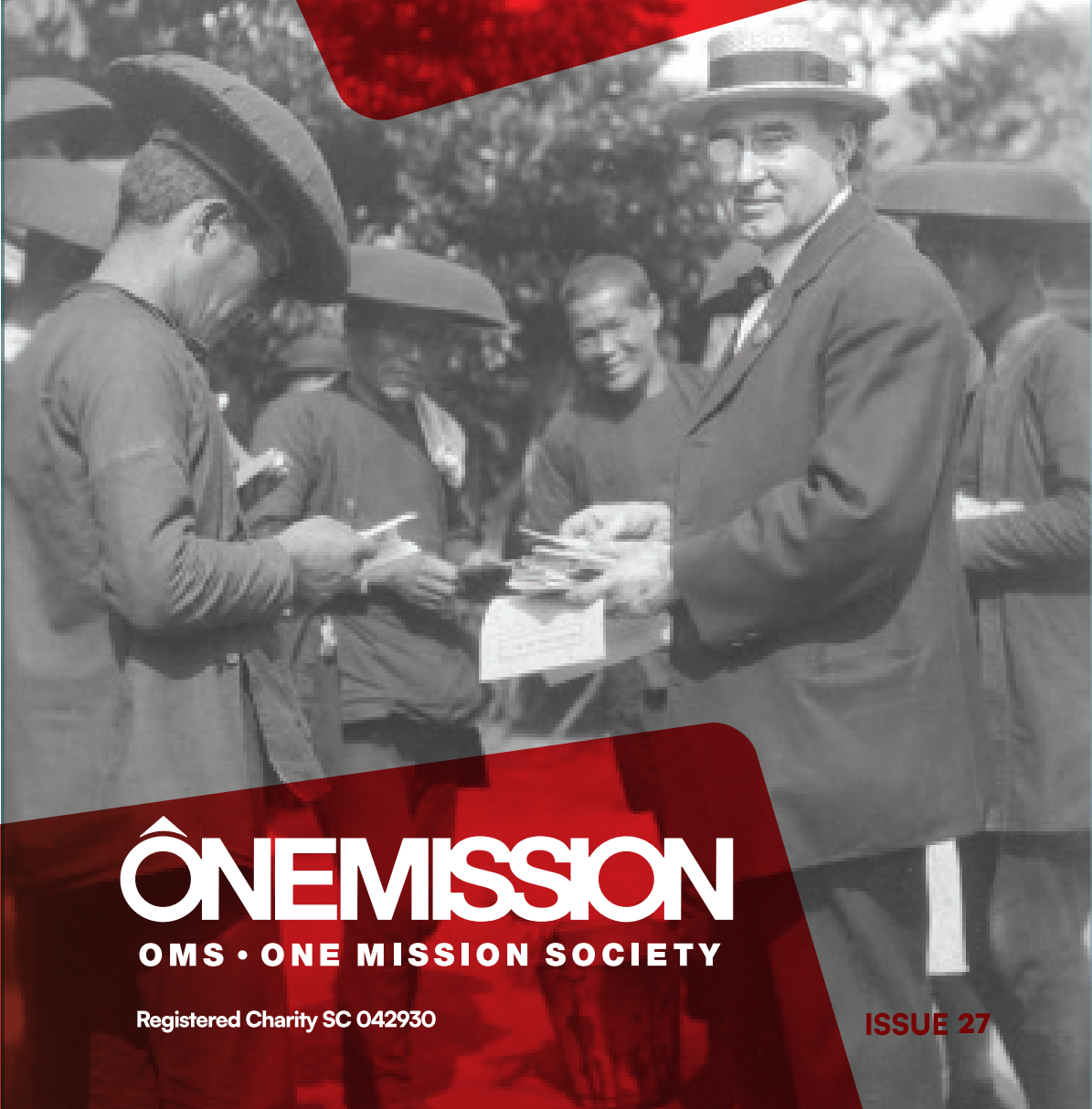


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IN MEMORIAM

Sheila Brown, MBE

Sheila Brown passed away 7th June, after a short but intense battle with pancreatic cancer, at the age of 84. Sheila worked in the OMS office in Manchester and was a blessing to many at St. Margaret's Church, Burnage. Our sympathies to her brother Peter and sister-in-law Veronica.

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‘A Word of Gratitude and Vision’ Jeff and Laura Edwards

As we celebrate 125 years of One Mission Society (OMS) ministry, we pause to give thanks. First and foremost, we thank God for his steadfast faithfulness through every season. Truly, “**great is your faithfulness**” (Lamentations 3v23). This milestone stands as a living testimony to his grace and power celebrating a **Faithful God**.

We also thank the many faithful men, women and children – missionaries, national partners, supporters, intercessor, and friends – who have dedicated themselves to advancing His kingdom. Your prayers, sacrifices, and commitment are woven into the fabric of OMS and have borne fruit across generations celebrating **Faithful People**.

Together, we celebrate all that God has accomplished through OMS in 84 countries – lives transformed, churches planted, leaders equipped, and the Gospel proclaimed to the end of the earth. God has done “**far more than all that we can ask or think**” (Ephesians 3v20).

As we honour the past, we also look forward to the future with hope and anticipation, aware that the task remains unfinished. People groups still await hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are confident that the same God who has guided us through 125 years will continue to lead us ahead. With his strength and alongside faithful partners like you, we press on until all have heard and we complete the **Unfinished Task**, so that “**this Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come**” (Matthew 24v14).

With deep gratitude for Christ and His kingdom.

Jeff and Laura Edwards
The Office of the President (OMS Global)



Jeff and Laura Edwards will be joining us at the OMS UK 125 Anniversary Celebration and Meal. Please plan to join us, booking details can be found on the back page.

The Unfinished Task

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The cover page of the OMS Global Impact Report 2025-26 speaks volumes about the work of One Mission Society. Ten Bible college students on a ship to Japan in 1917 to work in the village campaign overlayed with the words Faithful God, Faithful People, Unfinished Task.

For over 35 years, half of those as a field director in Ecuador and Mozambique, Mabel and I worked with many others in the unfinished task.

In the early 1970s two OMS missionaries Marshal Cavit and Peter Wilson intentionally went to the community of Progreso, Ecuador, to preach the Gospel of Christ and plant a church. The political leader, Nevio Suquizupa, accepted Christ. Soon Nevio, his wife Amada, their four children, Nevio's two sisters, his parents and others of the community were worshipping God together.

A short time after Nevio's conversion, he met Rafael Pucha who lived in Ucumari, a three-hour walk down the trail from Progreso. Nevio shared the Gospel with Rafael who became a Christian at that time. These two men graduated in the first class of the Sinai Bible Institute in November 1977. They both became teachers at the Institute. Later, Nevio served as pastor of a new church in Cuenca. When he retired at age 70, with his Bible and guitar, he preached the Gospel in numerous villages throughout the Andes. Rafael had taught students in the Bible Institute that a pastor should be involved in the development of the community. He was pastoring in Progreso, living there with his wife and three children. He was helping three other men dig out a culvert to place it in another location. The mountain slid in on them. Rafael died that day doing what he believed and taught.

Maria Lucia became an early member of the Christian Bible Church in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She studied every course the church offered. She worked in the Sunday School and studied in Mabel's training class for preparing and serving communion. In the spring of 1995, out of the blue, Maria Lucia asked Mabel and I if we would visit her partner, Numa, in the Social Security hospital. He had gangrene in one leg with the possibility of amputation. Mabel and I went to see Numa and he accepted Christ as his Saviour. On the following visit Numa asked Maria Lucia: "Would you marry me?"

Numa had had a previous marriage. An annulment had seemed too costly and time consuming. However, the former wife had died and Numa was now free to marry. OMS missionary Roger Skinner performed the ceremony as many others from the church stood around the hospital bed. Numa had the amputation and lived until January 2000. When Mabel and I retired in 2008, Maria Lucia began calling Mabel on the phone three or four times a year. She would always ask about the missionaries who had served in the church. The last call from Maria Lucia was on 4th July 2025. She went to be with Jesus the following September.

On 1st January 1999, OMS missionary Vaughn Telfer and family arrived in Mozambique. A year later three hurricanes devastated the country. Thousands of homes were destroyed. Vaughn worked hard at supplying food and medical attention to a new community, Khongolote, set up by the government. A new home could be built for \$1,000. OMS built over 30 houses and the government gave OMS property for a school and church. About that time a young man, Dinis Ramos, was sent by his family from the province of Zambezia, 1,000 miles north, for his high school education. The Bible Institute students from the Khongolote church told Dinis about their studies. Dinis came to the Institute and became a Christian hearing the Gospel in a Bible class. Dinis enrolled in a three-year course. But after two years Dinis told Pastor Telfer: "I must take this message back to my people." Vaughn helped Dinis get ready for his ministry, providing him with Bibles and song books in the Macau language and taking him back to Zambezia. Today there are over 100 churches in Zambezia through Dinis's work with the help of the Living Word Evangelical Church of Mozambique.

The work of OMS is supported by a team of faithful servants. Some have prayed! Some have given! Some have gone! This task will remain unfinished until Jesus returns. Our faithful God is still calling for faithful people to labour in the unfinished task.

Could this be you?



Bruce Callender
OMS Retiree



Bethesda Medical Centre

Julie Edler, Board
Member Bethesda

The last decade has been one of the most difficult in Haiti's history. In 2017, President Jovenel Moise was inaugurated as President, the banana farmer was then assassinated in July 2021. A power vacuum was created, and armed gangs stepped in and took control. Today over 90% of the nation's capital city is controlled by gangs.

These following years have been marked by political instability, food insecurity, fuel shortages, roadblocks, violence, displacement and fear. At present, Haiti has no elected national officials, and many families continue to face enormous uncertainty as they struggle to meet their basic needs.

Despite all these challenges God has been faithful to Bethesda Medical center in Northern Haiti.

While Bethesda is removed from direct gang violence which takes place in the capital city of Port au Prince, it has experienced the effects. Fuel shortages, rising inflation, increasing food costs and the movement of thousands of people from Port au Prince to the North have all placed additional pressure on our clinic and the communities we serve. Yet, through God's provision and the generosity of faithful supporters, Bethesda has continued to provide high quality, compassionate care to the people of Northern Haiti.

Over the past several years, improvements to our services and infrastructure have been made. In 2021, a solar power system was installed that provides 24-hour electricity. Phase 2 of the solar project is now beginning, which will increase our solar capacity and reduce dependency on expensive diesel fuel.

A prayer room was built, providing a quiet space where patients and their families can come for prayer or our clinic pastor can bring people to pray with them. In addition, unused rooms are being renovated to expand the Emergency Department, allowing more patients to be cared for in times of critical need. This project will be completed in the coming months.

God has been faithful in keeping Bethesda functioning through very difficult and challenging times in Haiti. While the headlines focus on

Haiti's political instability and violence, they rarely tell the stories of individual lives being impacted every day.

One way care for the most vulnerable is provided is through those who give to Bethesda's Compassion Fund – a fund set aside to help patients who cannot afford the cost of medical care.

During a mobile clinic outreach in a remote village in Northern Haiti, our medical team met a pregnant woman whose situation was very concerning. She was seven months pregnant, severely anaemic, malnourished, and the mother of six children. Despite being well into her pregnancy, she had never seen a doctor or received antenatal care. Like many women living in poverty and isolated communities, she lacked access to healthcare services and did not have the financial means to travel to a medical facility. Her condition placed both her life and the life of her unborn child at serious risk.

During the evaluation, Bethesda's medical team recognised the urgency of her situation. They provided medical care, nutritional support, counselling, and the appropriate treatment to address her anaemia and pregnancy-related complications. They also enrolled her in the antenatal programme and arranged regular follow-up appointments.

Over the following weeks, she faithfully attended her antenatal consultations. With proper medical care, nutritional guidance, and ongoing support, her health gradually improved. When the time came, she safely delivered her baby in Bethesda's maternity unit under the care of our healthcare team. For Bethesda, it was another successful delivery. For her family, it was the difference between life and death.

Several months after giving birth, she returned to the clinic carrying a small basket of mangoes from her garden. It was not much, but it was all she could offer.

With tears in her eyes, she handed the mangoes to the staff and said:

"Thank you for saving my life and the life of my baby. If I had died, I do not know what would have happened to my children."

Then she added words that touched every member of our team:

"I pray every day for the staff and supporters of Bethesda."

The Bethesda Compassion Fund makes stories like this possible. It provides care for those who have no where else to go, ensuring that poverty is never a barrier to receiving life saving treatment. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gives, prays, and partners with Bethesda. We hope you feel part of what God is doing at Bethesda.



**Visit [www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/
project/bethesda-medical-centre](http://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/project/bethesda-medical-centre)**
**To learn more or give to support Bethesda
Medical Centre.**



Belfast and beyond



Mya Miller
OMS Intern

Mya Miller is coming to Belfast to undertake a three month placement in the UK office in the area of administration in missions, to use and develop her skills as she seeks God's will for the future.

Hello, my name is Mya Miller, and I am a recent graduate of Taylor University in Indiana with a degree in Global Studies. Through my studies, the Lord has deepened and strengthened my love for my brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour at a young age. I remember being struck with the reality of my own sinfulness and my inability to help myself. In that moment I realised how desperately I needed Jesus. Since that moment, the Holy Spirit has been faithfully sanctifying me, convicting me and humbling me. Throughout that journey, He has taught me patience and what it means to be loved perfectly. These experiences have given me a deep desire to serve the Lord by loving and serving His children.

Last year, I had the opportunity to spend several months in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and I have been eager to return ever since. I am also looking forward to worshipping again at Central Church, where I regularly attended during my time in Belfast. I am very grateful to be provided with an opportunity to return to a place that I love while doing something that I love!

I am excited to be serving in the OMS UK office and to learn more about global missions. I look forward to learning from the administrative staff and engaging in many facets of the OMS office. While I do not yet know what the Lord has planned for my future, I am learning to trust His plan and to faithfully listen and obey His leading. The Lord is so kind to provide my every need in life and I have no reason to doubt that He will continue to do that during my time in Belfast and beyond.

Thank you for your prayers and support as I learn more about the Lord and serve Him in Belfast this autumn!



Finding Hope Jacqui's Testimony

The Stuart Townend hymn, *There is a hope*, reminds us that our hope and home is in Christ Jesus:

"There is a hope that lifts my weary head, a consolation strong against despair, that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there."

My name is Jacqui. Like many living in this fallen world, I found the Saviour while in an incredibly deep pit. I came to Christ beaten, broken, and crushed—emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Having known rejection and abuse from a very young age, I tried to heal my own wounds as an adult. It only made everything worse.

Until, like the woman at the well, Jesus came looking for me. In His mercy and grace, He saved me when I wasn't even looking for Him. His redeeming love, steadfast faithfulness, and divine timing saved my life. As I began to grow in faith, I realised that the healing power of Jesus is a gift to be shared. True transformation began when I got honest with God and trusted Him to heal my deepest wounds. I decided to surrender my life to Him completely, promising in my feebleness to be an empty vessel, ready and willing to serve Him no matter what.

I rushed God's call, trying different ministries that were outside my giftings. I bounced from job to job, and doors slammed shut, in my arrogance, I tried to reopen them myself. Everything changed when applied to join an "Explore team" to Mozambique. Here I gained a true heart for ministry. Soon after, the shop manager role opened up at One Mission Society charity shop in Portglenone. Taking up this position meant leaving a secure, 22-year career in healthcare, as a unit manager, for an 18-hour post. By human logic, it made no sense. But I remembered Proverbs 3:5-6 and the promise I made God. I had to walk in faith.

What a blessing and joy, I now have! Going to work and sharing the love of Christ is an absolute privilege. Every morning, our team prays to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to shine brightly, and to plant seeds for the salvation of our community—all for the glory of God. He is the great Redeemer, your Creator, and He knows exactly what His creation needs. I pray my story inspires you to trust Jesus with your whole life. If you are in the area, please call into the shop at Portglenone for a chat and prayer. May God bless you greatly.

Jacqui Stewart, Charity Shop Manager



Here am I. Send me!

Explore



Magdalena, GUATEMALA

17th July - 31st July 2027

Evangelism and youth ministry team.



Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE

27th August - 12th Sep 2027

Share God's love with the marginalised.



Catania, SICILY

4th - 11th September 2027

One-to-one street evangelism team.

Embark

Tailored internships from 1-12 months with mentoring.

Gain experience and embark on a journey of faith,
discovery and learning in cross-cultural mission.

Engage

A wide range of placements to engage in God's mission for
one year or more. Respond to God's call on your life, walk
this journey with us - learning, growing and serving.

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Mission Opportunity



Calvary Church Castlebar is inviting applications for the role of Senior Pastor. They are praying for a man who will shepherd the congregation with theological conviction, pastoral warmth, and evangelistic commitment. The successful candidate will:

- Demonstrate clarity, conviction, and a gracious spirit in teaching and in leadership.
- Bring with him several years of experience in pastoral ministry.
- Come fully supported as a missionary, enabling him to serve full-time in work of the Gospel.

The Church:

Calvary Church Castlebar has an average attendance of 25 and has been meeting for ten years. The congregation has its own building located in the centre of Castlebar, providing a stable and visible presence for ministry in the town.

The Town:

Castlebar is a vibrant and growing town in the west of Ireland, with a mix of long established families, young professionals, and international residents. It offers a unique blend of rural beauty and urban convenience, making it a welcoming place for ministry and for family life.

Applications need to be received by the 2nd of November 2026. An application form is available on request by contacting James McMaster (Church Elder) at jamesandjuliamcmaster@gmail.com. For further information on Calvary Church Castlebar visit www.calvarychurchcastlebar.ie

OMS can walk alongside those called into full-time work for the Gospel in partnership with Calvary Mission. Contact our mobilisation officer via email at opportunities@onemissionsociety.org.uk

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 Mark and Nube who are in Ecuador until February. Pray for Sammy in his second 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, Strabane & Portglenone

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

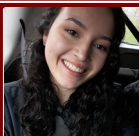


Pray for Richard as he oversees the finances of OMS UK and implements the new finance system.



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 Member Care Intern

Pray for Debbie in her 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 implement the finance program.

15 Leslie Reid Area Rep N. Ireland



Please pray for Leslie to have more opportunities to represent OMS in Northern Ireland.

“Devote yourselves to prayer”
Colossians 4:2

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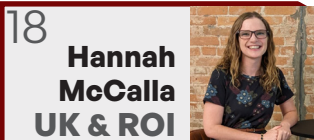
16 Pollock Family ROI

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.



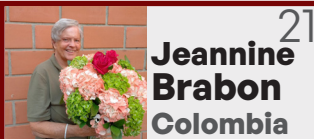
19 Philip & Fiona Richardson UK

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 disciplined 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.



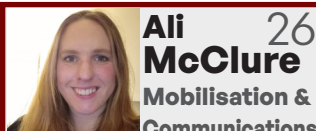
24 Josephine Rugeruz Belgium

Josephine travelled to Belgium in July to serve with Eddy and Chris Delameillieure. Please pray for future direction.



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

Praise God for His provision for the 2026 Explore teams and pray for more teams & Embarkers to be sent in 2027.



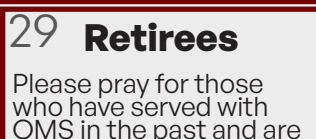
27 Brenda Reid

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



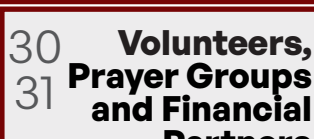
28 Tommy Hui Leeds, UK

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
Autumn 2026



My Dear Friend,

My heart wells in deep gratitude to God for His faithfulness over the years. Let me share some encouraging testimonies. Seeing God transform lives is the joy of my 55 years in ministry. As I enter yet another year walking with Jesus to bring in the harvest, I rejoice in the privilege of this high calling.

In the early 90s, Jose received Jesus as his Saviour on his first day in Bellavista Prison. Today he pastors a church in a vulnerable area of Medellín. He texted me, *"Alex wants to invite you to a meal."* I did not remember Alex, who had been in our halfway house 30 years ago. One Saturday evening, we met. When he saw me, his eyes welled with tears. *"Thank you, Jeannine, for taking me in and sheltering me. I will never forget how deeply God met me."* His face glowed with the love of Jesus. With him were his wife and his son (17). His daughter could not come, but all of them are faithfully walking with God. What joy! Only God transforms a former assassin with Pablo Escobar's elite hit men, redeems him and brings his family into the Kingdom as well.



Alex, his wife, me, Jose, and his son.



In July, my heart thrilled to see brothers whom I had not seen in nearly 30 years. They came to a church where their friend was the main speaker, now a pastor of a large Hispanic church in Chicago. The ex-prisoners hugged me and. It is humbling to see, most of them now evangelists or pastors.

As Geovanny left my apartment, with tears he said, *"Thirty years ago, this coming 7th September, you introduced me to Jesus in the prison."* *"What did I say?"* I asked. He responded, *"You told me that Jesus loves me. I could not believe the words you spoke. Me? Trans? Jesus loves me? I couldn't believe it, but that day I opened my heart to the King of Glory, the LORD Jesus, and God transformed me."*

Today he goes to the worst areas of Medellín and shares Jesus with trans, prostitutes and homosexuals. Countless numbers have responded to his witness. With tears in his eyes, he said, *"My ministry is yours because you introduced me to Jesus, the love of my life. Praise God, 50 of them have been baptized. It is only through prayer and fasting and with the fullness of the Holy Spirit that I can go and share the Good News that Jesus loves them and can transform them as he did me."* His passion and dedication are evident. He has no financial support but trusts God to provide. His joy is contagious.

He led a medical doctor to the LORD, and this MD is going to do reversal surgery for free on a former trans individual he led to Jesus. Last night, Frank got thrown out of his home by his elderly parents because he no longer brought money home from working the streets. So, Geovanny found another room, where he is living, for him. *"I am going to disciple him and take him with me when I get to share Jesus."* Please pray for Geovanny and Frank, for the Holy Spirit to guide and protect them daily.

I asked you to pray for two Band of Brothers' *Wild at Heart* events in Bogotá and in Cartagena during August. Pray now for God's ongoing work in the hearts of each man who attended. At an aftercare meeting in Amanecer, former prisoners were asked what they would like to do again. Bernardo, who started as an assassin at age 13, replied, *"Attend another Band of Brothers event. I cannot begin to share how radically it impacted and changed me."*

Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into His Heavenly Kingdom! 2nd Timothy 4:18.

Thank you so very much for your support and prayers. Pray this promise of God over every new believer, and the ones mentioned in this letter.

Rejoicing in Jesus!

Jeannine

Tommy & Kathie Hui



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1. Please continue to pray for Hong Kong immigrants in the UK as they prepare for the B1 English Test and the Life in the UK Test, and as many begin submitting their applications for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR). We thank God that some brothers and sisters have already been granted ILR, while a few are still waiting for the outcome of their applications.
2. On 2nd August, The RockGate Church held its first baptismal service, with six adults and three elderly people being baptised. Please asking Lord to strengthen their faith and to use their testimonies so that many more people may come to know the Lord Jesus.
3. In the second half of the year, we will have two joint worship services with the English congregation of St Stephen's Church, as well as various joint outreach events with other groups. Please pray that the Lord will enable us to serve the local community together and be a faithful and effective witness for Him.

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Extraordinary encounters

On a normal-extraordinary day we walked the streets of the Macharius district, the area the Lord has asked us to pray for and win back for Him. This area has been populated since Celtic times; here Ghent originated and was christianized in 630 AD. But it now has become a truly dark place. As we headed home, the normal day became quite extraordinary. We saw two elderly people in the distance. I decided hold back to say hello, but then... it dawned on me that I knew them: a brother and sister in the Lord whom we hadn't seen for 40 years. I hardly recognised them, yet somehow knew who they were. I addressed them by name and they stopped, astonished at how these "strangers" knew their name. Then a wonderful moment of recognition followed. We exchanged greetings and smiles, and said many words, enjoying the wonders of a divinely arranged encounter. We had heard that they were living in this neighborhood and had asked the Lord to meet them, so He organized it!



Extraordinary as this is, it wasn't the only divine encounter in the Macharius borough. Just two weeks before, we had been singing with some of the church

folk in the "green cathedral", a ruin of Ghent's first ever cathedral, rebuilt with hedges and greenery. Probably for the first time in 500 years, the Lord was publicly praised again in the place where the altar once stood. The sound likely differed a lot, in music style and language. It seems now is the time to bring the breath of worship back in this once glorious cathedral; a bit like the Lord giving breath to dry bones in Ezekiel. We need help from heaven and God's breath of the Holy Spirit to bring renewal to this place! When we left the area that morning, we "accidentally" bumped into "Nick", a young Christian man who lives in sheltered accommodation in this neighbourhood. We had never met him there before... now he wants to join in worshipping the Lord on his streets.

Meeting both sets of Christians was special for us. I, Eddy, was reading Acts 10 the other day about the extraordinary encounter of Peter, the Christian Jew, with Cornelius, the Gentile God-fearer. Peter would never have gone and met the man in Caesarea was it not for extraordinary divine guidance. It wasn't the custom for a Jew to even enter the house of a non-Jew, and a complete stranger at that. This meeting ended in the start of the first ever Gentile church. We pray that the same Lord will arrange many "chance encounters" with the local inhabitants of Macharius. May we understand His plans for this borough, so that the extraordinary message of the Good News will transform that area.

Over the summer we will continue to “walk” the borough of the green cathedral. Many people pass through its park on their way to the station after work. We are also looking into renting the foyer of a council building in one of the streets of Macharius. The One in Christ Church could then have monthly sing-along meetings, hopefully from September onwards. We need God to give us special favour from the city council for that; the price is one thing to navigate, but to obtain permission could be an obstacle as the city doesn’t lease to religious organisations! Bringing the Lord’s public presence where there is currently no Christian witness at all, be it in Caesarea or in Ghent, is always extraordinary. We are 100% dependent on the Lord’s guidance. Hence, we are looking for extraordinary prayers, inspired by God’s Spirit through ordinary, normal children of God. Thank you for your faithful support in word and deed.

We’ve just come out of the 10-day “Gentse Feesten”, the yearly celebrations around our national independence day. This year more than 1 million visitors were out on the streets. As every year, churches in Ghent use this unique opportunity to evangelise in whatever way possible: the Freedom Festival, a live Gospel concert and arts festival, free pancakes in the evangelical church in the very centre of the city, serving coffee early mornings to those who drink throughout the night. There was a host of Christian volunteers from as far as Tennessee, USA. Josie from England, also came over to help; she is enrolled with the OMS Embark programme. We had many, many

talks with people, some were truly interested in the Gospel; other talks were, what we call pre-evangelism, letting people encounter Christians for the first time in their lives. Eddy had a wonderful conversation with a Moroccan muslim. Another day, a young man came, asking “Is this the Christian corner?” He remembered it from last year! One of those saved was a man from Rwanda, a fellow national of Josie’s country of birth. Praise the Lord, we sow the seeds, and in time, somebody will do the reaping!

We are still praying over organising a special event on the 3rd of October for the City of Ghent in which we would rededicate it to the Lord. Exactly 100 years ago a statue was erected stating “Christ, King over Ghent”. May the Lord help us and make what seems impossible possible! Immediately afterwards we leave for Albania DV for the Hope of Europe Conference, from 5th-9th October.

In the meantime, the European Parliament is closed for the holidays. From September onwards, both Eddy and Chris are responsible for the prayer teams on Tuesdays, together with a friend. This friend just left the hospital after more than a month’s stay. Please remember us and our family in prayer as we too need the Lord’s protection in all of this.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYER SUPPORT!

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





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



Thank you for your prayers over a very busy summer season. I (Melvin) travelled to Indiana from 21st-28th June to participate in OMS Missionary Council and 125th Anniversary.

The day after I returned, I repacked my case and set off for Mozambique with an Exodus team! It was such a blessing to host this team of young people, giving them opportunity to see, experience and serve as part of the **Somos Nós** ministry. The medical and social care students were able to put into practice some of their training, while everyone served together practically. The team shared their testimonies and some shared evangelistic messages and preached at the Sunday services. Join us in prayer that God would continue to shape the hearts of these young people.



*THE EXODUS TEAM HELPING
OFFLOAD THE CONTAINER*

Thank you for praying for and giving to the '**Love that moves**' campaign earlier this year. The funds raised made purchasing these wheelchairs possible.

The Exodus team also got to help offload the 300 children's specialised wheelchairs when the container arrived. What an answer to prayer! God is faithful.



Denny gifted with mobility



*The Photo Says It All
(Child, Mum & Regina)*

When I arrived back home on 16th July, I passed on the baton to Sharon, who left on 18th with the OMS team to Mozambique. This team were able to do training and help the *Somos Nós* team with fitting some of the specialised chairs. Only God could have brought together such a skilled team



Explore & Somos Nós Team

made up of a physiotherapist, two nurses, two occupational therapists, a doctor, someone with experience in community care as well as one with technical capabilities. What a blessing!



Sharon Reunited With Gift

We praise God for the works of faith, labours of love and steadfastness of hope (1st Thess 1v3) of both teams and our Mozambican brothers and sisters. Pray that God will continue to lead them and show them how He wants them to engage in His mission going forward.

Sharon remained in Mozambique for an extra week after the OMS team left. This was so that she could carry out research for her Masters. It was lifegiving for the participants (people with disability) for Sharon to show an interest in learning more about their challenges and aspirations. It was a humbling experience for Sharon. Please pray for Sharon and as she reviews the data and continues her studies. Pray that her findings would shape the future of our ministry.

In God's good providence, one of the Mozambique team members, Jacqui Stewart, has come on board to manage the OMS Charity Shop in Portglenone. Please be praying for her and all her team. Pray also that God might bring along more volunteers.

Would you or someone you know be able to volunteer for half a day per week?



JACQUI (FRONT RIGHT)



The Michels

Serving God & the Haitian people through 4VEH

Bonjou, Hello!

Thank you for partnering with our family as we serve God and Haiti's people together!

This summer has given us many reasons to thank God at 4VEH. Both Storly and I (Kate) had the opportunity to be with our team in Haiti in June/July (though not at the same time). Thanks for praying for our travels.

This season, we've celebrated 76 years of ministry, reached thousands of people through World Cup coverage as Haiti qualified for the first time in 52 years, and launched another summer of youth ministry. Through it all, we're grateful for every opportunity to share the hope of Christ with Haiti's people.

In June, our Canadian coworker Lisa and I joined the team (just a few pictured, top right) in Cap-Haitien to celebrate 76 years since 4VEH first began broadcasting the Gospel. What began as a single radio station has grown into a multimedia ministry that now reaches more than one million Haitians each day through radio, television, digital media and community outreach. We celebrated with special broadcasts, testimonies, and an Open House that brought listeners, staff and ministry friends together to give thanks for God's faithfulness (photo, bottom right).

During the trip, I also had the opportunity to train two new staff members in social media ministry and in how we partner with local churches for evangelism and the distribution of solar radios/audio Bibles. The middle photo shows our team with a rural church we've partnered with for more than 15 years. When we first began serving in this voodoo stronghold, there wasn't even a church there. Seeing what God has done over the years was a powerful reminder of His faithfulness. Wish you could have been there with us!

HAITI

Autumn 2026



God is still at work in Haiti

CELEBRATING 76 YEARS OF SHARING THE HOPE OF CHRIST





Esther is at college in Indianapolis

Storly & Hezekiah with big smiles on a video call.

We appreciate your prayers for our family!



Hannah & baby Hezekiah are doing well. She continues with nursing college locally while living at home.

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, 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, Hezekiah. Pray for Hannah (20), as she focuses on being a mum and continues nursing college, while living at home; and for Esther (18), as she settles in to college life, studying Exercise Science an hour away from home 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!
Storly, 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

Thank you for praying for our outreach through the summer. **Heritage Day in Ballina** was encouraging with the craft stand being busy all day. Every half hour session the kids decorated a wooden boat and put it together. Before they did there

was a short explanation of why they were getting a boat, relating the story of how Peter had gone fishing after Jesus' death and resurrection and saw Jesus on the shore. Instead of rowing away Peter got out of the boat and went to Jesus and was forgiven. So, even though we have all messed up, just as Peter had, what we need to do is to go to Jesus where we'll find forgiveness.



The **Crossmolina Agricultural Show** saw lots of children visit the kids' area throughout the day. The Lord provided enough volunteers who were a great help. Sarah and Samuel and some of their friends filled in for the face painting after the one we had booked cancelled. They were going steady all day and we had lots of positive interaction with people throughout the day. We were very blessed and thankful for the Lord's help.

The next day Mayo won the **All-Ireland Football Championship** and considering their last win was 75 years ago this made it an even more sought-after title. People spoke of all that it means to them, the climax of their hopes and dreams! Huge crowds gathered in various places over the next week as the team visited Clubs in their Homecoming tour, including Crossmolina where we were among around 2000 on the pitch to see the team and the Sam Maguire Cup (this was a small gathering in comparison to others!) Three of the players are from Crossmolina and one of them was in Andrew's school year. As we asked in our WhatsApp update...please pray that the people of Mayo will set their hearts on Jesus and press on for an eternal prize that will never fade.

September brings the start up again of the **Kids' Clubs** and **Youth Group**. We also pray Jo will get in again to Joshua's **school to teach Bible stories**. Please pray that door will stay open and for the classes she would be involved with. At this stage we don't know which ones that would be. Amidst the time needed in preparing for these we also want to be able to take time to continue to meet with **individuals** through the week, so please pray for wisdom in how we use our time as well as the stamina we need.

Praise God that we continue to have some new people come into the church service on a Sunday morning. One such couple have come twice, the lady is living in Bellmullet which is further west of Crossmolina. She has shown some interest in Bible study. Please pray she would join with us for that. A family has been coming regularly, having moved here from England. It's been a real joy to hear the dad starting to pray audibly in the prayer time in the service.

The young man who we mentioned before, having come when he was 18 and given his life to the Lord, is continuing to be committed but he has been finding things difficult at times and some of his family are openly against him following Jesus. Please continue to remember him in prayer. We can see potential for him to perhaps go to do further Biblical studies or even pursue a Christian leadership role in the future but for now please pray for a continued solid grounding in the Scripture and maturity in his faith.

As we look ahead we have been praying over the next step in Crossmolina and how we can more effectively reach people with the Gospel. We are in the process of setting up a social media account and establishing a website specifically for the Crossmolina community, where people can interact with us and ask questions and which we can then use in outreach. We want people to see the presence of the church not as a threat in the community but as something positive. So, please pray for wisdom in all of this and that it would build bridges and not walls.



Samuel and Andrew got through their exams without too much stress!

Thank you for praying for direction for Andrew. He's very thankful that he has been accepted by Aer Lingus to do an apprenticeship in aircraft engineering. This is a four-year apprenticeship starting in early September in Dublin. Please pray for him as he settles into this new role, gets to know his work colleagues and adjusts to life in Dublin away from home.



Samuel is now in TY in school (Transition Year) when he will have work experience one day a week. As we write that has not all come into place yet so we pray he will get the right placements for him.

Sarah is now in 3rd year and Joshua in 3rd class. Pray for them in their learning.

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

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*In August, **Red Nueva Vida (RNV)** will celebrate ten years of ministry! As Lupita and I reflect on that milestone we are filled with amazement as to what God has done, and also deep gratitude to Him for His love, mercy and goodness to us. We are also grateful for you: your prayer, encouragement and financial partnership over this time have been invaluable as we work together to see Jesus form reproducing disciples, churches and servant leaders among Spanish speakers across the world. Thank you.*

In July, sixteen people finished the new lay leadership training programme begun by RNV a year ago. This course was designed and written by RNV to train disciples in many aspects of local church ministry and leadership. Two groups, one from Guatemala, and the other from the USA, went through the course as a pilot run to allow us to evaluate feedback as to content relevance, delivery process, practicality etc. The course has been so well received by these two groups and the feedback so positive that only very minor changes will be made, which should take no more than a month to complete.



In January, all RNV country coordinators will meet in person for a week in the Dominican Republic for annual prayer and planning. At that time we will provide each leader with the finished course materials and give training on implementation. Each will then train multiple national pastors and disciples. The course gives extensive basic training on counselling, preaching, pastoral visiting, as well as practical orientation on how to conduct weddings, funerals, organize events, lead staff etc. We are excited to see the impact of this new training in the lives of individuals and local RNV churches.

In July, Lupita and I also had the privilege of attending Indian Springs Holiness Camp and being the designated missionary speakers. We had spoken there eight years ago and had visited a couple of times since to renew and deepen the friendships made. It was a very special time. The camp is large with up to 2,000 attending. We had the joy of speaking to hundreds of kids and youth, with Lupita also sharing at a women's luncheon. Over 150 women attended and Lupita gave her presentation and message in English which was really well received! I spoke at the main missionary evening and the camp gave RNV a very generous offering. We were struck by the tangible love and commitment to pray. It was so encouraging, and vital for the ongoing ministry of RNV.

Existing friendships were deepened and new ones formed. At the camp a significant number are 3rd and even 4th generation attenders, with their grandparents and great grandparents attending in the early 1900's. It impressed on us the blessing of Christian heritage and foundations, and we are determined as we form reproducing disciples that many Hispanics who did not benefit from that family heritage growing up will establish it in their own homes and their children and grandchildren will grow up in an environment where it is easy to fall in love with Jesus as His love is lived out in front of them.

Family News

Our family is well and constantly on the move! Daniel passed his driving test, only two weeks after turning 16 years old. He wonders why we have an app on his phone to measure speed, braking and phone use while driving! He worked his first full-time job all summer vacation in a car detailing shop and is glad to be finished! He plans to do a nursing assistant course in his spare time this autumn and get registered in Indiana so he can gain experience in the medical field. He wants to study medicine and has three years of High School left.

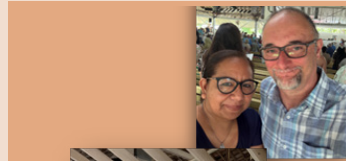
Noah is enjoying summer outside with his plants and bugs. He is in no rush to go to school, he will start his last year of Middle School and is doing really well. He really enjoyed the camp and making friends with the other kids. It was a blessing to see him fit in and adapt so easily.

Lupita and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary while at the Indian Springs camp! We have promised each other that next year we go away for a short trip.

We are looking forward to visiting Mexico and Lupita's family at Christmas. Thank you for your prayer and partnership, it is much needed, valued and appreciated. Please be sure of our prayers for you also.

Blessings,

Jonathan, Lupita, Daniel and Noah



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for:

- Daniel and Noah as they start a new school year.
- Health and strength.
- For wisdom as we pray and discern some next mayor steps for the RNV ministry.
- Jonathan will undergo surgery to remove a thyroid tumor on the 4th of September. Please pray for Jonathan and the whole family.

POLLOCK POST



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CHURCH PLANTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

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A Big Step

In our summer letter, we shared about the possibility that the Arch Bar might become a long-term home for Calvary Church. Since then, we have continued to pray, talk, ask questions, and seek wise counsel. More recently, we took the significant step of submitting a bid for the building.

That sentence is easy to write, but the decision did not feel small. A bid is not simply about a property. It represents the possibility of putting down deeper roots in Loughrea, but it also brings real responsibility. There are financial commitments, practical challenges, legal and planning matters, and the ongoing work of caring for a building well. We have wanted to be honest about all of that. Faith is not pretending the risks are not there. It is bringing them into the light, doing the work carefully, and asking God to guide us.

What continues to encourage us is not simply the building itself, but what it could be used for. A visible, permanent space in the centre of town could give the church greater stability and more room to welcome people, serve the community, train leaders, and share the Gospel. We can imagine ordinary conversations over coffee, friendships forming, people receiving help, children and young people being taught, and those who might never initially attend a Sunday service finding their way into Christian community.

At the same time, we are trying to hold this opportunity with open hands. We do not want the building to become the centre of our vision. Jesus is building His church, and He does not need a building to do it. If this door opens, we want to walk through it with humility and courage. If it closes, we want to trust Him without allowing disappointment to become discouragement. Either way, our calling remains the same: to make Christ known and to see a faithful Gospel witness established in Loughrea for generations to come.

Please pray for wisdom and unity as the process continues. Pray for favour in every conversation, clarity in every decision, and the financial provision that would be needed. Pray that we would not be driven by anxiety or carried along by excitement. Above all, pray that whatever happens, Christ would be honoured and His purposes advanced.

Prayer Points...

- Pray for wisdom, unity, and favour as the building process continues.
- Pray for the financial provision that would be needed if the bid moves forward.
- Give thanks for Ben passing his driving test, and pray for safety and wisdom as he drives.
- Give thanks for those taking greater responsibility within Calvary Church.
- Pray that new and developing leaders would grow in character, confidence, and faithfulness.
- Pray that God would save people in Loughrea and establish a lasting Gospel witness here.

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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

Big news for Ben as he passed his driving test! He is really enjoying his independence, but is now realising that his wages from his part-time job have a way of being used up with diesel and insurance! Pray for his safety on the road!

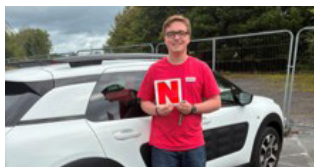
Joshua is going into his transition year in school, which will give him opportunities to get some work experience and a few other interesting endeavours. One of his trips will be with Coaching for Christ in Ballymena.

Caleb will enter his last year of primary school! This year will mean searching for secondary schools and ensuring that he gets the support for his dyslexia. He has really enjoyed discovering lie-ins over the summer, but also had a great time at Bible camp.

Church Update...

One of the encouraging changes at church has been seeing more people take responsibility. This is not simply about filling a rota or getting extra jobs done. It is about people recognising that the church belongs to all of us.

Men are growing in preaching and leadership, while others are caring for people and serving in practical ways. Please pray that we would know when to hold responsibility and when to hand it on. Pray that those stepping forward would grow in confidence, character, and love for God's people, and that together we would become an increasingly mature and healthy church!



Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb

THE REID - *INGS*



Dear Praying Friends,

We are grateful for the beautiful sunny days we have enjoyed here in Northern Ireland. They have been a reminder of God's goodness and faithfulness to us. We hope you too have had a refreshing summer, filled with special moments and happy memories that draw your heart to thankfulness.

Although our Ministry Partnership Development (MPD) course was spread over two months, the main training took place during an intensive three-day programme in Birmingham. It reminded us that God desires to use every one of His children in building His Kingdom, and that each one has an important part to play. We were also encouraged to trust Him as He leads us into new areas of ministry and invites new partners to join us. Reflecting on the many ways you have supported us over the years was especially encouraging, with some of you faithfully partnering with me (Leslie) from before I ever met Brenda! We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Your encouragement when we felt alone or disheartened made a difference. Your support has impacted lives across Mexico, Latin America, the UK, and Europe. Your prayers have opened the spiritual eyes of many children, young people, and adults. Through your partnership, God continues to transform hearts and lives.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer, giving, and encouragement. We are humbled by your friendship and partnership in the Gospel. May God richly bless you as together we continue to serve Him and see His Kingdom grow from wherever we are.

Welcoming Brenda's younger sister, Damaris, her husband Fernando, and their baby daughter Natalia for a 10-day visit was a highlight. We enjoyed outings, Northern Irish food, and making memories together. The use of a 9-seat minibus was a blessing that made the visit even more enjoyable.



Darina continues her studies at Clanrye and is learning to be a barista this summer. Leslie is waiting for his first flat white! Liam is thriving in his studies, achieving three distinctions and two merits in his first year. He, like Darina and Brenda, is learning to drive.

Leslie has enjoyed a busy summer with Keswick at Portstewart, New Horizon and Bangor Worldwide Missions Conference, as well as visits to churches and supporters. Meanwhile, Brenda continues translating OMS and Biblical Worldview materials, MPD coaching, researching autism resources, and supporting Coffee Connect.

Join us as we thank Him for

1. Our time with Damaris & family & the huge blessing of a minibus!
2. Our MPD training.
3. Darina & Liam's studies. Leslie's safety while traveling in NI.

And pray for:

1. Future ministry partners as God leads us into different areas of ministry.
2. Darina and Liam in their last year studies in Clanrye and SWC.
3. Brenda's time management as she balances ministry commitments.
4. Leslie, continuing as the NI Rep for OMS.

With Love in Christ,

Leslie, Brenda, Darina and Liam

**Celebrating
Milestones:
Hanna's
Journey**



Fundación Unydos' ministry in Bogotá



Hanna Isabella is 7 years old and currently in first grade. She joined Fundación Unydos at the age of 6 with a diagnosis of mild intellectual disability and has since been supported by an external multidisciplinary team, whose work has contributed positively to her overall development. During 2026, Fundación Unydos implemented visual learning strategies to support her academic progress, while our Psychology Department worked closely with her family to promote her independence, encourage age-appropriate skills, and monitor her therapeutic processes. Today, we celebrate the progress Hanna has made in her learning, independence, and personal development. We also recognise the dedication of her parents, who have consistently attended appointments and followed professional recommendations. Their commitment has played an important role in strengthening Hanna's academic growth, family relationships, and self-esteem. As a ministry, we are delighted to be part of her journey and honoured to support her as she continues to grow and achieve new milestones.

**The power of
opportunity:
John Jairo's
story**



Hope Houses' ministry in Bogotá



When John Jairo arrived at Hogar Esperanza (Hope Houses) at age eight, he had already faced loss, neglect, and hardship. Shy and withdrawn, he struggled to communicate, but he found something life-changing at the Home: love, stability, and people who believed in him.

With support and education, he excelled in school and later earned a degree in Physical Education and Sports. Today, he works as a PE teacher at the same school he once attended and mentors many children from Hogar Esperanza. He also volunteers at a Christian soccer programme, sharing encouragement, values, and hope with the next generation.

John Jairo's story is proof that one opportunity can change a life. Thanks to the support of our donors, a vulnerable child became a teacher, a role model, and a source of hope for others.

Thank you for your interest in our children. Your prayers and support are making the difference in this nation. You are part of what the Lord is doing in Colombia.

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Dear Friend,

We are grateful for your prayers for Philip. Since March he has continued to feel very rough with post-viral symptoms that limit his ability to work. Despite various thorough tests with doctors, there is no medical solution. Pray with us that Jesus will bring Philip His healing, protection and wisdom in all decisions about work and travel.



Philip was sad to miss annual meetings in America because of his health. But we thank God he was able to participate in his own Theological Education meetings over Zoom. The strategic

gathering included our new Asia Pacific coordinator and a new assistant coordinator for Latin America. Seminary leaders from Colombia and from Brazil came to help them think through how seminaries can relate to national church denominations and how we can learn from the support network of OMS-partner seminaries in Latin America for other continents. God's Spirit worked deeply in prayer and discussion, and we pray that He will grow this work to raise up leaders and teachers of leaders for His global church.

Caroline (in purple) works very hard for the Esther Project in Uganda and needs your prayers. To prevent Ebola virus spreading, she has to run extra, smaller groups and sit outside. Scovia,



aged 15, enjoyed growing in a loving group but after a short, undiagnosed illness, sadly died. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will fill Scovia's group with God's comfort and truth for all the girls. Pray with us that Ebola, the mystery illness, and their questions, will give an urgency to come near to Jesus and trust Him with their lives. Pray that Jesus will shield Caroline and leaders in DR Congo from illness and give them His strength to minister in this time.



As the global book of Bible study, life questions and prayer guides moves forward, Fiona has been excited to use it for a year here in London. Young women at very different stages of faith, from three different continents, have grown and it has been very strategic in the editing process. The photo shows one from Nepal at her joyful baptism. Please continue to ask God's Spirit to lead every step of finalisation with OMS, formatting and making the book available to be used globally.



We are enjoying Jasmine, back from Spain for a few months, as she builds up work online to move there permanently. We continue to focus on growing our wonderful support team and are thankful for some fruit so far. Encouraging new friends with what God is doing around the world and inviting them to join Him is exciting as well as challenging. Please pray with us that the good Father will provide the extra funding we need for our monthly wages.

Please pray for:

- God's healing, protection and peace over Philip. Pray for help and wisdom about work, and whether to travel on 1st September to teach a course on the Gospels and Acts in Central Asia. Pray for him as he plans to teach a course online about Revelation for Haiti from 31st August – 10th September.
- God's Spirit to lead Fiona and others in OMS as they work on finalising and making the global Esther Project book available online. Pray that Jesus will protect and lead Caroline and others working with young women where Ebola is a threat.
- God, our provider, to draw and bless those He wants to be in our support team. Pray that the Lord will lead Fiona in her meetings with local friends and He will raise up more prayer and 10% more finances.
- The Theological Education team to keep in step with the Holy Spirit in all the plans and partnerships as Philip coordinates the team.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

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

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." Mark 10:14

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Praise Points:

- Regular giving to our Support Account.
- An edifying men's retreat and several great youth days.
- BCCCL women's daily online prayer-time 4:30am ECT.
- Mark's weekly Men's Bible Study online, Thu. 5am ECT.
- The first in-person men's meeting and a good attendance in the HBC men's class.
- 100+ attended the HBC closing service.
- The OMS UK Explore Team served well with BCCCL in the HBC.

Dear Team Member,

We praise God that for the most part we have been keeping well. We revised our **return plans** in coordination with our leaders in order that Mark can complete his MA research in Loja and also encourage the church and its leaders, then we plan to return to Northern Ireland by early February 2026.



Renewed Vision for the Biblical Christian-Community Church of Loja

We realise that we need to restate the vision for BCCCL, which will not only make our future task and role clear but also encourage the church through a clear vision. Attendance and membership has declined over the last few years due to changes in leadership, post-Covid economy, and lack of employment. A number of families have moved away for work and some of their friends have become discouraged. It has been hard to see past leaders and potential leaders/elders leave over the years. We thank God for the current servant-leaders. Our distance from the congregation during HMA, in these difficult times, has also had an impact.

What is the way forward? We see God leading us to encourage the members and ourselves to a closer walk with God and in **personal evangelism**. Recently we had a workshop on evangelism, which was well attended by leaders and members.

Mark is currently investigating the most **appropriate discipleship** route for the believers given the conditions here, to develop something that could be widely used. Through this practical application of the Word in believers' lives we seek to encourage them to overcome the obstacles to become effective servants, leaders and

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elders. (Mark's research should help identify issues and recommend new approaches.) We trust that this discipleship will lead the believers to commit to be mentored and trained as new leaders. Then, for them to continually disciple and train others. This is very much in line with OMS' reworded strategy for Believers, Bibles, Bodies (of Christ), and Bridges (to missions). Although we have highlighted the future need to assist BCCCL in constructing their own building, our current priority is developing the church and all levels of leadership. *"The reason I left you in Crete (for us, Loja) was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you."* Titus 1:5. Currently it appears to be a long process to get to appoint elders in this context therefore it requires much prayer for the Spirit's leading and preparation of willing hearts and minds to grow in the faith and their gifts.

OMS UK Explore Team and BCCCL Holiday Bible Club

We had the pleasure of hosting the UK Explore team, which Debbie led. They did an excellent job, helping, preparing and running the HBC games, which were a big hit with the children and youth. We were blessed with the use of the neighbouring lot for games. Attendance rose to over 90 during the week and it was great to see the enthusiasm of the children, youth and adults for learning the Bible in seven simultaneous Bible classes. The closing programme and Family Fair was well attended, as was the Sunday service the next day with new and returning families. One lady asked Nube how she could be closer to God. We pray that the Gospel seed will grow in many more individuals and families in these marginal neighbourhoods. May God bless each one involved in sending and supporting this mission team to Loja.

Love in Christ,

the Vlogans



Over 100 people attended the HBC closing programme



HBC 11-13 year-olds keen to study the word

Prayer Requests:

- Wise policies for lasting peace in Ecuador and an end to divisions, gang violence, drugs and extortion.
- Pray for BCCCL lay leaders balancing family needs, work and ministry.
- Augustin starting the in-person men's meetings.
- Greater spiritual growth and personal holiness of believers & future leaders.
- Sammy being cared for by Debbie and Timothy this term as he studies for GCSEs.
- Mark's balancing family time, online MA course, assignments and research.
- Hearts prepared by the Spirit to receive the Gospel and be disciplined.
- Follow-up of families and contacts from HBC.
- Suitable material to aid discipleship in the context.

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

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Dear Friends,

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude having had time to step back and contemplate all we have witnessed God do over these past several weeks. Thank you, **thank you** for joining us in prayer; most recently, for the OMS Conference, but mainly for the years of prayers regarding Billion.Global. Ten years ago, the vision was cast that one billion people would have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel by 2026. HALLELUJAH - the goal was reached in May and continues to expand because of all the networking between various mission agencies, churches and believers worldwide.

We are SO pleased and grateful to report that over 26 - 27th June OMS held a celebration in Indianapolis which commemorated 125 years of ministry. The event was entitled: **125 years: Faithful God, Faithful People, Unfinished Task**. Carl and I had the privilege of greeting over 500 people from at least 20 different countries. It was like a massive family reunion and a little slice of heaven all at the same time. As Teddy and I sang "Behold Our God" with the choir during the opening ceremony, it was thrilling to watch different nationalities carry in their country's flag.

Faithful God, indeed! And, YOU; a significant part of the **Faithful People**. We know you will continue praying for the **Unfinished Task**. Part of that task is what Heidi has been helping with recently by editing and formatting discipleship materials primarily being used by church planters in Africa. Lord willing, there will be 400 new training centres before 2027.

It's been an incredibly full and blessed summer! We would be remiss if we didn't specifically give thanks for:

1. Michelle (daughter-in-law) & Abigail's (granddaughter) amazing time in Hungary during the English camp.
2. Health and safety as we enjoyed time with Eliana and Zachary (grandchildren) for a fortnight.
3. Various ministry and hosting opportunities, making new friends and meeting new neighbours.

Thank you for praying for:

1. OMS Orientation in August.
2. Carl's travels to Florida for the annual MissioNexus conference.

We praise the LORD for you and your partnership with us.

May He bless you as you continue being faithful to Him in your part of the unfinished task.

With our deep gratitude, love & prayers,

Carl & Heidi



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Teddy thoroughly enjoyed being an official 'helper' with the One Mission Kids programme during the 125th Celebration.

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