th</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> August. I will stay an extra week to make sure everything is packed up and in order. I also need to conduct some research for my Master's studies. Pray for stamina and good health. Pray also for those going on the teams and for our children at home as one of us cares for them and they each attend summer camps.

We are so thankful for those who gave so generously to make it possible to purchase wheelchairs. These are currently being manufactured and will shortly be shipped. Please pray for James, in Mozambique, who will lead the importation process. Pray for favour with the authorities and that costs for importation will not be excessive. Pray the wheelchairs will arrive in June, ahead of the Explore team, and be a blessing to those who receive them.



We praise God for donated wheelchairs, incontinence pads, crutches and therapy equipment that is in storage at Tansy, NI. Please pray for wisdom and protection regarding shipping of these items, in a container, in the midst of turbulent circumstances in the world.

## EVANGELICAL CHURCH of the LIVING WORD MOZAMBIQUE

MUGULAMO/ILE/ZAMBÉZIA

### Testimony by Pastor Raphael

I share this testimony with joy and gratitude for the support provided through *Somos Nós* to people with disabilities in our churches. Church members from Mugulamo and Naritete, areas with limited resources far from Maputo City, travelled to the clinic in Mocuba.

**Alberto Bulande**, Rabeca Alberto (9), Mendes Clarastone (20), and Xavier's son received wheelchairs that have transformed their lives. They now have greater mobility, dignity and independence.

Alberto says the support has helped both him and his family. Xavier described the wheelchair as a dream come true. Rabeca can now attend church. Mendes, though he has difficulty speaking, shows clear joy in moving independently and participating in church life.

This transformation has impacted families and communities, bringing hope and inclusion. There are still many others who need support. We are encouraged to see the church responding with compassion and welcoming greater participation from all. Change is happening but much more is needed.



### Alberto Bulande

*Alberto has been discipling other members in the church.*

48 people received wheelchairs at the *Somos Nós* mobile clinic in Mocuba last year. Many churches participated in the effort, inviting those with disability to the clinics. Church leaders also received training on ministering to those with disability.

**"We are deeply grateful for our partnership with *Somos Nós*. These wheelchair fitting clinics are a gesture of love, which not only provide physical help but also strengthens the faith, hope, and joy of families, equipping the church to include those with disabilities".**

Pastor Raphael



# Storly & Kate Michel



The Michels

Serving God & the Haitian people through 4VEH

## Bonjou, Hello!

*Thank you for partnering with our family as we serve God and the people of Haiti together!*

It's so encouraging to see how people are responding to the Gospel through 4VEH's broadcasts and digital outreach. Over Easter, more than 160,000 people watched the Jesus Film through 4VEH platforms: Haitians in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the USA.

In other special Easter broadcasts, one of our presenters, Fedilia, (above) invited listeners and viewers to respond to the message of the resurrection by saying: "He's not there, He is risen! There's just one thing to do; confess to Him and make Him LORD!"



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What has stayed with us most is how people responded:

Ludie wrote: "The cross paid my debt. I'm free in the name of Jesus."

Illiane prayed: "Forgive my sins, Father."

Jessica said: "Jesus, I'm counting on you."

And one viewer, Ange, added a bunch of heart emojis ❤️❤️!

Others asked spiritual questions like: "Can someone be saved while observing the law?"

These are reminders that people are not only listening—they are engaging deeply with the Gospel message. In a nation facing ongoing political instability, violence, fear, and spiritual darkness, we continue to see God drawing people to Himself through radio, television, and digital media.

Please keep praying that those who heard the Easter message would grow in faith, find strong local church communities, and boldly share the hope of Christ with others.



### Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for our team - they continue to serve in faith, with grace and grit. Thank God 4VEH is on the air to encourage people, share the Gospel and teach life skills. Pray for protection, provision and perseverance for staff and families.
- Pray for an end to gang violence in Haiti.
- Ask God to raise up more generous givers to support the rising costs of doing ministry.
- Praise for Hannah's baby boy, now 4 months old. Pray for our girls: Hannah (20), as she focuses on being a mum and continuing with college, while living with us at home; and Esther (18), preparing to study Exercise Science at Indiana University, Indianapolis.

### Thank you!

As you pray, financially support and encourage us in our roles at 4VEH, you're reaching, teaching and serving Haiti's people with good news, the Gospel — thank you so much!

*God bless!  
Storley, Kate, Hannah & Esther*

## TEAM MICHEL

We serve as full-time missionaries with One Mission Society, seconded to 4VEH. Our ministry with 4VEH is made possible through our missionary support team, as people pray and give monthly or on occasion to fund our salaries, travel and other ministry expenses. If your family, Sunday School class or church is looking to increase your missions support, please contact One Mission Society to get set up. Thanks so much! Michels - account code: MichS

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As well as this mailed prayer letter, we send out email updates every few weeks. Visit our blog to sign up/ update your email address/ preferences.



## Montgomery News!



**John, Jo, Andrew, Samuel,  
Sarah & Joshua**

A book we have been reading recently gave the challenge that we are called to love both God and our place where we serve, that we are to live distinctively and engage deeply where we are, being salt and light for Jesus.

God has certainly given us an increased love for Crossmolina in the past four years since we moved here. Please pray that we will live distinctively in our community and also engage deeply with our community. It is as we engage deeply where we live we can more effectively obey Jesus' command to; "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".



Preparations are getting well under way for the Agricultural Show on 25th July, with frequent committee meetings. We have the privilege and responsibility of organising the whole kids' area as the lady who normally does this is not available this year. This means coming up with various activities for the kids to do as well as the craft. Please pray for our preparation, for sufficient help on the day and that this will be a great success and that we will be able to build on relationships through it.



The long evenings and better weather also provide opportunities for the Tidy Towns group to get some practical work done around the town. At the minute John spends an evening most weeks with the others in the group getting stuck in to the manual work needing done around the town.



These groups, along with the other activities we are involved in, offer opportunities to 'engage deeply' in our community, yet we find ourselves longing for more. We want more than just small talk, we want more than a passing conversation. We are thankful for these, and they are necessary in building relationships, but we really long to see lives changed. We long to see people realising their sinfulness and need of forgiveness.

We really long to see individuals wanting to know more, seeking the truth, wanting to talk about the Gospel and how to be saved, becoming disciples of Jesus.

Please do pray that God will build His church here among the people of Crossmolina and surrounding area. Only He can! Please seek Him with us that His Spirit would convict of sin, open eyes to the truth and give faith to believe.

We would ask you to pray for our neighbour also. An elderly man, in conversation with John, he has said he doesn't want forgiveness from God and has told Jo he has plans to go to another country to end his life in a few years' time. May God, in His grace, open his eyes and change his heart!



Just a couple of Ballina points for prayer:

- We plan to help with the church's 'Heritage Day' outreach on Wednesday 15th July. Pray this will be a fruitful day of outreach and that lots from the church will get involved and see the importance of reaching out to the community of Ballina.
- 'Shane' (not his real name) had a conversation with John during some outreach on St Patrick's Day. John has since been to see him but he is presently involved in a cult. He has said he's happy for John to visit again. Please pray God will open his eyes to the truth.



All are doing well. Pray for Samuel and Andrew as they sit their milestone exams: Junior Cert (Samuel, 3 - 15th June) and Leaving Cert (Andrew, 3 - 22nd June). Andrew is now officially left school so please continue to pray for God's direction for his next step.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in God's Kingdom work here.

If you would like to partner with us prayerfully or financially, please contact us or the OMS Office.  
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# Morton Family

## Prayer Letter

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Engaging the One to Reach the Many



## Panama

Maykel and Maria have a God given burden to form disciples in Panama. After months of prayer and training, two weeks ago the first Red Nueva Vida (New

Life Network RNV) discipleship group began. Eight people are meeting weekly, beginning a two year journey. They will learn and live the commands of Christ within the reality of day to day life and challenges. They will grow, deepen and be used in the lives of others. There will be difficult moments and challenges where giving up will enter into their minds, but through prayer, encouragement and support these moments will be opportunities to trust and grow. These disciples will not only grow but will also reproduce, creating a multiplication foundation for discipleship and church formation in Panama that will be used to touch, change and transform the lives of many. It is a joy to speak with Maykel and Maria, to sense their fervent and tangible love for the people; their clear calling and simple, transforming faith. Thank you for your prayers over the last months for them. Please continue to pray in partnership as this new group grows and churches are formed.

## Venezuela

Venezuela has also been a prayer burden as we minister in partnership with you. Be greatly encouraged! In March, seventeen new discipleship groups were started. In April, we finished another week long training session with leaders to facilitate focus, planning and continued growth. A local leadership team of three meets with each discipler on a regular basis to encourage and assist. Please pray that God will guide and use this team – Remberto, Doiler and William, as they serve the discipleship leaders. Many people from diverse backgrounds, in different parts of the country, are coming together. They each face considerable challenges, political instability, and scarcity. They are growing together as they learn to deal with their past, understand God's call and live in the reality of His promises. We are praying as they grow that they too will lead others to Christ and disciple them so that a multiplying network of transformational discipleship will be tangible and evident in a place of such great need and opportunity.



## Family News



As regards to our family, Noah and Daniel continue to grow up too fast!

Noah is delighted that the cold weather of winter is behind us. He has two praying mantis egg sacks in a plastic container ready to hatch! Each sack should have around 200 little mantis. He plans to release them into the garden and keep a couple over the summer

as carnivorous pets! He also has a bird box tied to a tree with a solar powered camera linked to his iPad. The camera is inside the bird box so we enjoy watching the birds make their nest etc. He is doing special needs track and field with weekly races and is excited as he wins first place in long jump and 50 metres!

Daniel is finishing his process to get his driving test. He has passed the theory part and completed almost all the required hours of practice driving. He is excited about getting his final test done in the summer and driving himself around. We are both excited and nervous all at once! He enjoys his part time job at the car detailing business and will soon start to study for his Indiana nurse's assistant certification as he takes steps towards being a doctor in the future. Please pray for Daniel (15) and Noah (14) that they will grow closer every day to Jesus and to each other as brothers. Lupita and I value your prayer as parents. We seem to have been busier than usual over the last months and are looking forward to a couple of weeks off during the summer to take stock, give thanks and recharge. We so much value your partnership, support and prayer. Please be sure of our prayers for you also.

*Jonathan, Lupita, Daniel and Noah*

### PRAYER POINTS

1. For Maykel, Maria and the new discipleship group in Panama.
2. For William, Remberto and Doiler and the new discipleship and church formation movement in Venezuela.
3. For us as a family, and for Daniel and Noah as they develop friendships and grow in Christ.

# POLLOCK POST

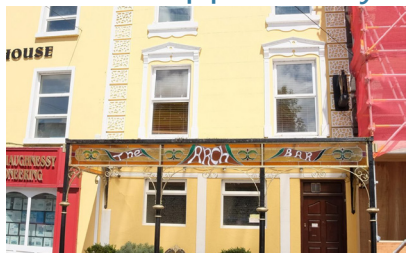


Calvary Church  
LOUGHREA

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

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## A New Opportunity



Over the past number of months, we have been praying and thinking about the long-term future of Calvary Church. As many of you know, one of the ongoing challenges for a church plant is finding a suitable place to gather. We are deeply thankful for how the Lord has provided for us so far, but we are also aware that our current limitations shape what we can do, who we

can welcome, and how we can serve the wider community. Recently, an opportunity has opened up that we would love you to pray about with us.

The Arch Bar, a well-known building in the heart of Loughrea, has come up for sale. It is in the centre of town and we have begun to explore whether this could become a long-term home for the church and a genuine hub for community life.

We are still at an early stage, and there are many questions to work through. There are legal, planning, financial, and practical matters that would need careful consideration. We do not want to rush ahead presumptuously. At the same time, we do not want to ignore what may be a significant Gospel opportunity. Buildings are never the mission. The church is not bricks and mortar. But a building can become a tool for mission when it gives a church stability, visibility, and capacity to serve. We imagine the potential for it to be a place where people who might never initially come to a church service could still encounter Christians, friendship, and eventually the hope of the Gospel.

Please pray for wisdom. Pray that we would neither be driven by fear nor carried along by excitement. Pray for unity among our church family, favour in the necessary conversations, and clarity about whether this is truly the Lord's provision for us. Pray also for the financial provision that would be needed if we are to move forward. Above all, pray that Christ would be honoured in Loughrea. Whether through this building or another, our desire remains the same: to see a faithful Gospel witness take deeper root in this town for generations to come.

We will hopefully be sending out an update soon. But if you would like more information, get in touch with us, the details are on the next page of this letter.

## Prayer Points...

- Pray for our family as we navigate all the busyness of life.
- Pray for the boys in their work in school, and their witnessing to their friends.
- Pray for Julie as she works in the health service, and for the opportunities she has with her colleagues.
- Pray for our new people at church, that we would see Gospel growth in them.
- Pray for God to save people in the local area.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider a building for our church fellowship.

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If you would like more information about us, or any aspect about our ministry, or if you would like to support us financially, please contact us and we would be delighted to speak to you.

## Snippets

Ben continues to work his part time job, and is making great relationships in the town. He is also booked in for his driving test. We still can't believe he's almost 18!

Joshua has also started a little gardening business which is keeping him busy in the local community. He will be sitting his Junior Cert (GCSEs) this summer and would like prayer for that.

Caleb has just turned 13, and we now have a house of teenagers. He is loving sport at the minute, and his school team recently won the Galway Cup which was very exciting for him!

## Church Update...

Things in church have been really encouraging! We now have five other men in our little preaching group, and are starting to see the men in the church step up into responsibility. This is such a blessing, and the fruit of a lot of prayer and work.

The ladies have also continued to meet, and their recent meeting, Hugs and Mugs, saw them do gift exchanges and also think about what it means to walk with Christ as a gospel woman.

Pray for our founding member Jenny, she is now nearly 92, and due to health concerns isn't able to get out as much as she'd like. Her faithfulness in prayer was a huge part of seeing Calvary Church Loughrea planted.



Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb

## THE REID - INGS

Dear Friends,

We hope you are keeping well. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. It is good to reflect on what the Lord has done in the past 3 months as we enjoy the bright sun through our windows! The Lord is always faithful to us, and we continue to see His hand at work in the different circumstances of our lives.

One of our encouragements was the Annual OMS NI Conference. At the end of February, in Union Road Presbyterian Church, Magherafelt, we hosted 140 attendees and an action-packed day with reports, worship, prayer, two teaching sessions, plenty of food, and good fellowship. The sun even shone for us!

Elkin, participated in the conference and stayed for 10 days in NI. He is a Colombian brother, who ministers with New Life Network (RNV) and is involved in church planting in Spain. Leslie was busy promoting Elkin's ministry in several churches, translating from Spanish to English in different meetings across NI. It was encouraging to get to know Elkin, his ministry and his love for the Lord!

Ministry wise, Leslie continues promoting God's mission in churches and mission halls. He loves sharing what God is doing through OMS in different parts of the world and promoting prayer for different ministries within OMS UK. He also enjoys serving in the OMS Lisburn Charity Shop on Tuesdays. The opportunities to share God's love with, and pray for, people from different backgrounds is amazing!



### As a family we are grateful ...

... because God has answered many prayers and opened different doors.

Leslie was able to change his car and keep travelling for ministry. In April, Brenda attended a Ministry Partnership Development training/conference in Holland with people from different parts of Europe. After some difficult months for Darina at her training centre, we arrived at a satisfactory solution; she will be homeschooled on Thursdays. Darina's teachers will coordinate and support Brenda so Darina can advance in her Essential Skills. We have already seen a big positive impact in Darina's stress levels and in the rest of the family as well. Liam is enjoying his course in South West College. Liam completed his first short film with his peers and he is already working on another one. He is in his element! Now, he is also looking for part-time work. Brenda, Darina and Liam are all learning to drive, we will see who passes first!

Brenda has been in a season of transition in her ministry. Since January, she has taken part in different training courses, helped with translation, and been carrying out research. Her passion has always been to make God known through discipleship and a biblical worldview. Going forward, her ministry will centre around three areas:



- Translating (English–Spanish) biblical worldview material from DNA (Disciple Nations Alliance). This helps advance DNA's ministry in Spanish by equipping and encouraging Spanish speakers to multiply disciples.
- Cross-cultural training and MPD (Ministry Partner Development) with OMS UK. MPD is a biblical-worldview ministry that helps foster a culture of generosity and invites others to find their place in the Great Commission.
- Autism initiative: because of our journey with autism, Brenda would like to develop a ministry for young people with autism and their families. We envision a place where they are free to grow in faith, mind, and body within a community that recognises their potential as God's image bearers. There is still a lot to learn and plan, so we would really appreciate your prayers and God's guidance as this dream begins and, in time, grows.

Thank you for joining us as we praise Him for:

- The blessing of a newer car.
- The OMS NI Conference and Elkin's visit.
- Darina's change on Thursdays.
- Liam studies.
- Brenda's training in Holland

and pray for:

- Darina to grow in her academics.
- Liam to manage his time wisely and find a part-time job.
- Leslie & Brenda as they balance marriage, family life and ministry.

Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to extend God's kingdom wherever we go.

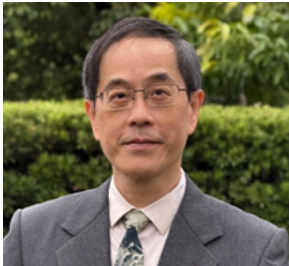
Your prayers, encouragement and support make a difference in our lives.

With love in Christ,

Leslie, Brenda,  
Darina & Liam

Dear Friend,

Philip is privileged to coordinate a highly trained team to support local leaders for Theological Education (TE) in every continent through Bible colleges, universities and seminaries for ministry training. This includes praying and networking to find the right team members. We are thanking God for Dr.



Curtis Chang, (a doctor in both medicine and theology!) newly appointed as consultant for the Asia Pacific region, living between Taiwan and the USA. We are praying for his leadership; encouraging and advising the nine theological schools in eight countries. We pray that Dr. Chang will help to develop a network so that OMS can support our Asia Pacific centres as a group with training and resources, and they can encourage each other.

Pray that Jesus will lead Philip in his preparation and speak through a Biblical academic paper that he will present in Taiwan in October at the celebration of 75 years of ministry training there. He is also preparing for a trip to Central Asia in August, eager to see the fruit of years of prayer and partnership in new ministry training courses. We are asking God to engage the students there as Philip teaches on the Gospels and Acts.

The Esther Project prays to gather authentic, loving groups anywhere young women need truth and prayer. Patricia in Kenya trains young women from the villages in skills for earning income. Here in a Nairobi slum, between hair and makeup classes, she is using the Esther Bible studies to grow disciples.



She wants to share the vision with new leaders. We pray that Jesus will meet Patricia and these young women so that they grow deeply in Him.

We praise God for helping Fiona and Rachel to finish editing the Esther global book of Bible studies, life questions and prayer guides. We are thanking the Lord that He will use this for young women aged 13-25 in today's world. Pray with us for the next stage of finalizing with OMS, formatting, and making the materials available as a PDF online.

Philip is grateful to God for a new garden office to teach, prepare, do Zoom meetings, and admin.

He is looking forward to time in the USA with his Theological Education team, OMS leaders at Headquarters in Indiana and some of our dear USA supporters. He will also join the celebration of 125 years since OMS began helping local believers to make disciples in their own nations.



Jasmine is delighted to be in Spain for 3 months and plans to live there long-term. Fiona and Bethany were happy to accompany her to this beautiful area.

We are asking God to provide for us financially and grow our support team. We need Him to lead us in a few months of focusing on praying and inviting new people to invest in this Kingdom work.

Please pray:

- That God will lead Philip in his preparations and travel for Asia. Pray Dr. Curtis Chang will be led by the Spirit as the regional consultant there.
- For protection and wisdom for Philip in the USA with OMS leaders and supporters from 17th June – 2nd July. Pray for God's Spirit to lead the Theological Education team gathering from 29th- 30th June.
- That God will direct every step to make the Esther Project global book of Bible studies what He wants – in finalising with OMS, formatting and making it available online.
- For God's Spirit to lead us, provide and bless our financial support team as we focus in these months. Pray for balance in caring for Philip's dad, Philip's international travels and connecting with supporters.
- For healing for Philip in some ongoing health concerns.
- That God will prepare the way and direct Jasmine and Bethany for work and places to live.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Lots of love, **Philip and Fiona xxx**

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## Loja Update

Summer 2026



### This Issue:

- Building Plans-1
- Building Plans-1
- Ecuador Trip-2
- HMA plans -2

### Praise Points:

Nube having a good bill of health.

Regular giving to our Support Account.

Joba coordinating women's ministry.

Nube joins the BCC women's daily online prayer-time 4:30am ECT when she can.

Mark's weekly Men's Bible Study online, Thursdays at 5am ECT.

The BCCL praise team is growing.

Sammy joined a football team.

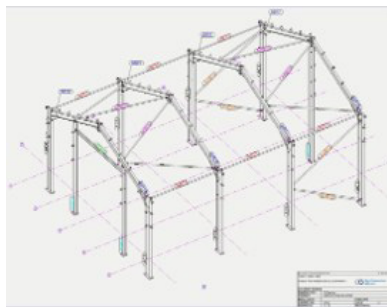
ANCC intensive MA course was very profitable for Mark.

### Dear Team Member,

We are encouraged in the Lord, and we hope that you are as well. It has been good to have had various health checkups; we praise God for His watching over us. Deborah was not able to get a US visa, so will do her placement with OMS USA Member Care remotely from home.

### Exploration of plans for the Training & Worship Centre

Mark has made contact with experts and is currently investigating a cost-effective way to make a durable building to suit the needs of the Church and outreach in Loja. We are currently looking at a steel girder structure with at least two levels. Mark will be consulting the church leaders and missionaries this summer to draw up provisional plans with the best use of space and allowing for multi-functional spaces where possible. The construction phases progress as God provides the funds:



1. Provisional plans and costs.
2. Final Plans presented to Loja City Council.
3. Foundations & services.
4. Structure, Floor(s) & Roof. Each phase has its associated costs and OMS has the project open to receive gifts and even faith promises, such as £20 monthly, as God leads you.

These regular donations to OMS UK Project EC-BCF, can build up the funds for the next stage until the building is completed. The BCC Church in Loja is leading the way and has given funds to be matched.

### Missions and Development Masters Studies

Mark has found the studies in All Nations Christian College in missiology, theology and Christian development practice both challenging and demanding. Nevertheless, it is very useful for the ministry in the marginal neighbourhoods of Loja in Ecuador.

### Summer Activities & HMA

Please keep these activities in your prayers and especially for safety in travel for ourselves and the team, and for the necessary aviation fuel in these difficult times.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event *God willing*</u>
6 June	Ecuador Team Commissioning. MA Assignments (Mark).
21 June	10:30 service Anaghlonge Pres. Church, Co. Down.
21 June	12:00 service Garvaghy Pres. Church, Co. Down.
24 June	Mark, Nube & Sammy fly to Ecuador.
10-11 July	BCC Church men's retreat.
13-15 July	BCC Church youth retreat.
29 July	Debbie and Ecuador team fly to Ecuador.
3-8 Aug	Holiday Bible Club, Loja.
9-14 Aug	Loja ministry.
15 Aug	Debbie, Sammy & Ecuador team journey to Quito.
16 Aug	Debbie, Sammy & Ecuador team return.
6 Sept	BCC Church of Loja 15th Anniversary.
8 Sept	M & N Return to Northern Ireland continue HMA.
1 Oct	20:00 OMS Prayer Group Portadown.

### HMA Activities

Mark has been able to visit most of our supporting churches in England and Wales in April and May alongside his studies. In the autumn term he hopes to finish the taught part of the course and have more time to visit and share the vision for the next stage in the mission to Loja's western barrios (marginal poor neighbourhoods). We do need your support in prayer and in giving so please contact us if you or your church/group would like a visit in 2027. May God bless all these mission partners both in supporting and going.

Love in Christ,

*the Vogans*

### Prayer Requests:

- Wise decisions & policies for lasting peace in Ecuador and an end to divisions, gang violence, drugs and extortion.
- Pray for BCCL lay leaders balancing family needs, work and ministry.
- Augustin starting the in-person men's meetings, BCC.
- Greater spiritual growth and personal holiness of believers & future leaders.
- Matching funds for the Loja Training & Worship Centre in God's plan and time.
- Sammy's exams in May & June.
- Mark balancing HMA, family time and online studies for the MA in Development and Missions with All Nations Christian College.
- This trip to serve with the BCCL leaders, encourage and train, also for the men's & youth retreats.



Mark, Timothy, Sammy, Nube & Debbie Vogans

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## Summer 2026

### PRAISES

- Safety over many travels.
- No airport nor airline disruptions.
- Good health for every event.
- Heidi attended an encouraging missions conference in Georgia.
- Carl attended an informative and helpful conference in Colorado.
- Carl's successful cataract surgeries.
- Amazing stories of how God IS honouring His "Word Sent Forth" the theme for the OMS Church Multiplication Conference held at USA HQ. Disciples being trained who are training others as they plant churches at an amazing pace, yet not without persecution in many countries.

**Greetings Friends! Amazing things God has done...  
Amazing things God will continue to do...**

The OMS team in Colorado for the 2026 Support Raising Leaders Conference. This is an event that includes: training, culture, infrastructure, coaching and organizational fundraising. Thankful for the **amazing** times of worship, networking and team building activities.



We are highly anticipating celebrating the amazing things God has done through OMS during the past 125 years, with over 500 attendees, at the upcoming celebration!



We would value your prayers for our amazing mother-daughter duo, Michelle and Abigail, as they serve for one week in an English camp in Hungary with missionaries from their home church in Virginia.



We praise the LORD for you! We regularly give thanks to God for you and the amazing ways HE encourages us through you - your communications, prayers and support. WHAT a tremendous blessing!

May God continue to bless you in your walk with Him.

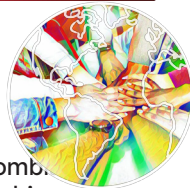
With our gratitude, love and prayers for you - *Carl & Heidi*

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### PRAYERS

- **1 - 5 June: Orientation.**
- **22 - 26 June: Global missionaries travelling to US HQ for annual meetings.**
- **23 - 26 June: OMS Board meetings.**
- **26 & 27 June: 125th Anniversary Celebration held in Indianapolis.**
- **29 June - 1 July: Retirement Planning Workshop; Carl leading.**
- **8 - 21 July: Michelle and Abigail's missions trip.**
- ... that we would be honourable servants who perform our responsibilities in the power of the Spirit; with an abundance of God's grace, love and wisdom.
- ... that God would continue to provide His choice of missionary candidates for OMS - both homeland and overseas and for their training.

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| RUGJO Josephine Rugeruzza         | RADHA 4VEH Ministry, Haiti                 |
| VOGAD Debbie Vogan                | RNV Red Nueva Vida (New Life Network)      |
| VOGAM Mark & Nube Vogan           | RUSSS Moscow Seminary                      |
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# Pray for the 2026 *Explore* teams

## Mozambique - 17th July-2nd August



Maureen



Sharon



Chelsea



Jacqui



Adeline



Joshua



Sarah



Karen



Tim

## Ecuador - 1st August - 16th August



Debbie



Charlotte



Zoe



Gabriel



Mark

## Sicily - 5th - 13th September



Daniel



Tim



Johnathan



Muriel



Jennifer



Emily

## Summer Conventions

OMS will be at...

Keswick at  
Portstewart  
4th-10th July

New Horizon,  
Coleraine  
5th-7th August

Bangor Worldwide  
17th-21st August



## PRAY

OMS Prayer Meeting via Zoom

4th Thursday each  
month at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83701059360>



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