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Guatemala Appeal

The Red Nueva Vida team serving in Guatemala has recently experienced several devastating earthquakes. Earthquakes are normal in Guatemala, but normally the epicenters are closer to the west side of the country or in the Pacific Ocean.

The 45,000 inhabitants in the of Santa Maria went without electricity for three days and the roads are blocked. The water pipes were damaged so they have been left without water. 80% of the houses are badly damaged. It is a very difficult situation. The stores ran out of food and vehicles cannot get access to bring supplies. The RNV churches in Guatemala have already raised £750 and donated much. They have joined together travelling long distances carrying supplies in by hand.

Working with the church members they have already seen people provided for, relationships formed, and doors open to share the love of Jesus. As we respond to this need, we seize an opportunity to share the practical love of Jesus and His eternal message of hope.

We would like to raise £15,000 to help provide food, water, water filters and help provide light. Thank you to all who have already responded to this need. If you wish to support this appeal there are three ways to give:

(1) Cheque made out to OMS and posted to OMS, 114a Hollywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NU

(2) Bank Transfer to One Mission Society, Barclay's Bank, Account: 30677035, Sort Code: 20-26-20 using the ref GUATRNV emailing info@onemissionsociety.org.uk so we can identify your donation.

3) Online at www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/project/guatamala-appeal (QR code below.)





Melvin Kelly
Executive Director

Wholehearted Followers?

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When someone makes a profession of faith in Christ, he or she is saved (John 3v16; Romans 10v9). A glorious truth, and yet, is there a danger that we run the risk of suggesting that the Gospel is more about ‘securing a ticket to heaven’ than following Jesus today? Too often, it is the case that Christians are content that they meet the ‘minimum entry requirement’ to get into heaven, without committing to follow Jesus wholeheartedly now.

Surely, emphasising the future benefits of the Christian faith, without paying attention to the present cost and benefits is dangerous. The outspoken German pastor and anti-Nazi dissident, Dietrich Bonhoeffer often spoke about ‘cheap grace’ which was, in essence, salvation without discipleship. Jesus called us to ***‘make disciples [...] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you’*** (Matt 28v18-20). Has the Great Commission become the great omission?¹

The New Testament uses the word ‘Lord’ 748 times. Of these, 667 times ‘Lord’ is used in reference to God or Jesus, while the word ‘Saviour’ only appears 24 times! Jesus is Lord and He became our Saviour! The challenge, therefore, is to live as followers of Jesus. If we are striving to do this, by God’s grace, it will be evident for all to see.

The Good News of Jesus ‘is that eternal life - life with God, and for God, life under God’s care and life by God’s power - is available now. If you want that life, the logical step is to become a disciple – a student, an apprentice, a follower – of Jesus.’ To become a disciple, we must fix our attention on Jesus and obey His every command! ***‘Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?’*** (Luke 6v46). ***‘If you love me, you will keep my commands’*** (John 14v15). We are recognised by our fruits (Matt 7v15-20). Are you following Jesus today? The Good News of the Gospel is so much more than having assurance of heaven, it is to be abiding in Christ and living for Him today! The Apostle Paul understood that ***‘we are labourers together with God’*** (1st Cor 3v9 KJV). The idea is less about having a ticket to ‘see the show’ and more about having an ‘acting role’ on the stage! What does Jesus require of you today?

See pages 35 to learn more about biblical discipleship and mission.

¹ Dallas Willard, The Great Omission



In 2016, an advisory group of Irish pastors and Irish Christian workers was formed to advise OMS Ireland, on how best they could come alongside and support the Irish evangelical church. The idea of facilitating some form of Irish national evangelical outreach through local Irish evangelical churches was one of their suggestions.

The advisory group had fulfilled its purpose by 2019. However as a direct result of the advice given by the group, another independent committee was prayerfully formed to investigate the possibility of facilitating an Irish national evangelical initiative.

The first meeting of this committee was held on the 9th September 2019, with Pastor Michael Walsh as its Chairman. After seeking God's guidance, direction and leading and by His grace the '**What's The Story?**' initiative was born, supported by three mission partners OMS, OM and ECM.

The vision and purpose of 'What's the Story?' was defined as follows:

The **Vision** is to conduct a national evangelistic initiative that would assist local churches to run an effective outreach into their communities.

The **Purpose** of the nationwide evangelistic initiative is to assist evangelical churches in fulfilling the great commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ in Ireland.

The first aspect of **WTS?** was to conduct a survey to discover the top six spiritual questions that people in Ireland are asking. Thereafter, resources were provided for participating local Irish evangelical churches throughout Ireland to answer these questions in their area, over a six week period in autumn 2022. The resources included providing national advertising via billboards, local buses, train stations, banners and social media platforms, providing a 'branded' Gospel of John with suggested answers to the six questions, six Gospel tracts relating to the questions and six testimonies related to the six questions. 138 local churches participated. These churches requested that the Steering Committee of What's the Story continue with this initiative.

After prayerful thought, this resulted in the second phase of the outreach initiative called 'Patrick's Story' which took place over a three week period in March 2025. 198 local churches in all 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland participated, including a number in Northern Ireland as well.

The following are some quotes from churches who participated in the Patrick's Story 2025 initiative:

'Patrick's Story connects with the community, it mobilises the church, and gets the Gospel into the hands of people.'

'Our whole church appreciated the prayer emphasis over the months as well as during the run up to the campaign.'

'The advertising of the Patrick's Story media campaign on the Internet combined with us sharing our own events that our church were doing opened the pathway for our church to be recognised.'

'The Patrick story gave us another opportunity to work together as churches in our town.'

'I liked that it took something that is familiar to people and used that as a bridge for the Gospel!'

'We loved the use of the movies and the testimonies. It was great having ready-made resources we could use, but with the flexibility to customise things.'

'Our church loved the social media because it was easy to repost and share with people.'

After receiving feedback and requests from the 2025 participating churches we hope to repeat the Patrick Story aspect of the What's the Story (WTS) initiative again in March 2026.

If you would like to support the WTS initiative please pray!

Or to support WTS financially follow the QR code below:



<https://donorbox.org/oms-wts>



Colin



Caroline



Donald



John



Mark



Mayke



Nick



Nick



Paudge



Stan



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Interview with Brad McKinney, OMS Sicily



Debbie Vogan
OMS UK Intern

The following article is part of the transcript of an interview Debbie Vogan conducted with OMS missionary Bradley McKinney. Listen to the full interview by following the link at www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/podcast

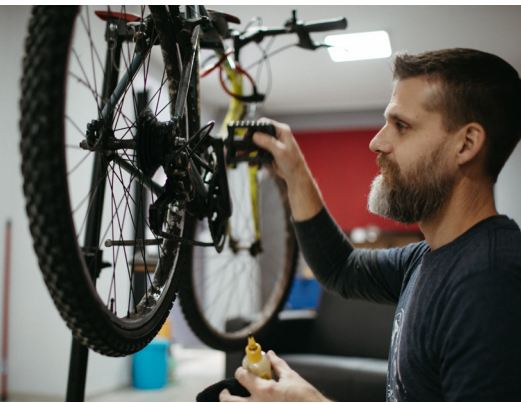
Debbie: Tell us a bit about yourself and how you came to faith?

Brad: I currently live in Sicily, Italy, where I serve with my wife and team. We're in a city called Catania. I grew up in a Christian household. So I've always been a part of church and believed in Jesus from a young age. But I would say, for me, there was a change when I took a course that really opened my eyes. The course is called Perspectives. It really helped me understand what it meant to be a disciple of Christ, and how disciples make disciples, and how our ultimate purpose here on earth is to give God glory. So really, I would say, that's where I truly became a disciple of Christ, truly put Christ at the centre of my life and turned my life over to serve Christ. Once we learned that a full disciple makes disciples, we started praying about where God wanted us to do that, we prayed for three years and ended up in Catania.

Debbie: Can you tell us a bit about what ministry in Sicily entails?

Brad: So, we're in Sicily, in Catania specifically, because this is a gateway city to Europe, for people coming from Africa. Refugees and migrants who want to leave Africa, come to Europe to have a better life or to escape war, or persecution; those kinds of things. So, many of them flee across Africa, into Libya, and then come across the sea, and end up in southern Italy. So, Catania is one of the places where many migrants come and they want to go somewhere else. They don't want to stay in Sicily, they want to go to places where there are more jobs like northern Italy, Germany or France or some other place. But they're often stuck here for two to three years, sometimes or more, while they wait for documents. So, they go through the court process to prove they have a reason to be here as a refugee, or get proper status/paperwork to be able to go somewhere else. When we learned this, we learned that people were coming from majority Muslim countries, many of them where we couldn't go and openly share the Gospel. Many of them are coming here and it's the first time they're

actually encountering people who can share the Gospel with them openly. So, we're here to make sure, that someone's here to share with them when they are here where they can hear. That's why we're in Catania. The ministry, specifically, is a lot of evangelism, trying to reach out and connect with people, a lot of discipleship for people who already believe or come to Christ. We have a bicycle shop in the centre of the city and it gives us a way to be a part of the neighbourhood. We receive used bikes, fix them and give them away to migrants and refugees, and also Sicilians who need them who can't afford to buy bicycles. Because public transportation here



is not very good, they need them to go to school or to work. So it's a big help to them, in a physical way. But it's really not about the bikes! **The bicycles are a way for us to make relationships.** We often will have classes or apprentices and try to teach them how to fix bikes as well so we have more time to spend with them. **We want to build these relationships and connections, so we have a chance to share the Gospel.** The bikes are just one way to do that.

Debbie: How can people support you and the work there?

Brad: First of all, lots of prayer. Jesus said, ***“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws them.”*** (John 6:44a) So, pray for the people here, and the people who are working here as the first thing. Then we're always looking for financial partners as well, so anyone who would like to partner financially, we would love that and very much consider those people partners in ministry, not just donors, but definitely partners in ministry. We have roles open for long term workers here in Italy, both in Catania and also we want to expand to other cities in Italy. So, if anyone who actually is looking to be a long-term mission worker and has a heart for Italy or for refugees, we can talk to them and see if there's a fit here. Then lastly, we do short term teams and internships. We have several, sometimes six or eight short-term teams throughout the year and we take interns in the summer for two months.

Please pray for the Agape Bici ministry and for the Explore team joining them from the 20th-27th September. (page 36)
If you are interested in an Embark internship or joining the 2026 Explore team go to page 34&35).

Explore

Your place in God's mission

2026 TEAMS

Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE



17th July - 3rd August 2026

Share God's love with those marginalised.
Use skills to support the Somos Nós team.
Home visits and wheelchair distribution.
Prayer ministry.
Special events for those with disabilities.
Cost £2000

1st - 16th August 2026

Encourage the Loja Church team as they reach out to vulnerable kids through running a Holiday Bible Club with sports. Share your testimony, use your gifts and make new friendships.
Cost £2000



Catania, SICILY



5th - 12th September 2026

One to one street evangelism.
Prayer ministry.
Church outreach events.
Encourage local Agape Bici team.
Discipleship.
Cost £900

APPLY



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2026 teams application deadline - 1st December 2025

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WHY CHOOSE EMBARK?

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- Discern how God may be calling you to continue to serve Him through missions and/or ministry.

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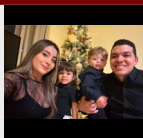
Monthly Prayer Diary - Prayer Requests

1 Board of Directors

Bill Anderson
Eddie Currie
Gareth Kirk
Alan Russell
Joanne Parkinson

Pray for additional directors.

2 Oscar Jimenez London



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

3 Vogan Family Ecuador

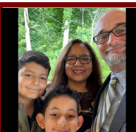


Pray for the Vogans transition to NI on homeland ministry assignment. Pray for Sammy to settle well into school in NI.



4 Michel Family USA

Pray for Storly and Kate in their ministry to the Haitian people through 4VEH. Also, pray please for Hannah and Esther in their 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 serving at the front desk at OMS HQ.

7 Charity Shops Cookstown, Lisburn Portglenone & Strabane

in their local ministry and in raising funds for Bethesda Clinic, Emmaus University, What's the Story MEF, Maputo Seminary, Fundación Unydos, Hogar Esperanza, and Somos Nós.

8 Eddy & Chris Delameillieure Belgium

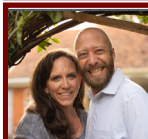


Pray for more volunteers for the Helping Hand ministry and for the spiritual growth of the One in Christ Church.

9 Richard Brown Finance Officer

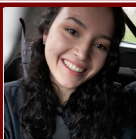


Pray for Richard as he oversees the finances of OMS UK and gets to grips with all the complexities of the role.



10 Billy Coppedge UK

Please pray for Billy seconded from WGM as he trains, and develops ways to access and engage with the Scriptures through orality.



11 Debbie Vogan Media Assistant

Praise God that for Debbie has graduated. Pray for her as she begins a 6-month internship with OMS.



12 Jim Magill Glocal Witness

Pray for Jim as he connects with charity shops, develops links between local and global ministries and leads the Explore team to Sicily.

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



OMS Financial Supporters

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.



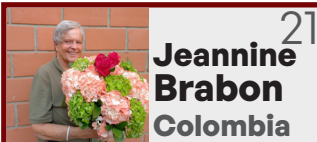
19 Richardson Family UK

Pray for Fiona working with the Esther Project and in prayer ministry. Pray for Philip's 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.



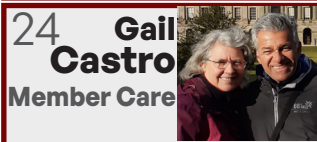
22 KK & Kay Outreach Birmingham

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, for Sharon as she returns to study at All Nations and for Abi, Joshua, Noah & Lydia.



24 Gail Castro Member Care

Pray for Gail in Safeguarding and in Member Care. Pray for Daniel now serving full-time as a pastor in Elmwood Church, Salford.



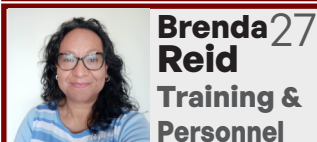
25 Cheryl Kelly Payroll

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 planning for the 2026 teams and for new missionaries to be sent out.



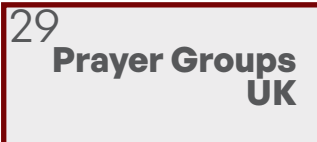
27 Brenda Reid Training & Personnel

Pray for Brenda's health and for her as she serves the missionaries and missionary candidates. Darina & 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 Prayer Groups UK

Pray for the OMS prayer groups to continue their vital ministry and for more groups to form to pray for mission.



30 Retirees 31

Please pray for those who have served with OMS in the past and are now in their retirement.
Volunteers
Pray for those who serve in supporting mission.



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My Dear Friend,

Gratitude wells up in my heart for you, for your faithful prayers and support. It is awesome to see God working so powerfully, in ways that bring me to my knees. On 26th April, while on a prayer call for the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast (JPB), I felt the Holy Spirit urging me to go to Jerusalem. I had no idea of the spiritual battle that would ensue. I found an economical ticket and booked my reservations for the event, my airfare, and hotel. I felt great peace, even though the idea felt overwhelming. I received this immediate response:

"We are delighted to invite you to the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast 27-29th May, 2025. I've attached your official invitation. The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast is a significant initiative led by members of the Israeli Knesset. Its primary aim is to foster dialogue between Jews and Christians, a vision that unfolds annually in Jerusalem and key international cities. When the Israeli president endorsed the idea in 2016, no one could have imagined that this vision would take us worldwide. So far, history-making events have occurred." What began as an event became an organisation and is now a worldwide movement. I pray every Saturday morning with people all over the world for Israel.

My tickets were cancelled as a result of the war in Israel. So, I rebooked with another airline. A week before leaving again, my trip got canceled. So, I canceled everything else for the JPB. The next morning on the prayer call, Albert asked me to pray because I had two trips canceled. Haakon Sengsvoll from Norway told me later, "When you prayed, I knew you would go." The prayer time changed my perspective. Once again, God had me rebook everything.



Haakon Sengsvoll from Norway next to Ambassador Mike Huckleby.

One more hurdle was to get my U.S. passport renewed in four days! I flew to Bogota on Sunday, and Monday I walked out of the U.S. Embassy with an emergency passport! In that two-day trip God brought 27 people into the Kingdom, and more would follow. Alberto, a Spaniard in Madrid, responded, "At my age, I need to find God, whom I ignored in my youth." He didn't have a Bible so I gave him one along with follow-up material on how to grow spiritually. After a 33 hour journey I arrived in Tel Aviv. After customs, I got my luggage and got a taxi to Jerusalem arriving at about 5 p.m. on Sunday with just enough time to swim before the pool closed.

There, I met Eden, the receptionist, "*How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*" I wondered: what word is used in Hebrew for delights? Eden! Eden could be referring to the physical place, but I think what the psalmist was saying is that God desires to restore the intimacy with Him as it was in Eden before the fall. God wants to restore our relationship with Him broken by sin. Eden responded, "I never heard or knew this." Praise Jesus, I got to share this truth



in a way she understood! My reason for going was to bring spiritual life to the Israeli people. God gave me multiple opportunities to share from the Hebrew Scriptures.

Then came an opportunity that brought me to my knees. I was asked to pray in the Knesset (the Israeli parliament)—what a high honor! We began the JPB in the Knesset on Wednesday morning, 28th May. 400 people from 39 nations worshipped in song, listened to Knesset members, and closed

with prayers of repentance from about 10 nations. I represented Colombia, what a sacred moment. I felt a shift in the heavens. The weight of the glory of God's presence was in the Knesset. Hallelujah!

Life with Jesus is so fulfilling. He is the love of my life. I see His guidance in my life.

Israel has been on my heart since I was a child, especially the Jewish people. Our family physician was a Holocaust survivor, as was my piano teacher. As a teenager I prayed every day at 11 a.m. for the nation of Israel and any Jews I knew personally.

God led me to study Biblical Hebrew, then to teach it! In order to do so, I translated William LaSor's Hebrew manuals into Spanish. The Hebrew language opens up understanding of the Old Testament. Now at the age of 75, I'm learning Modern Hebrew! It is a challenge. I don't understand why God has me doing this, but I want to be obedient. In Israel, I used the Hebrew I knew with Israelis and found a warm response through their heart language. I wrote down the name of everyone I met and am praying for them to know Yeshua, the Messiah.

Aren't we living in the last days? When I retired from OMS, God "re-tired" me with new tires to go and do whatever God desires. That is why I continue on the mission field. God continues to bring people into the Kingdom, daily. On Wednesday in the Pedregal penitentiary, Jesus touched the hearts of 28 individuals one by one with His saving power. Several hugged me with joy. We celebrated baptisms for 13 women. What rejoicing!

Today when I returned from swimming, the elevator wasn't working. It led me to Jefferson, who responded, "Yes! I want Jesus in my life." Climbing the six flights, I encountered José, who likewise said, "Yes!" I gave him a Bible as he didn't have one. Your gifts make this possible. They also enable me to continue in ministry. My gratitude is great.

Rejoicing in Jesus,

Jeannine

Jeannine Brabon



In the Knesset.



With Israeli Knesset member Tatiana Mazarsky. She hugged me and said, "Please pray for me!"



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TURBULENCE

Dear Friends,

Some of our friends from America are flying home today, 25th July, 2025, after joining us in Belgium to support our evangelism efforts during the annual Ghent Festival. We wished them a pleasant flight home without much “turbulence”. Perhaps you, too, have at one stage had this annoying, bumpy experience on a flight?

The world seems to be going through some heavy *turbulence* at present: making us think we’d better buckle up! The general tenor is one of bewilderment, anxiety and anger at what is happening. People are longing for peace, but there is none. The Bible describes a similar situation in Jeremiah 8:11:

They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace.

It is good to know that God the Father, and Jesus His Messiah is at His right side, are seated on their heavenly throne above all the noise. However, we here on earth are hearing the noise, and we are increasingly feeling the turbulence. So, how should we respond? By keeping our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, on the forgiveness, love and peace He gained for us on Calvary.

At 7 am we are standing at the “Vlasmarkt”, in Ghent, just next to Sint-Jacobs, one of Ghent’s oldest Catholic churches. A team of international brothers and sisters in Christ come here every year during the Ghent Festival for well over 30 years now. Folk, mostly young people, have been drinking on the square throughout the night; they are inebriated! The evangelism team is helping them to sober up by serving them free coffee in order to get them home safely, and, as opportunities arise, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Good conversations about Jesus and His work ensue. I was talking with a young father of two, and I couldn’t help thinking, “Why are you here?” Some folk openly share with us about the *turbulence* in their lives. During the one week of the Ghent Festival, they feel they have the opportunity to forget about it all. The Festival is over now... until next year. A few young people were “rescued” this year. Team members are continuing alongside them in prayer, offering spiritual guidance and helping them connect with a local church. Seeds have been sown; they will bear fruit in time to the glory of God.

The evangelistic team is an ad hoc group. Team members come from different churches in Ghent and neighbouring cities in Belgium, as well as from further afield:

the Netherlands, the USA, the UK, and South Korea. They help with different evangelistic outreaches during the Festival. One local church in the centre of the city offers free pancakes and a chat to passers-by. This year, even the assistant mayor of Ghent paid a visit. Or, there is the Freedom Festival on the first Saturday of the Festival, right in front of the main train station. This year, we broadened the event beyond just a Christian music festival: we offered an artisan market; children's activities such as games and creative workshops; live painting; pottery; gospel music; drama and dance performances; and inspiring testimonies from the stage. And of course, food and beverages. Chris and I were heavily involved, first of all, with the logistics; measuring out the square to fit 16 tents and a podium. Organising the event also involved finding Christian painters, sculptors, children's entertainers, and sourcing affordable artisan items to sell. All proceeds from the event go to a Christian mission led by friends of ours from Antwerp, who run four orphanages in Uganda, rescuing young children from the streets and providing them with education and hope for the future. This year, we saw far more people visiting the square, and hearing the Gospel through music and testimonies. Give praise to God!



For the first time, the whole church 1nC got involved: selling tickets and baking pancakes. One brother from Nicaragua painted 40 small paintings in support of the orphanage. Our son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren sold these. Also,

most volunteers from the Helping Hand were present to help with the children's work. It was one of those rare moments in the year when church boundaries suddenly disappear, and non-believers started to notice the difference. If you decide to have your summer holiday in Ghent next year, we can promise you great opportunities to share your faith. Language is no barrier: during the Festival, Ghent is inundated with tourists, many of whom speak English.

Turbulence is not necessarily a bad thing. It means the plane is moving ahead, things are happening, changing. We pray that God will continue to stir up Christians and non-Christians to meet the Living Lord through His Spirit. Please also pray for us during the next year that we will be at the right place at the right time, whether in Ghent or travelling elsewhere in Europe. God bless!

As they say in our church, "Bendiciones!" (Blessings!)

Eddy & Chris

MELVIN, SHARON, ABIGAIL,
JOSHUA ,NOAH AND LYDIA

KELLY



The *Somos Nós* team have been very busy over recent months. **Please pray for God to sustain them and that they would maintain a healthy life/work balance.** We are so thankful for the training provided by Free Wheelchair Mission in June. See photo below.



In July, four members of the team travelled to Mocuba, in the centre of the country, to conduct a training with church leaders before attending to 151 people with disability from five different districts. While the needs are so extensive, it is an amazing privilege to partner with the churches in declaring and demonstrating the Gospel. **Pray for lives to be transformed by Christ.** See photo below.



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MOZAMBIQUE

Somos nós

It was a wonderful blessing for Sharon and Abigail to be part of the Explore Team this summer. Ten people from the UK travelled to Mozambique to join forces with the existing *Somos Nós* team (8 employed staff and a host of volunteers). One highlight was the distribution of wheelchairs at Maraquene which is an hour's drive from the centre. *Somos Nós* were partnering with a support group for families with children with disability. This group was set up by Eliza whose daughter, Surenda, lives with disability (photo below). Eliza saw the need to provide a place where mums and dads could come with their children for support. Initially they met in her home, but as the group grew they asked for a space at the local church. Many children in this group needed wheelchairs so the *Somos Nós* team came alongside. On the distribution day, our team leader, Charis, shared the Gospel in a clear and simple way before we served breakfast to everyone. Many people received a wheelchair - most of which were provided by Free Wheelchair Mission. It was so encouraging to see the Mozambican team confident in assessing the needs of each person, and then assembling and fitting the wheelchairs. Many went home happy as the chairs enable them to enjoy a better quality of life. However, there were about 30 mums who have children with complex needs who didn't receive wheelchairs on that day. This is because their children need specialised wheelchairs that we don't currently have in stock.

Please pray that we will be able to source, fund & ship these wheelchairs to Mozambique.





The Michels

Serving God & the Haitian people through 4VEH

Bonjou, Hello!

Tout glwa pou Bondye! All glory to God!

HAITI
Autumn 2025

Thank you for your prayers as we traveled to Haiti to celebrate 4VEH's 75th Anniversary with our staff, listeners, viewers, and the wider Christian community in Cap-Haitien on 2nd June.

We're so grateful we could be there in person — joined by several Board members — to hug our 4VEH family. In the midst of gang violence, political unrest, and deep poverty, being together was all the more meaningful.

What a joy to praise God side by side and hear so many testimonies of how He has used this ministry to reach, bless, comfort, heal, and encourage the people of Haiti. One phrase we heard again and again was: **Tout glwa pou Bondye! — All glory to God!** And we couldn't agree more.

Because of your support of 4VEH and our family in ministry, people across Haiti are receiving God's comfort, hope, and encouragement — people like Esther, one of hundreds who came to the 75th Anniversary Open House & Craft Fair at the 4VEH Broadcast Center in Cap-Haitien. She told us:

"I've been listening to 4VEH my whole life, but this is the first time I'm here in the flesh. I'm so grateful. 4VEH is like a medicine for me, God comforts me as I listen."

Testimonies like Esther's remind us that 4VEH is a lifeline for Haiti's people. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry.



Above: with Board members and friends at the official 75th Anniversary Celebration at First Baptist Church of Cap-Haitien. (our Esther, front, right of Kate; Hannah, back row behind Kate)

Below: Listener Esther says God comforts her as she listens.





Above: Gathering with listeners at 4VEH's Open House & Craft Fair
 Right: Kate & Storly share at One Mission Society USA chapel

Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Protection, provision, perseverance for 4VEH staff and families in all the difficulties they face. Thank God 4VEH is on the air every day to encourage people, share the Gospel and teach life skills.
- Pray for more funding for 4VEH for daily operations, particularly with rising costs in Haiti.
- Pray for our girls, Hannah (19), in her second year of college and Esther (17), in her last year of high school. Ask God to help them in all the challenges ahead.
- Pray for Storly and Kate as we speak at various 75th Anniversary events.

With thanks!

As you pray, financially support and encourage us in our roles at 4VEH, you're reaching, teaching and serving Haiti's people—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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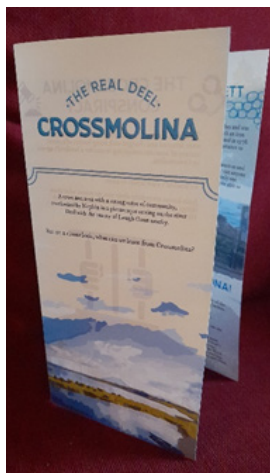
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Montgomery News!



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



We've been really encouraged through being involved in two summer outreaches in July. Nephin festival, our local festival in Crossmolina, runs for five days with various events. We held craft sessions on the Wednesday and about 65 kids participated. Crossmolina Agricultural Show is a major event in the town each year and was held on 26th July. With the help of the local community and people in our church, we gathered lots of junk!! Throughout the day kids had the opportunity to make their own robot out of the junk.

Summer Outreach

In both events, we were very excited to have our new Crossmolina Gospel leaflet for people to take. Please pray on that the seeds sown from the leaflets taken and read will fall on good ground and produce an **abundant** harvest. My favourite moment of the Agricultural Show was when I looked across from our tent and saw a couple sitting together reading the Gospel leaflet. All the effort put into the day is worth it to know someone else has received the Good News! The other way these outreaches are so important is in getting more involved in the community and building relationships. Please also pray this will lead to Gospel opportunities with individuals in the future. We have both been able to become part of Agricultural Show committee now as well, and this gives us further involvement. The Agricultural Show has brought us into closer contact with the wider farming community.



What next?

We continue to seek God's direction for the future. We have thoughts on the way forward, so please pray with us for God's guidance. One of those 'thoughts' is to be able to have a Bible Study with individuals from Crossmolina. Esther is someone we have in mind as we think of this. We're really pleased that Esther and her family have moved into our estate from Zimbabwe. Esther is a Christian and has been coming to church with us. She loves Jesus and wants to grow in Him. We pray her husband will come to church also. John has invited him to join him, Andrew and Samuel to watch a Sligo Rovers match some time. Please pray John will be able to get to know him.

Others for prayer

Two years ago, John met a man at Ballina Heritage Day who engaged in conversation with him and it was clear that he was already a Christian. He said he would come to church but he didn't. After meeting with him a couple of times, he told John he didn't feel the need to go to church and a short while later, he left to work in France. Last June, John bumped into him in Crossmolina and he said he was looking for sheltered accommodation which he has now found, a short walk from the building where we meet for church! On the last Sunday in July, he came to church and stayed for the service. He expressed his desire to be reaching others with the Gospel. Pray he'll continue coming and see the need for fellowship with other believers. Pray too for wisdom for the team as we seek to care for him pastorally.

Family News: Andrew is in his final year of school. Please pray for guidance for him as he considers future plans. Samuel is in 3rd year, and he'll be doing his Junior Cert this year. Sarah is in 2nd year at secondary school and Joshua in 2nd class of national school. Please pray for each of them that God lead them as they grow.

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

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Morton Family

Prayer Letter

Autumn 2025

LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

We are amazed at how God continues to open doors! Your prayer and support have been instrumental over the last months as disciples and leaders are formed and churches continue to impact their local communities and multiply to reach new areas.

As you are aware, last month a large earthquake hit the Guatemalan town of Santa Maria. Thank you to each of you for your prayers and financial help as we continue to respond with food, water, reconstruction – sharing the love and message of Christ in a tangible way. Thousands of people are being helped. It has impacted me greatly to see how local members of RNV discipleship groups and churches have served relentlessly in challenging circumstances to demonstrate and share Christ's love. The response of RNV will include initial response to physical needs and continue in the months and years to come as we come alongside to meet emotional and spiritual need also. I look forward to sharing more in our next letter as we continue to respond to this tragedy.



In June, we brought all the country level and global leadership of Red Nueva Vida together. We do this annually for training and planning, as well as ministering one to another. This year we met in Colombia. All of RNV's eleven countries of ministry were represented. It was a blessing to feel the tangible spirit of unity and clarity of what God has tasked us to do: to form reproducing disciples and leaders across the Hispanic world. Focus was given this year to ensuring a disciple-making culture, looking at areas of forming mission, vision and team building amongst others.



Time was also spent in prayer and fellowship, leaning on God and learning from each other. I was also able to meet our new leaders of RNV Ecuador for the first time and to hear first-hand how this new work is flourishing. It is exciting to hear that with over 50 in discipleship, the churches within Ecuador will likely grow from two to five over the next year.

We mentioned in our last letter that the RNV work in Colombia had not only given birth to work in Ecuador but also in the country of Venezuela. Disciples are being formed in the Colombian town of Cucuta on the border between the countries and as a result new work in Venezuela is flourishing as people return to their homeland and share and minister to others. In Colombia, I had the privilege of meeting with fifteen new disciples who are being grown and strengthened through the discipleship route and giving leadership in their local communities in Venezuela. In September, we will provide further leadership training to strengthen the base of the RNV ministry in Venezuela. This training will be done in Cucuta, please pray that all will be able to arrive safely. It is humbling to hear the testimony of these disciples and witness firsthand their singular focus and unwavering commitment to the cause of Christ. RNV is active in ensuring that we can minister effectively to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the Venezuelan people. Training will be given principally in the formation of disciples and team building. Over the next year additional training will be given and onsite visits to pray, encourage, facilitate implementation and ensure accountability. Our goal is to have 100 in discipleship in ten new churches by the end of 2026. There are many challenges ahead, and many God-given opportunities. Please pray fervently and expectantly!



Family News



At home we are busy. Daniel has graduated from middle school and started High School. He has enrolled in Indiana University Online High School. It will be very new for us all and we are looking forward to the challenge. Daniel has just turned 15 and is starting to learn how to drive – please pray for safety and peace! Noah is 13 and has moved into 7th grade. His special needs team is great, and we are very thankful for them. Please pray as he develops his friendships at school and church. Lupita and I celebrated 28 years of marriage last month and are excited about the future – not getting any younger! Please pray that we are both able to balance ministry, family and time for each other.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your prayer and giving impacts the lives of many and is always needed, valued and appreciated. We also pray for you often.

Blessings,

Jonathan, Lupita, Daniel & Noah

Prayer Requests

- For Daniel and Noah in their new school year.
- For the new RNV work in Venezuela.
- For the ongoing long term relief efforts of RNV in response to the earthquake in Guatemala.

POLLOCK POST



CHURCH PLANTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



Change...



Since our last prayer letter we've had quite a bit of change in our family. In June, Joshua felt acutely unwell, and after getting him medical attention he was diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes and will be insulin dependent going forward.

Of course this was quite a shock, and it opened up a new world of terminology, nutrition, and a regular routine of injecting himself before meals. None of this however was a surprise to God. We always marvel when seasons of change, or indeed moments of change come into our lives. We have to learn, relearn and unlearn many things to step forward, but we also have to remember to rest and trust in God. Our first response is often to ask 'why?' and to then struggle with a lack of answers, and yet we are learning to ask a new question; "what do you want us to learn in this new normal?"

God has been really gracious to us, and we are finding the support and love from our church family to be a wonderful way that God is continuing to build community here. We are also learning to, or at least trying to learn, how to rest. We had some holiday plans this year, which had to be cancelled as we have appointments and further tests to follow up with. It has meant more time at home, and yet each trip and event seems to require a lot more planning than it used to!

Even so, little by little, and day by day, we are growing in not only our confidence in living with diabetes, but seeing our dependence on God growing too. We have seen so many ways in which God has answered prayers, both for us as a family, but also for Joshua in his faith too. He has adapted really well, and is back being the 'Pied Piper' of the little kids in church, who look up to him. Please continue to pray for us in this season, as we know you already do, and pray that this would also bring us closer to God, and to the people around us. In this diagnosis, we have had our eyes opened to so many families here locally who live with this condition, and it has opened a whole new missional opportunity for us to share the Gospel, and our lives with people. And we pray that even though this might not be a change that we would have prayed for, that God would use it for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Prayer Points...

- Pray for our family to get some time to rest and recharge. We are hoping to have a short break at the end of the summer.
- Pray for the boys as they prepare for their return to school.
- Pray for Julie as she works in the health service, and for the opportunities she has with her colleagues.
- Pray for new people at church, that we would see them come to faith, and also see Gospel growth in them as disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for this year as we continue to develop some people who we would love to see become leaders in church.

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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

In a few months time, Ben will be 17 and will start driving. Honestly, we are **not** freaking out that our baby is now going to drive!!! Pray for him as he has begun to serve more in church and is really developing into a young man who loves Jesus and the church. He also starred in the local production of *Joseph* as Old Man Jacob.

Joshua will be restarting his sport soon, which will be a new challenge, but he has also become a little entrepreneur in our community. He has spent the summer helping neighbours with their gardens and little odd jobs.

Caleb has had a niggling knee injury for a few months, and after visiting the doctor it turns out that he has a small fracture! But as a 12-year-old boy he's just been playing as normal! We have an appointment upcoming to see if he needs any treatment, but he wants you to pray that he won't miss any matches for his football team!

Pizza and Preachers

Over the last year, Jonny has been working closely with five men from church and coaching them through handling God's word. This has been such a special time as these men are now helping to lead services. Over the next few months he will be meeting with them individually and as a group to prepare them to potentially preach in 2026. Pray for these times together, as God has been really developing these men in many ways. It would also be a great blessing to our church.



Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb



The Reid - ings

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from “the Big Smoke”; Mexico City. As we write to you, we are almost finished our time in this beautiful country! The past weeks have been full of big emotions. The first few weeks, we had a lot of family admin and legal processes to complete. Then, we were busy at Brenda’s parents’

home going through the nearly 100 crates we left behind in 2022, when we returned to NI. We were excited to be reunited with our belongings and sad, because we had to give a lot of them away. During this time, God gave us a special opportunity to share His love to a neighbour who has had a very traumatic and difficult life. We finished the process exhausted both emotionally and physically.

Then, we moved to the northern part of the city and re-connected with people from Manos de Vida (MdV) Community Centre (CC). It was tremendous to see how the Lord is working in their lives. Those who once were “far off” in their thinking are now considering the Gospel and Christians are maturing even in difficult situations. God is raising national leaders and it is exciting to see how both missionaries and Mexicans are complementing each other and impacting the families connected to the ministry in the community centre. It was exciting to visit the church planted because of MdV ministry. Leslie had the opportunity to preach in Spanish at the church. What a blessing to see the result of the labour of many! It made us reflect on what Paul said in 1st Cor 3:5-7 *what after all, is Apollos [Leslie]? And what is Paul [Manuel or Mike]? Only servants, through whom you [people in the CC] came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I [Kay or Brenda] planted the seed, Apollos [Angelica or Silvia] watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters are anything, but only God, who makes things grow. And only to Him be the Glory!*

We not only visited friends in MdV, but we also had a chance to reconnect with International Christian Network, our local church. Darina and Liam had the chance to be part of a youth retreat while we were there and Leslie and Brenda supported the teams who were preparing the food for the youth. We also had a chance to walk around our old neighbourhood and many other local places, to say goodbye. This was helpful in bringing closure to this “Mexican chapter” of our lives. This process also left us emotionally and physically exhausted.

Finally, we were able to spend some days with some of our missionary team members. We love our team, and we were able to reconnect with them, catch up and celebrate the ministry of our team leaders who are going to retire in November, and we were able to meet the new field leader. It was hard to say goodbye and welcome at the same time. But we are so grateful to God for our team.



By the time you read this letter, we will have had the opportunity to spend time with Brenda’s parents who are doing ok health wise and visit the rest of her siblings and many of her extended family. As always saying goodbye is hard and our emotions will be watered with a lot of tears. But we are thankful for each of you who pray for us because without your support we would have not done any of this. Thank you ever so much.

Rejoice over:

- Mexico: Our time there and for the closure process.
- Mexico: new ministry possibilities that God is opening for us to be involved in from the UK.
- Liam being able to complete his GCSE Exams.
- Darina's desire to share the Gospel with her peers through worship songs.

Join us in prayer for:

- Spiritual fruit from our time in Mexico with our family, friends and new contacts we have made.
- MIV ministry to keep on growing and impacting their community.
- Liam & Darina in their spiritual journey and maturity.
- Liam & Darina in their next steps in education.
- Leslie & Brenda to use their spiritual passions in their respective ministries.
- Our health as a family.

In June, Liam finished his GCSE exams in four different centres in Northern Ireland; Kilskeery Christian School, Portadown & Armagh Southern Regional Colleges and Cookstown High School. Pray he will get the grades to continue his education in the autumn. Darina will continue in her studies with Clanrye and her external classes & work experience.

Leslie & Brenda continue in their respective ministries within OMS UK. Brenda seeks to incorporate more training in the three different programmes, and she is excited about different opportunities God is opening up for her; new contacts, new training, new possibilities. Leslie continues to minister at the Lisburn Charity Shop. It is such a blessing to serve in this way as well as the opportunities to share in local churches about Mission. If you would like him to share at any church meetings, please do contact him. He was involved in Bangor Worldwide Missions Convention in August. Also, OMS UK will be represented at a Mission Event in October called *A Billion Reasons* at Portstewart Baptist Church. It will be a pleasure to see you during these events if you are able to attend.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your support has enabled us to be active in ministry both in Mexico and the UK.

Thank you,

Leslie, Brenda, Darina and Liam.



MEFI

MEFI exists to show Mercy, shape Hope, cultivate Faith and teach skills to integrate children and young people coming from street situations in Mexico.



While in Mexico, we were able to spend time with Alex and Paty. Alex had his knee surgery while we were there. This is an answer to our prayers. As you can see in the picture he is recovering without complications. We visited their home and it was a blessing to encourage one another, pray together and share food. Alex's knee meant we weren't all able to visit the drop-in centre together, but Brenda went another day with Paty. Paty shared about the vision for MEFI ministry and some of the challenges that they have faced during the recent months due to the use and abuse of drugs among the "chavos" (youths living on the streets).

We would love you to keep this ministry in your prayers, here you have some praises and requests.

Be thankful for:

- Alex's surgery and recovery.
- Paty and Alex's love for the chavos.
- Paty and Alex's service to the Lord for many years.
- Rosa, the MEFI cook's commitment to the chavos.

Be in prayer for:

- Alex and Paty's health.
- Alex and Paty's retirement plans.
- Some one or a couple to keep the ministry going when they retire.
- The chavos, in their struggles and for a willingness to change lifestyle.

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Dear Friend,

Philip travelled to America in June to work and pray with fellow missionaries and international partners at OMS headquarters. It was an encouraging reminder of the vast reach of OMS in every major continent, and of many intense struggles. Please pray for protection and healing over our partners, being poured out for the Gospel amidst political oppression, persecution, gang violence and chaos, or war.



In contrast, at our comfortable base in East London, we are excited to live among many internationals, and we are both coming alongside one person who has come to faith from a country where they could not live for Jesus openly. God has also given us the privilege to share his love for the fatherless

and begin some babysitting to support the foster care system here. We delight in chances to teach and take part in prayer ministry in our church here too. As we normally work from home, these opportunities to invest face to face are providing life-giving rhythms for us both. Pray with us for God's wisdom and strength to serve effectively in our local community.



Philip is embarking on a new challenge to teach on the Gospels over Zoom one afternoon each week for our OMS partner Bible college in the Philippines. His teaching is normally packed into an intensive week or two, so this will be great to get to know ministry students gradually. As their vision states, we pray that God's Spirit will be at work in these interactive classes to "equip servant leaders".

Philip will be exploring holiness in the Bible with OMS missionaries over Zoom for six sessions starting in October. In November, he is looking forward to traveling to Estonia again to teach an intensive course on John's Gospel, John's letters and Revelation to ministry students from various countries.

The Esther project in Kampala, Uganda is engaging girls in school as well as small groups. We normally talk about ministry for young women aged 15–25 years, but the photo shows Caroline Abbo with younger girls aged 12–14 years. She has discovered that it is crucial at this age to begin connecting the Bible with the real stuff in their lives and making a safe place to open up conversations about sexuality and safeguarding. Sadly, Caroline finds that by this point many have already experienced some kind of vulnerability or are pressured by all kinds of messages, so they need a lot of support to understand truth, accept their worth in God and find healing and wholeness in His good ways. Pray with Caroline for the Holy Spirit to lead the teaching and conversations and bring the abundant life of Christ to these girls.





Jasmine came back from Colombia briefly, so she enjoyed some hard-earned rest away with Bethany, then home with us. It was another rare treat to celebrate Philip's birthday together with Jasmine and Philip's dad (right).



Both girls are currently planning their next steps – Jasmine for

after she finishes her year in Colombia in November and Bethany for a new job and accommodation by September. Thank you for praying for our girls! We ask the good Father to provide the right places, work and people in their lives and give clear wisdom to know what that is.

Praise God that we celebrate 30 wonderful years of marriage together on 9th September! We are so thankful to you who have prayed for us as a team and as husband and wife – your prayers have brought great blessing. We are looking forward to a special anniversary trip, so photos will follow...

Please pray for:

- The Spirit to lead every session as Philip teaches ministry students about the Gospels for Faith Bible College in the Philippines. Pray that God will bless the internet connection and Zoom links!
- Wisdom for Philip preparing materials for Zoom sessions on holiness with OMS missionaries and the new course on John's Gospel, John's letters and Revelation for Estonia. Pray Jesus will cause these missionaries and ministry students to grow in his truth.
- Caroline Abbo in Uganda and others in the Esther Project who are leading school classes or small groups for teenage girls and young women. Pray that God's kingdom power will break in, and he will redeem the lives of these precious ones to be his very own.
- Jesus to direct the next steps in making the young women's Bible study available online for use in different continents.
- Jesus to meet powerfully with the internationals we are discipling in London. Pray that his Spirit will be at work deeply here as we serve in the church and babysit with foster families.
- Jesus to open the right doors for Bethany and Jasmine, leading them in their next steps, and that he will close the wrong doors.
- Healing and protection over Philip in some ongoing health problems that are still unresolved.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Lots of love, Philip and Fiona xxx

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But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. **Hebrews 13:39 ESV**

Loja Update

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Praise Points:

Dear Team Member,

We have been mostly well on our travels this summer. We hope that you are well too. We have lots to tell.

Alisson & Santiago's Wedding

It was a real joy to attend Alisson's wedding and spend time with them and Santiago's parents. Santiago is a Christian and fellow student in Rio Grande Bible Seminary and he is also called to serve God after this final year of studies. Mark was honoured to walk Alisson down the aisle. It was great to see the Seminary and so many of their friends working to make it a great celebration.



Celebration of Mark's 30 years and Nube's 25 years of service for God and Ecuador with OMS

We were invited to OMS Headquarters Chapel Service, on 28th May, to receive our Service Awards, after giving a brief account of how God has used us during this time in various ministries in Saraguro, and Loja. We THANK all of you for the many ways you have made this possible with your prayers, regular giving and care. Some since Mark started over 30 years ago. God is faithful and his way is just.



Holiday Bible Club, "Preparing to Conquer"

After the OMS Latin American Regional Summit we were able to return to Loja for 2 weeks. The theme of the VBS was the



Nube teaching a song at the Holiday Club

Exodus; wilderness and wanderings, focusing how it prepared them to take hold of God's Promised Land and of course God's miracles at each stage on the way. We had a few new children, youth and even adults. Pray the seed of faith grows as all heard the Gospel throughout the week.

Lot Search Continues

Unfortunately we were unable to buy the lot for the Training and Worship Centre as the owner added extra costs to the original price so the search continues for a suitable lot.

HMA Plans

During this Home Ministry Assignment, Mark has been accepted to study Transformational Development MA with All Nations Christian College. These studies will be taken mostly online over two years. This will help greatly in the development of our work with poor families in the marginal areas around the city where most of the families in the church come from. Nube is seeking opportunities for experience and study that will assist her in the future ministries, especially helping needy women. Sammy is starting the two years of studies for his GCSEs in Glengormley which is about 2 miles from our home.

Timothy has started a new job, with the company where he did his university placement, and Deborah is starting a 6 month internship with OMS UK to assist in promoting missions to youth and in communications developing social media in particular. We praise God for His mercy and provision for us as a family.

We thank you for being part of this church planting team through your prayers and support. Please visit us when you are in the Belfast area.

Love in Christ,

the Vegans



Mark's Desert Explorer spot in the Bible Club.



Nube's Bible Club youth class had fun and grew!

Prayer Requests:

For lasting peace in Ecuador; an end to gang violence, drugs and extortion.

Pray for BCCC lay leaders balancing family needs, work and ministry.

Deeper commitment to God and personal holiness of believers and future leaders.

The continued search for a suitable site and funds to build the Training Centre and Meeting place. That the perfect place would be found in God's perfect time.

Mark's new studies in Transformational Development with All Nations Christian College.

Our next trip to assist the BCC Church and leaders, in January and February.

Sammy making friends and settling in to studies in ICG.



Vegan Family (Timothy, Mark, Sammy, Nube & Deborah)



News from the Castros

Autumn 2025

Dear Friends,

We hope you have *enjoyed* rather than *endured* the summer heat waves. Sometimes, during the warmer days Daniel would start whining about the 'unbearable' heat, until he remembered that back at home in Colombia, that is the 'normal' weather every day, all the year round! How easy it is to forget!

As you know, over the last couple of years, Daniel has been working part-time with OMS and part-time with Elmwood church in Salford. It has been an exciting time seeing God at work both within the mission, as we have supported existing and growing ministries in Leeds and Birmingham and looked for new opportunities of involvement; and also within Elmwood church as we have seen it grow and become a thriving multicultural congregation.

Because of the growth the church is experiencing, the Elmwood leadership asked Daniel to take on a full-time position starting in July. Besides doing pastoral care and coordinating and promoting discipleship, Daniel will also be involved in teaching and preaching and helping with community outreach. We thank God for His leading and the provision of this ministry opportunity and look ahead to what God has in store for us.

Gail will continue to work with OMS, as she has been doing, in member care, safeguarding and doing local ministry in churches and the community of Salford. Daniel will obviously stay connected with the mission, praying and supporting the work in whatever way possible.

We are very grateful indeed for your faithful support for us as a couple over many years and we hope you would be able to continue to support Gail prayerfully and financially in the work ahead. May God richly bless your life as you have been a blessing to us!

With much love and gratitude from,

Daniel & Gail Castro

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Dear Friends,

You have been such a blessed encouragement to us over this summer, as we've truly praised God for all of your prayers! Throughout the challenges presented to us, we drew strength from the fact that our God is faithful; that His thoughts are not ours nor, are our ways His ways. Hallelujah!

These recent months have given us the joy-filled opportunities to interact with our HQ interns; host missionaries, board members, and guests from around the world; join in various church programmes; as well as delight in family visits.

We look forward to all that God has in store for these coming autumnal months. Pray for wisdom as we encounter diverse opportunities to advise, encourage, instruct and support our family, church family and fellow missionaries.

Specific prayer requests include:

- Joanne Maiyer's (current payroll/benefits administrator) recuperation from surgery and for Carl as he covers her responsibilities as well as his own.
- OMS's goal of 125 (new missionaries) by June 2026 in time for the 125th anniversary conference.
- Billion.Global's goal to reach one billion people with the Good News in its final year.
- Carl's travels in August and September to Texas and Florida respectively to attend different conferences.
- Nathanael and Elena's baby is due mid-late September; Heidi will be traveling to Florida to be with them.
- Carl's travels in October for the 50th Anniversary of OMS's "Pena de Horeb" camp ministry where he experienced his first mission trip with OMS many years ago.
- Carl's time in England (following Spain) visiting with his Mum.
- CROSS training event to be held at HQ in November for missionary candidates.
- Family's travels for Fall Break and Thanksgiving.

Your partnership with us is so very encouraging!
We praise the Lord for you!

Praying for you,

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Pray for the Explore Team to Sicily

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