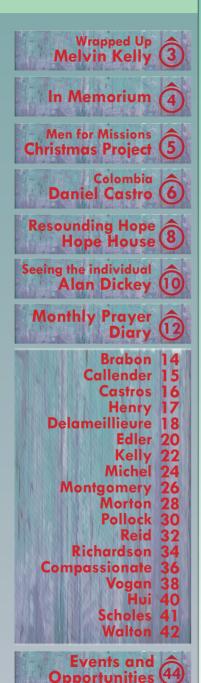


#### In this Focus



#### **Your Great Name**

Lost are saved, find their way, at the sound of Your great name All condemned, feel no shame, at the sound of Your great name Every fear, has no place, at the sound of Your great name The enemy, he has to leave, at the sound of Your great name

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for us, son of God and man You are high and lifted up, that all the world will praise Your great name

All the weak, find their strength, at the sound of Your great name Hungry souls, receive grace, at the sound of Your great name The fatherless, they find their rest, at the sound of Your great name Sick are healed, and the dead are raised, at the sound of Your great name

Oh, Your great name Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty My Saviour, Defender, You are my King

Jesus, the name of Jesus
You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise Your
great name
Slain for us, son of God and man
You are high and lifted up,
that all the world
will praise Your great name
Your great name,
Your great name.







As Christmas approaches, we can be preoccupied with the wrapping of presents! I have been thinking about what is 'wrapped up' in Jesus' name! Many of us want certain brands when making a purchase, whether it is breakfast cereal, chocolate, clothes, a smart phone or car. There is so much in a name! The 'name' is important. All the more, we feel so let down when we discover that we have purchased something that is counterfeit!

When Mary was with child, an angel appeared to Joseph saying, 'She will bear a son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins' (Matt 1:21). The name of Jesus, brings with it so much significance!

Centuries earlier, Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' coming saying, 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6). What depth of meaning is wrapped up in this child's name!

'There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:12).

This Christmas season, instead of getting 'wrapped up' in so much that can distract us, my prayer is that we will focus on Jesus. The song, 'Your Great name', by Natalie Grant reminds us that the power of Jesus' great Name provides an answer to the lostness, shame and fear that is prolific in this world. We have victory over Satan and we find strength, grace, rest, healing and resurrection at the sound of Jesus' great name!

Forget the counterfeits! Chase after the only name we can rely on! 'Now none but Christ can satisfy, no other name for me. There's love and life and lasting Joy, Christ Jesus, found in thee.'

As we seek Him and call out to Him, we are reminded that those around us deserve to know Him and worship Him too! Therefore, by God's grace, One Mission Society seeks to unite, inspire and equip Christians to make Jesus known through our witness, by proclamation and demonstration so that His name might be exalted in own families, neighbourhoods and among the nations! My prayer is that this magazine will both inform and encourage you. Don't forget what is 'wrapped up'



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Chorus from Frances Bevan's hymn, O Christ, in thee my soul hath found.



# IN MEMORIUM

#### Don Swanson, Liverpool

On Sunday 15th October 2023, at the age of 95-years-old, our dear brother in the Lord, Don Swanson, was called home by his Saviour, after a short illness. Don during his life served in two churches, but at the same time was a strong supporter of OMS. For many years he regularly went to the OMS Office in Manchester as a volunteer, to pack the missionary prayer letters, serving with keenness. Don also was a very supportive member the prayer group that met in our home, and he attended the OMS 100 years' celebrations in the States. As a family of believers serving with OMS we offer our Christian love and prayers to his wife Margaret and all his family at their sad loss, but we can also rejoice knowing that Don is with his Saviour.

(By Norman Lyons)

#### Sammy Marcus, Cullybackey

Samuel (Sammy) Marcus passed away 30th September 2023, peacefully at his home, 45 Kilrea Road, Cullybackey. Much loved husband of Eileen, Sammy was a prayerful supporter of the missionaries and ministries of OMS. The Cullybackey Prayer Group meets in the Marcus home in Cullybackey and Sammy attended many of the Northern Ireland OMS Conferences. Please pray for Eileen and the Marcus family circle at this time.

"At home with the Lord, good and faithful servant. In life he lived for those he loved and those he loved remember".

#### Rose Hutchinson, Kilrea

Rose Hutchinson, beloved wife of Campbell, mother of Sharon and Peter, mother-in-law and granny passed peacefully into glory on 2nd November 2023. Rose was a prayerful supporter of OMS, regular attendee at the NI Conference and a faithful volunteer at Girassol Charity Shop in Antrim, raising money for OMS related ministries in Mozambique and reaching out to the customers. The family are indebted for the care of all the staff at the McMillan Unit at Antrim Area Hospital and for your prayers. Please continue to pray for the Hutchinson and Kelly family at this time of loss.

2nd Timothy 4:7

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."







# MEN FOR MISSIONS UK CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2023



Last year the MFM Christmas project was to raise money for the Somos Nos (Helping Hands) wheelchair project in Mozambique and to send pallets of food, toiletries etc. to pastors serving in Ukraine so that they could stay with their people rather than being forced to leave. £2,704 was raised and sent to these very worthwhile projects. Thank-you all who contributed.

This year we are raising money to help those caught in the crossfire of the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Since 7th October there has been terrible loss of life, injuries and destruction of homes and other facilities. Many families have been forced to flee their homes able to take very little with them. OMS and MFM do not take sides in this conflict but seek to help in Jesus' name. OMS have a presence in Israel, where Dr. Moshe Loewenthal is spreading the Gospel, so that is the best way to get relief to those who need it so desperately. Food is the most immediate need. As a result of the conflict supplies of food into Israel have diminished resulting in a sharp rise in prices. It takes £200 to feed a family of four for a week with the basics.

We have targeted £3,200 to feed four families for four weeks. Please prayerfully consider supporting and thereby showing Jesus's love in a practical way that will mean so much to the recipients.



Women and children shelter from bombing.



https://donorbox. org/oms-mfmcp



OMEA worker distributing food.

Please make any cheques payable to OMS, not Men for Missions and post to OMS 114A Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NU, scan the QR image or use the DonorBox giving link.

# Gospel advances in Colombia



Daniel Castro Testimony

I was born in the Southwest of Colombia just a few years after the country emerged from a ten-year long civil war which resulted in much devastation. My family on both sides were farmers in what is known as the coffee zone, a region of beautiful winding mountains in the centre of the country. Separated by some 80 miles, both families had been reached with the Gospel in the late 1940s by Gospel Missionary Union missionaries from the USA. Life changed significantly for them as, despite

the hardships of country life, they had now a new hope in their hearts and a new song on their lips with their newly found faith. Their country homes became centres for teaching and evangelistic gatherings that the missionaries held every time they visited their areas. Grandad Abraham Castro, my father's dad, having a talkative and entrepreneurial spirit, almost instantly became an itinerant preacher who went from village to village on horseback preaching the Gospel.



Abraham Castro

Social and political unrest had been battering the country for many years. In most places they went, the protestant missionaries encountered a hostile reception by religious and government authorities. I vividly remember grandad Francisco telling his grandchildren of occasions when, attending evangelistic meetings, they were stoned by mobs who also set fire to the Bibles and belongings of the missionaries. The nationwide unrest reached a boiling point in 1948 following the assassination of a presidential candidate, which unleashed a bloody partisan war known as 'La Violencia' (The Violence). The political war had strong religious overtones as the official religious leaders, taking advantage of the social chaos, and supported, in many cases by the police force, mobilized mobs intent on wiping out the emerging Protestant population, especially in rural areas.

In one of those attacks, my dad, then just a teenager, was wounded in his arm. Because of growing threats to their lives, both sides of the family were forced to abandon their farms and flee to urban centres. There churches of the denomination established by the missionaries which had evangelized them, welcomed them, and offered them shelter. Both families converged in the same city. This is how my parents met and the two families forged a friendship that has withstood the years. The results of the war were devastating, not least for Protestant churches and families. Many churches in small towns and villages were reduced to ashes. The denomination of churches established by the Gospel Missionary Union work was decimated, losing half of its existing churches.



My parents on their wedding day

After the war, both families spread out in the surrounding areas. My newly married parents went southwards and settled in a city that was an epicentre of missionary activity. Both became heavily involved in church ministry in different capacities. My dad started attending a Bible Institute. Having learnt to play the guitar when he was just a lad, he also formed part of a trio that went round churches in the area, evangelizing audiences and strengthening Christians with their music. My mum became involved with the ladies both locally and within the denomination. This is

the environment in which I grew up, participating in all aspects of church life from a very early age. Many of the lessons I learnt by teaching, example, experiences and the hymns sung have stayed with me and have proven crucial both in God's calling on my life and through my years of ministry.

The history of the Evangelical church in Colombia has changed dramatically in the last 50 years. From being a vulnerable and persecuted minority that amounted to less than one percent of the population, the Christian Church (as evangelicals are known in Latin America) has grown to represent over 15% percent of the population, and from having found roots among working classes to reaching middle and upper classes of the Colombian society.



# Resounding Hope is bringing the Resounding Joy With 4VEH



Last year, the 4VEH Resounding Hope local teams didn't travel far from CapHaitien due to security concerns. Thankfully, the North (where 4VEH is located) has been largely spared the horrific gang violence affecting the capital city. Staff are again training lay people in evangelism, visiting listeners at home and sharing the Gospel door-to-door.

Praise God for recent evangelism training and outreach in Bois Caiman, Limonade and Robillard in northern Haiti.



Teams of church members, trained by

4VEH to share their faith with neighbours, went door-to-door to present the Gospel and invite people to respond in faith. Whether individuals committed their lives to Jesus, or said no, each household received a Resounding Hope solar radio to share Jesus daily through 4VEH broadcasts and the audio Bible in Haitian Creole.

Please pray for Resounding Hope. Our goal is to fund and distribute 160,000 radios to reach one million Haitians. Since 2012 there have been 18,500 Resounding Hope solar radios/audio Bibles distributed.

Your prayers are a powerful tool in God's kingdom work in Haiti. Please pray:

- for lasting solutions to Haiti's crisis.
- for people to be be transformed by the Gospel.
- for needed resources (funds for higher fuel bills, staff, equipment) for 4VEH's AM and FM radio, television, online and digital media ministry.



You can find out more about this ministry at: 4veh.org/en

Hope House - 30 years

# Bringing hope and changing futures

Hope House is a non-profit foundation whose mission goes beyond providing a safe home. We work tirelessly to create an environment in which every girl, boy, and adolescent not only finds refuge but also the opportunity



to grow, learn, and thrive. Our comprehensive approach encompasses education, emotional support, skill development, and the promotion of values that help them become strong, compassionate individuals capable of facing the challenges of the future.

We take pride in being a beacon of hope for those who have experienced adversity, and we are committed to continuing to light up their lives with love, care, and endless opportunities.

The cared for children receive:

- Assistance in food, housing, health and clothing.
- Formal education and vocational training.
- Christian principles and values formation.
- Cultural activities, entertainment and sports.



Our team is composed of specialists in pedagogy, social work, psychology, and nutrition. We also have volunteers on the board of directors, godparents, students, and organisations that are a fundamental support in the development of the Home. The first home was first set up in 1993.

'Mission Possible', set up by Joe and Sadie Law, started to provide financial support to the Home In 2012 to meet the demand for professional staff. Then in 2016, thanks to 'Mission Possible,' the programme for girls began with the purchase of the second house in the Santa Sofía neighborhood. In 2020, Mission Possible handed over its operations to OMS.

As one of our Compassionate Ministries OMS seeks to support and fundraise for Hope House (Hogar Esperanza). Thanks to all who supported the fundraiser dessert night on Saturday 11th November, at West Church in Ballymena, when Hope House leaders joined virtually using Zoom to share about this life changing ministry. £810 was raised to support this vital work.



# Seeing the individual -Alan Dickey's Story

Alan Dickey will be the keynote Bible teacher at the OMS Conference in Northern Ireland on 2nd March 2024. We asked him to tell us a bit about himself...



I grew up in a Christian home and went to church and Sunday School every week. I was born in Ballymena, but grew up in Portstewart, where our family moved when I was 3 years old. We were members of Trinity Presbyterian in Ahoghill, and then Burnside Presbyterian in Portstewart.

When I was about 11 years old, I remember experiencing for the first time a sense of conviction about being a sinner and guilty before the Lord, and I suppose that was the first time I really prayed, asking for the Lord's forgiveness. Secondary school brought a much wider range of influences, and along with it more temptation and questions about faith and the Christian life; in hindsight, I am very thankful for godly parents and a couple of close Christian friends.

I then studied Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Queens in Belfast, which brought much more freedom, and all the positives and negatives that come along with that. Again, I am very thankful for the Christian Union at Queens and good Christian friends throughout that time. The most important lessons from those teenage years and early twenties were the need to be listening to biblically faithful preaching and teaching and for regular personal Bible reading and prayer.

After university, I worked in Shorts for four years, and then for British Aerospace for 2 years in England. During this time in England, and away from the Northern Irish 'bubble' for the first time, those lessons and disciplines of the Christian faith were put to the test. There were times when my devotion and commitment was not what it should have been, but in His grace, the Lord brought me through that, and in hindsight, it underlined for me the essential need for worship and fellowship in the local church.

I came back to Northern Ireland, completed a PGCE and taught Technology and Design for 10 years. 7 years in Campbell College Belfast, and then 3 years in Hebron School, South India. Hebron is a boarding school for the children of missionary families working across South East Asia, and at one point, between staff and students, there were 21 different nationalities in the school — "a little foretaste of heaven", as one staff member said at the time! Although, I do hope there will not be any fish curries in heaven!

When we returned from India, I trained to become a Presbyterian minister, and have been serving in the congregations of Albany, Brigh and First Stewartstown for the last six years.

I am married to Ruth who is a part-time community midwife and who along with others from the church, helps run a community café in Stewartstown. We have been married for twenty-one years, and have two children, Joel (19) and Rachel (17).

I enjoy reading — historical dramas, but mostly theology, and when I have time I enjoy woodwork and building things. I am passionate about the Bible, and am always amazed at how the Lord has spoken to us in a way that allows us to understand something of who He is — we should never fail to see His grace and mercy in this. I particularly enjoy reading and thinking about covenant theology and how that helps to explain the big picture of the Lord's grand, gracious, and glorious plan of salvation that runs through the Bible; Yahweh, the Covenant Lord, who graciously and lovingly binds Himself to us sinners to make us His people, and lavishes on us every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus, to the praise of His glory.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Ephesians 1:3



seeing the individual as

At the 2024 NI Conference Alan will lead us in God's word. In session one, 'Seeing the Individual as Jesus did', he will look at the Lord Jesus's compassion for those in need that we see so clearly in His earthly ministry. And then in the second

session, 'Seeing the Individual as Jesus does', looking at how the Lord Jesus, as King in Heaven, rules over and uses His people for His mission. We would love to see you there!



# **Monthly Prayer Diary - Prayer Requests**

#### Board of Directors

Bill Anderson Eddie Currie Alan Russell Petter Trotter





Pray for safety for Julia as she shares the Gospel with youth and professionals. Pray for her church to be effective in its community.

## Vogan Family Ecuador



Pray for Mark and Nube as they serve at BCC church and as they seek to set up the Miriam Project for vulnerable young women.



#### Michel Family USA

Pray for Storly and Kate in their ministry to the Haitian people through 4VEH. Also Hannah and Esther in their schooling.



# Morton Family

Pray for Jonathan and Lupita in their ministry with Red Nueva Vida (New Life Network) to the Spanish speaking world.



Carl & Heidi Walton

Pray for Carl in HR and Heidi serving at the front desk at OMS HQ.

# 7 Charity Shops

Cookstown
Lisburn
Portglenone
Strabane

Volunteers Prayer Groups









Fundación Unydos

₩ Miriam Project ♥







#### Edler 10 Family UK

Pray for Bill in Finance and Compassionate Ministries. Pray these ministries thrive. Pray for Julie supporting Bethesda Clinic.



## Debbie 11 Vogan Youth

Pray for Debbie as she promotes the work of OMS among young people, via social media and at events.



## James\* 12 Student Outreach

Pray for James\* as he connects with students in the UK. Please pray for those interested in knowing more about God.

#### 13 Alan Russell Men for Missions

Men for Missions

Your Life Changing Journey



Please pray for the work of MfM and Alan Russell the UK MfM Director.

# Quinn Area Rep Scotland



Please pray for the work of OMS to be promoted in the Scottish region.

#### 15 Leslie Reid Area Rep N. Ireland



Please pray for Leslie as he represents OMS in Northern Ireland and as he plans for the NI Family Conference on 2nd March.

#### "Devote yourselves to prayer" Colossians 4:2



# Pollock **Family**



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

# Montgomery **Family**



Praise God for new contacts and opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for spiritual fruit and for the kids in school.

# Eddy & Delameillieure Belaiu



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



# Richardson Family

Pray for Fiona editing the Esther Project study book and in prayer ministry. Pray for Philip's teaching schedule and safe travels.



# Bruce 20 & Mabel Callender

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



### **Jeannine Brabon** Colombia

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

# KK & Kav



**Outreach Birminaham** 

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





Pray for Melvin as he serves as UK ED and for Sharon serving in Pastoral Care in Wellington Church, Ballymena and for the kids.

**24** Daniel & Gail Castro



**Member Care** 

**Pray for Daniel as assistant** pastor in Elmwood church and Gail as she ministers in their local area. For both in Member Care for OMS.



# Cheryl 25 Kellv Pavroll

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



McClure **Comms Officer** 

Pray for Ali to have good balance between her two roles in communications and finance and as a busy wife and mother.



## Brenda 27 Reid Personnel

Pray for Brenda's health and for her as she serves the missionaries and missionary candidates.
Darina & Liam's education.

# 28Tommy Area Rep Leeds



Pray as we serve the Rockgate church. For funding for a building and to finance new outreach programmes.

#### 29 Stephen Scholes Area Rep N. England



**Pray for opportunities** to share about OMS and mission. For God to raise up missionaries and bring many to faith in the UK.

# Retirees

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



# Jeannine Brabon



Teanninebrabon@cs.com Medellín, Colombia Winter 2023



My Friend,

How great is God's faithfulness! I rejoice that God has me in Colombia at this time to bring in the harvest. Difficult times allow hearts to be open to hear the Good News. My greatest joy is to see people respond to the invitation to accept Jesus as Saviour.

Daily, I see how God uses ordinary encounters for people to encounter Jesus! If we only knew what others are facing, I believe we would share more readily. Today in the store, Andres approached me to sell me some perfume. Instead, he received the Living Presence, the fragrance of Jesus in his young life. He did not have a Bible and could not believe it when I gave him one. Your generosity makes this possible.

Karen\*, a physical therapist, works for my chiropractor. On her first day at work, I shared Jesus, and she eagerly received Jesus into her life. How vital Jesus would become to her. I learned about a month ago that tragedy had struck. When she took her 10-year-old son to his father (Karen's exhusband), he beat her. She called her lawyer, and while on the phone, she heard a gunshot. Her ex took his own life, leaving Victor\* fatherless. Pray for them, Karen and Victor (names are changed). I invited Karen to our Captivating retreat this month, 24-25th November. Pray she can attend! We are praying that God will bring women who need His healing touch.

Saturday, I went to Rio Negro to plan our women's retreat, Captivating, with Loida and Diana. Carlos and Aleida took me, along with a couple involved in our Amanecer aftercare programme for ex-offenders. The couple got individual counseling with Carlos and Aleida, while I was in my meeting. Praise God, their lives and marriage have been enriched since attending Amanecer.

God gave me the name Amanecer which means dawn, as the dawning of a new day! I am grateful for the leadership of the Amanecer team which meets on Tuesday evenings. Follow-up after prison is so important, and I rejoice God has given us a vital programme for aftercare. Audrey Suarez and Margarita Madalena developed it. With a grateful heart,



**Audrey Suarez** sharing at an Amanecer meeting.



Carlos Velasquez, his wife, Aleida; Xiomara, me, and Ernesto



Roberto and I at his graduation dinner to celebrate the completion of his industrial engineering degree, a great achievement after release from prison.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- \* Pray for God to continue to provide financially for the prison ministry and for Amanecer.
- \* Pray for our Captivating Retreat, 24-26th November. Ask God to anoint each of us who give the messages and for the Holy Spirit to minister deeply in each woman who comes.
- \* Pray for God's Word to nurture each new believer. Oh, the stories I could tell!!

## Bruce & Mabel Callender





Bruce & Mabel Callender 436 S. Oak Glen Drive Bartlett, IL 60103 USA bruce@thecallenders.com

Christmas 2023

Dear Friend.

Prayer has been crucial, and remains so, in the ministry to which God has called us!

In Wesley Duewel's autobiography, All for Jesus, in the dedication of the book to his family he says of them, "Their constant presence in my heart and prayers has been like a wisp of fragrant aroma rising continuously in intercession before the Lord." This is prayer being lived out as the Apostle Paul mentions in 1st Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

It was this kind of prayer, by the missionary team and the T-3 church in Mozambique, that led to the purchase of the property to construct the urgently needed building for the church. We all had been praying, but the owner of the property was not ready to sell. Finally, after three years of prayer, the owner had a need to sell and the sale went through quickly. We all rejoiced!

Joshua Kelly, 12-year-old son of Melvin and Sharon Kelly, was diagnosed with Leukemia in January of 2022. It was the constant praying and reporting on progress through Zoom for a year and a half by Christians in many parts of the world that brought results. Joshua has been restored to good health in answer to prayer. There has been much thanksgiving for God's work in Joshua's life, and prayer continues for the family.

Over the centuries, the people of Israel prayed in expectation of the coming of the Messiah. Through much suffering the people continued in hope. Then the greatest miracle in the history of the world took place: Christ was born in Bethlehem. Let us remember that the very foundation of our salvation rests upon the prayers of God's people long ago.

Mabel and I are members of a small prayer group that meets every Thursday morning. We have been meeting for nearly ten years and we have seen God answer prayer for members of our group, their families, and needy situations around the world. We would encourage every Christian to belong to a prayer group and experience the blessing of answered prayer.

We wish you a very happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support and prayer.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce and Mabel

## Daniel & Gail Castro

# Christmas Greetings from the Castros



Winter 2023

#### Dear Friends,

It is once again that special time of the year when we celebrate the coming of our Saviour to the world. God, who had always been drawing closer to humankind, in Jesus has taken a 'giant leap' to reconcile to Himself the men and women He had created. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, come to earth to be with us, to walk with us, to be one of us. With jubilant hearts, we celebrate His presence with us!

Nearly a year ago we returned from Spain without knowing what was next for us. Our only assurances at that time were that as God had sustained and guided us all through our lives He would continue to do so, and that our times were in His hands. As we look back, we cannot but praise God for His constant presence with us throughout this year...

...orchestrating both the place of arrival and the time of our return to the UK. Just as we arrived in Manchester, Elmwood church was looking to appoint a part-time assistant pastor!

...bringing us to a spacious place where we have been able to experience His liberating freedom, His restoring touch and the affirmation of His love and purpose for us.

...providing beyond our wildest imagination in ever providential ways.

...surrounding us with a community of friends through whom He has shown His tender love and care.

...opening new ministry opportunities for us. Daniel as part time assistant pastor at Elmwood church. Gail is involved part-time

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling presence among us... John 1:14

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").



with Safe Families, as a volunteer. We are both supporting Independent Methodist churches in the Northwest of England. We are involved in member care for OMS UK missionaries. We also have an exciting new opportunity for next year. We are in the planning stages of a mission trip to Ecuador in July 2024. If you would like to join us for some cross-cultural mission experience, do contact us. We will provide more detailed information at a later stage.

Your continued support and investment in our lives has been an important way in which God has manifested His presence with us. THANK YOU!



Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
With much love,
Daniel, & Gail Castro

# Julia Henry



# **Update from Ecuador** *©*

Julia Henry Winter 2023



Dear Friends.

Happy Christmas!!!

I hope this finds you all well, celebrating Him and what He has done! As I write the sun is shining and there is certainly no prospect of snow at sight at this time of the year on the equator! We are at present experiencing the worst drought in Ecuador in fifty years, resulting in rationing of electricity and water. As the situation forces us to recognize the value and need of water and light, it reminds me of how Jesus is the Light of the world and giver of living water. Would we here in Ecuador, as the psalmist did, spiritually cry out to God, earnestly search for Him, longing to be in His Presence and praise Him!

Thank you for praying for Ecuador throughout the elections and at this time of instability. We have sadly seen an increase of missing people and kidnapping, close to where I am currently living and working. Please continue to keep the situation in prayer.

In September we carried out a course on the cross. Pray that amid much change and challenging circumstances that the church would keep their eyes steadfast on Him, be strengthened and boldly declare His Word to others. He is our Hope and Reigns!

Thank you all for your continued prayers, support and encouragement. I do hope you have a lovely Christmas!

Love, Julia.



#### Conferences



"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.

Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!" Psalm 63:1-3

#### Points for prayer:

- Pray for more opportunities to share His Word among those who have not yet heard, especially throughout the Christmas season.
- Pray for a young lady whose family are trying to force her into prostitution. She has now found a safe place to live and is trying to begin a new life in Him.
- Pray for the church here, that they would be faithful and obedient in the teaching of His Word.
- Pray that God would continually protect and guide my steps. Pray that my mouth would be filled with godly wisdom as I counsel others.
- Continue to uphold those in positions in authority here in prayer. May we see godly leaders being raised up for His glory.
- Pray that God will open doors of ministry, partnerships and friendships.



Please note if anyone would like to receive more regular, detailed and up-to-date prayer updates please send an email to me at juliahenry 18@hotmail.com



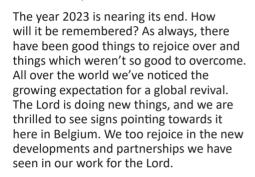
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Dear Friends,



But 2023 may also be remembered for deep grief and immense sorrow, as whole people groups are being imprisoned in a cycle of violence and hatred against each other, both men, women and children made in the image of one loving God. I believe the heart of God itself is deeply saddened by this development. How can He not forget all the awful things that have happened this year in Ukraine, in Israel and Palestine, the likes of which might possibly continue unremitted in 2024. We all long to see an end to this "shaking" as we try to make sense of the end-time prophecies contained in the Bible. This is not a time for glib answers, but what we do know for certain is that God wants to steer us safely through these difficult seasons, keeping our eyes fixed on Him. The journey is fraught with hardships, but with Jesus at our side, we may be confident of a safe

As for Chris and I, we continue the different strands of God's work in Belgium.



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Winter 2023-24

A nice new development is the return to the church of folk who had drifted away from God's path. As a church we had been regularly praying that they might find their way back to the cross. One Flemish lady, called Rosemary, has recently returned to the church services and is once again a regular participant. She was baptised in 2019, but due to severe family pressure stopped coming. It was a joyful moment when we welcomed her back to the church; we are especially encouraged to see her renewed zeal for Jesus and the Kingdom. Please pray for Rosemary that she will remain steadfast. We were also very happy to greet a new young mum from Argentina who is married to a Flemish man. She is Roman Catholic, but very keen and interested in the Bible: we haven't seen her husband yet. This is a typical situation for One in Christ (1nC): a believer from South America marries a non-believing Belgian, making attending a church sometimes a bone of contention. Pray for the four unbelieving partners of church members: may they be positively touched by Christian fellowship and become open to the Good News.

In 2023 we made some new friends, in particular with a young couple, named Michael and Stephanie, who came to know the Lord during 2022. They both recently finished their medical studies and are currently doing a 3-year internship in general practice. Stephanie is of Afghan origin and Michael of Dutch descent. They came to faith through a Christian



Afghan friend, but due to some negative experiences with Christians, Michael and Stephanie have had a hard time settling into a church. The Lord arranged for the four of us to meet during the Freedom Festival in Ghent last July. Since then we have been meeting up regularly for prayer and teaching the basics of Christian living. It is a real joy to see the enthusiasm of new believers. There is something fresh about their faith which encourages us, more 'mature' believers.

On the first Saturday of November we hosted a seminar on how to be an effective witness in the workplace, more specifically in the health care fields of this world. For us, this felt like putting on an "old hat" as we used to be missionaries with Healthcare Christian Fellowship. We have given this same seminar, called "The Saline Process", in the various countries we have lived in. Thanks to Michael and Stephanie the Lord revived interest in the subject in Belgium. It is guite special that the whole organisation of this event, from idea to execution, took place in only two weeks. To find six participants at such short notice is really unheard of in Belgium. Please pray that this may rekindle an evangelistic zeal to see Jesus crowned as King in the healthcare fields of Belgium.

We have heard of several "fires" burning in other places in the world as Christians from different nations are getting serious about sharing their faith wherever they are. Is it not a sign of the end-times? We tend to think of the last days in apocalyptic terms, judgement etc. However, before the final curtain falls, there must also come a

great awakening when many people will find their anchor in Jesus. These are the times we live in: it is surely not all doom and gloom!

"Casa Amistad", the House of Prayer that we operate in Ghent, wants to be a catalyst of such revival. Up to now we have been, and are, involved in several prayer projects calling for revival. Over the past three months, Chris and I have ventured outside of Ghent exploring hotspots for prayer in the Ardennes and in the mining-region in the east of the country.



Sometimes it was just the two of us, sometimes the Lord brought people alongside us. There is lots of practical work to do as well! Casa Amistad is now equipped to host seminars for groups, and over the past year we have hosted several such seminars.

Thank you for praying with us and for us.

Chris and I wish you a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year 2024!

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



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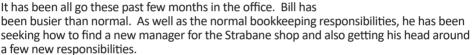
# Edlers in Northern Ireland

Bill, Julie, Sam, Joel, and Jacob

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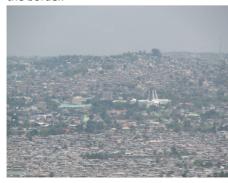
We thank you again for all of your support. We really appreciate everything you do for us in helping us to serve God through OMS.





In addition to this has been planning and organising, with the help of others from the office, the next OMS dessert night which will be held at West Church Presbyterian in Ballymena. We hope that it will be a good time of fellowship, fundraising, and fun! Please pray for the success of this night as we hope to raise some funds for the Mission Possible ministries in Colombia.

In Haiti, things are not going too well. The border with the Dominican Republic has been closed because of a dispute between the two countries over Haitians building an irrigation canal that takes water from the river that forms the border in the northern part of the island. The border closure seriously affects the economy in Haiti as many of the goods, including food, that Haitians use every day are imported from the Dominican Republic. At one point the price of one egg had risen to 50 US cents as eggs are normally imported across the border. This especially affects the area where the OMS ministries are located as it is close to the border.



But there could be some good news for the crisis in the capital city, Port au Prince. The UN has recently approved a mission, led by Kenya, to send 1,000 police to the city to help fight the criminal gangs that are causing so much chaos and violence. It is unclear how much difference 1,000 police officers can make in a big city like Port au Prince, but we pray that this mission will be a good thing for the people of Haiti.

Thank you for your support!

Bill and Julie Edler





#### Bethesda update

The solar project at Bethesda is now operational! This means that the medical centre now has 24 hour electricity. While they do have to use the generator during peak times of energy usage, the solar panels allow them to have electricity even when the generator is not running. Among other things this means their emergency medical staff have lights to use all through the night.



Dominican Republic is causing problems for Bethesda. They are struggling to get medicine for their patients. This is a very vital need for them as they can't do much for their patients without a constant supply of medicine. Please pray for this big need for Bethesda.

Finally, please praise God with us that Dr. Rodney has been able to travel to the United States to speak in churches and meet with supporters. This personal contact is necessary to maintain these relationships which are so important to the ministry of Bethesda Medical Centre.

#### Emmaus Update

Here are some words from Dr. Guenson Charlot, president of Emmaus: It is overwhelming in the battlefield here. No one really knows what to do and what to expect. We are surrounded and battered by troubles of all kinds. As the president of



Emmaus University, how do I tell my students that we will soon no longer be able to feed them as food costs skyrocket? How do I prepare the next generation of Haiti's leaders at Emmaus to stop their training during this desperate time because we simply can't continue to afford financial aid? The everyday reality is that the battlefield is overwhelming! What shall then I do? Do I run for my life and leave everything behind? I would rather die on my knees in the battlefield while my soul is at peace, than enjoy the comfort of this life elsewhere while my soul languishes. Let the battle rage. Let me fulfill my calling, until my Lord Jesus says it is time for me to get my crown.

Thank you for fighting alongside us. We shall prevail. We stand firm on the Word Apostle Paul spoke long ago to the Corinthian Church saying "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... (2nd Cor. 4:8-9 ESV)

Thank you so much. Your fellow soldier from the battlefield of Haiti,

Guenson Charlot

#### **Praise Points**

Praise God that He is sovereign, even over the chaos in Haiti.

Praise God that the solar project at Bethesda is now operational.

Praise God for the faithfulness of leaders like Guenson Charlot.

#### **Prayer points**

Pray for Haiti and the many issues that the country faces.

Pray for Dr. Guenson Charlot and the Emmaus team.

Pray for our boys that they would be safe and follow God.

Continue to pray for Bethesda, pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel with patients.

Pray for more monthly support for Bethesda and Emmaus. With the increases in costs both Bethesda and Emmaus need more support.

Pray for Bill as he continues to work at OMS Belfast.

Pray for Julie as she juggles many different things at the same time.

Pray that God will work in Haiti and we would see Haiti transform.



# Melvin & Sharon Kelly

**WINTER 2023** 

# Kelly

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One Lord. One Life. One Calling. Charity No SC042980

Melvin, Sharon, Abigail, Joshua, Noah and Lydia

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deut 31:8

Thank you so much for your prayers. It has been a time of much change. While I am settling into my new role, there is so much to learn. I am enjoying building relationships and getting to know more people in the OMS family! Pray that I will be able to strike the right balance with all the things that need attended to. We would love to see you at our Family Conference on 2nd March held at Union Road Presbyterian Church in Magherafelt (registration required for catering purposes). Also, I am excited about the short term team opportunities that are available in the summer of 2024 to Hungary, Ecuador and Mozambique (see brochure for details). Might God be directing you join one of these teams?

As a family, we have finally been able to move into our own home after a long saga - thanks for your prayers! Also, after a period of illness, Sharon's mum, Rose Hutchinson went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Thursday 2nd November. Thank you to all who attended the funeral or sent messages of sympathy. Please pray especially for grace and strength for Campbell (Sharon's dad), Peter, Sharon and the whole family circle.





A photo from the recently constructed Somos Nós reception area in Mozambique proiding a space where people with disability are welcomed and attended.





Anderson (right), who is 9 years old, was brought to the workshop by his mother. They were seeking help! He was born with Spina Bifida but due to a back deformity, needs a wheelchair specially tailored to suit his needs. Anderson didn't have a wheelchair so was unable to go to school. *The Somos Nós* team managed to find one chair and made adaptations with sponge glued to the backrest so he would be able to sit up comfortably. They also assembled the removable table so that he can participate more fully at school. This small act of compassion brought boundless joy for Anderson and his family. He is now learning to propel his wheelchair on his own. Will you pray for Anderson? Pray that he will come to know Jesus' love for him. Pray for the many people who continue to be shown compassion through the workshop. Pray for Juca, Elina, Carlos, Samuel, Afonso, Regina and Constantino as they work together as a team! We are waiting for our next consignment of wheelchairs, due in January 2024. The Somos Nós team are preparing for a special celebration to mark the International Day of Disability on Saturday 2nd December. By the time you receive this, the event will have passed, but please pray that many churches/Christians will see that there is much that they can do to make the Gospel attractive and understandable for people living with disability.

The technicians have rehabilitated at least 30 old disused wheelchairs over the last few months - this has been possible due to the generosity of donors who have given to help us buy wheelchair parts and accessories. These wheelchairs have been given a second lease of life for the benefit of those who will receive them - showing God's love for them in a practical way!

# Joy of Generosity Initiative

To encourage you in your giving, one of our partners has made a very kind and generous commitment to add 50% to all donations received toward the Somos Nós ministry for this next year. This means that a gift of £100 would become £150 and if you gift aid your donation, £100 would become £187.50! Together, through partnership, we can continue to make a great impact in Mozambique for the Kingdom! You can give by cheque, by standing order (page 43) or at <a href="https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/somosnos">https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/somosnos</a>



# Storley & Kate Michel



#### Bonjou, Hello!

HAITI Winter 2023

Being with our co-workers in person was so good during Kate's trip to Haiti in August. It had been three years (since just before COVID) since her previous visit. She interviewed both staff and listeners, and heard how God is working in their lives through 4VEH. Thanks for praying!

#### Life as 'normal' in north of Haiti

Life in Cap-Haitien, (Storly's hometown and home of 4VEH) continues very much 'as normal' - very hard but normal. Thankfully, the gangs that have inflicted so much chaos in the capital city have no presence in the north.





Some highlights of Kate's trip:

#### - Staff prayer meeting.

Our 50 co-workers are persevering as they do their part to keep the Gospel on the air every day, so it was such a joy to be with them, to encourage them and to let them know how people are praying for them, for Haiti.

#### - Meeting listeners like Kenol

Back in 1998, 4VEH launched a campaign called KOPRO4 [Co-operative for promoting 4VEH] inviting listeners to financially support the ministry. Haiti may be among the poorest countries in the world, but believers like Kenol (right) give sacrificially to honor God and keep the Gospel going out strong across the airwayes.





Praises:

A safe trip to Haiti for Kate

We celebrate 20 years of marriage in January—by God's grace!

#### Please pray for:

For Hannah (17) and Esther (15), please pray for growing faith in Jesus, for good friends, and for Hannah as she considers college plans for next year.

Peace in Haiti.

Strength and perseverance for staff at 4VEH.

Kenol started giving to 4VEH when the station was off the air due to technical problems, he said, "because I was having real trouble hearing the programmes on my little radio."

"God has done so much for me, especially when my wife had difficulties in childbirth. When I've had problems, the prayer programs on 4VEH, the Bible teaching, they've really helped me. I promised God I'd give back.

"4VEH means so much to me. I'm even tighter with Jesus now, and that's thanks to 4VEH.

"I'm sure God put 4VEH in my path. Even when I was studying in Port-au-Prince, I listened to another radio station that carried 4VEH programmes.. If I started to tell you all the things God has done for me through 4VEH, I'd never stop!"

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

# May you know God's peace and joy as you celebrate this Christmas!



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 Office to get set up. Thanks so much!

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# John & Jo Montgomery

# Montgomery News!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age," Matthew 28:19-20

Recently, Calvary Mission workers had a day of fellowship and discussion on church planting. We were focusing on the need to be continually outward looking, seeking the Lord's direction and planning towards reaching the next town and area with the Gospel. First and foremost comes Jesus' command to go, given in Matthew 28:19-20. Then, we consider the need and where he would have us go. During the gathering Paudge Mulvihill highlighted a nearby town for each of the existing churches to be prayerfully considering and planning to begin to reach out to with the Gospel. The town he brought to the attention of the Ballina team was Tubbercurry. The next Sunday we had a family come to the church for the first time having recently moved from Spain. They discovered us on the internet. Where are they living? Tubbercurry! We have never had anyone come to us from Tubbercurry before! The town of Tubbercurry is 32km east of Ballina with a population of 2,307. We would like to ask you to join with us in praying for the town of Tubbercurry and for God's direction in this.

Yet, in looking around us at the need, we are also reminded that we desperately need more workers. To the west of Ballina, towards the coast beyond Crossmolina, where we live, there are other towns as well as so many houses scattered across the beautiful barren countryside who are not being reached with the Gospel. We can only do so much. Who will reach them? We not only need workers, but also Christians who would be prepared to come and live in the Republic of Ireland, doing their normal job and being a witness for Jesus here. Could God be calling you to come?

As some of you know, in September we started a kids' club in our home on a Monday afternoon. In our last prayer letter we asked you to pray that Joshua would still be able to meet up with those in our estate who had played together through the summer. We praise God for giving this opportunity to have them in our house on a regular basis, not only to play but to be able to share a Bible story with them, even at a very basic level at this stage and to tell them how amazing Jesus is! It's just so wonderful to hear them engage. One day at snack time while having juice, we told them about what Jesus did at the wedding, turning water into wine. The next week a little girl asked me about it again wanting to know what happened next.





#### Friday Club

The Friday Club in Ballina has also been very encouraging.

Two children from Joshua's school class now come, as well as those from Sarah's class. Recently we had five more children come who we think are Muslim, originally from Tunisia and Algeria. One of the girls along with her mum came to church last Sunday!

This is the name of the youth group which we started in the Autumn. We meet every second week. Dave leads this and Jo is helping 'temporarily'. Please continue to pray for a suitable youth leader to take over.

Building

We also continue to ask you to pray for premises that we can buy or renovate. We are running out of room on a Sunday morning, Praise God for that! But we need somewhere bigger!

• Andrew got his Junior Cert results in October and got on well.

Thank you for praying. He also got his site pass and is ready now to start work experience with a local plumber until February.

- Samuel has settled well into Gortnor Abbey, secondary school.
- Sarah is thoroughly enjoying helping out with the craft for the Kid's Club in our house and Joshua continues to enjoy his social life with his Deerpark friends.
- Pray that each of the children would be strong in following Jesus and effective witnesses for Him.

#### WhatsApp!

If you would like to receive prayer updates on WhatsApp in between prayer letters, please message us on 0035389 6016529





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



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# Jonathan & Lupita Morton



May God bless you richly at this very special time of year. Lupita and I have the joy of seeing lives transformed daily across the Spanish speaking world. One of the most impactful signs of this new life in Christ is forgiveness. Marriages are restored and families come together. Jesus came into the world to save. Through Him we have forgiveness of sins, restoration and a future based on His promises. Thank you for partnering in prayer and giving to make this gift a reality for so many this year.

As this year draws to a close, we reflect on the impact of disciples trained as leaders. Disciples have been formed in larger numbers this year through RNV than any other. Over 1,000 are currently in the two-year process, learning how to grow and live in Christ on a day-to-day basis as they face life's challenges and seize God given opportunities. As these disciples begin to impact the lives of others and form disciples themselves, we have seen an ever growing number desiring to be trained in leading others. They have a fervent desire and calling to fulfill His commission and use their gifts to impact the lives of others. We continue to train through the RNV Institutes in how to plant a church and how to engage in pastoral ministry within a church. Specific courses are now also being given in leadership with over one hundred graduating this year. Please pray as new courses aimed at preparing leaders for cross cultural ministry begin in local RNV churches in 2024. It is a true blessing to share that God has also opened the doors for RNV to begin discipleship, church planting and leadership training in Honduras and Ecuador. A plan for each has been prayerfully developed and we look forward to starting in Honduras in March and Ecuador in April. Work continues to grow as new churches are planted in Chile and Guatemala, while leadership training initiatives develop in Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Lupita and I look forward to training and engaging with over two hundred pastors in Colombia at the end of this year.

We are honored to attend the RNV mother church located in Indianapolis. Pastor Harol Hurtado has been a great addition to the ministry team and each day takes on more responsibility. He will get married at the end of November, so we appreciate your prayers for him and Katty as well as Lupita and I. This last month we saw six more people baptized, it is a joy to see so many growing and taking clear steps in their walk with Jesus as Christmas approaches. New discipleship groups are beginning in the early months of 2024 and leadership is developed and taking on more impactful roles in the life and ministry of the church.



Over Christmas this year Lupita's family are coming from Mexico to visit. Last year we spent Christmas in Ireland with my family so it will be a blessing to have time with Lupita's family this year. Daniel and Noah are growing up fast with Daniel close to my height and Noah soon to overtake Lupita! Both are playing indoor soccer as the snow begins. Please pray for Daniel in 7th grade (Form 2 in the UK!) and Noah in 5th grade (P7 in the UK!). As a family we would like to wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a blessed 2024. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayer and support. Please be sure of our prayer for you also as we celebrate together the coming of Christ, His love and transforming power this Christmas.

Jonathan, Lupita, Daniel and Noah







# Jonny & Julie Pollock

Winter 2023

# POLLOCK POST



#### Preparation...



As we enter into this season on the year, our attention turns to preparation. We spent this last week preparing our crafts for Christmas, with lots of printing, cutting and organising on our kitchen table. Our weekly community group turned into part Bible study, part factory line! It's always a good time of the year for preparation, thinking about the next year and praying with hope as to what God will accomplish in and through our lives.

The theme of preparation is also a great reminder of the arrival of Jesus. From Genesis 3:15, God's people were preparing their hearts excitedly for the arrival of the seed who would bring salvation to the world. Even in the accounts of Mark, Zechariah, and Simeon, there is a note of expectation that is delightedly sung to the praise of God. The moment we were waiting for, the One we had expected, is now here. As we enter into this season we all have that expectation. Maybe it is for time off work, some presents, or indeed a nice bit of turkey and ham! - but also for the newness that Christmas brings. It reminds us of a God who is faithful, bring about His promises, and One who we can trust walking into the future.

This season is also a time were we plan and prepare for a new year in church. It's hard to believe that 2024 is just around the corner, but we can look forward with the same expectation and anticipation that we do for the Christmas season. Looking back on last year there were so many things that we hadn't prepared for, both good and bad. Challenges that were unforeseen which God brought strength in, and also joys that we had never expected that brought encouragement to our hearts. We have spoken a lot recently in our home about 'zooming out' - not getting swayed by the moments, but zooming out to see the broader picture. At this time of the year, we have the opportunity to 'zoom out' a bit to look back at the years that have passed, and to pray with faith into the year that is to come. Part of what was interesting about the picture above is that we were discussing things that had happened in our lives alongside stories of God's faithfulness through generations. It helped us process what has gone before that we cannot change, but also to live by faithful obedience into the future which we cannot control. So in both our preparation and expectation this year, we surrender ourselves to God, and remind

#### Prayer Points...

- Pray for some rest over the Christmas holidays. This has been a long year and we look forward to the break.
- Pray for this year as the boys have important years in their schooling.
- Pray for Julie as she works in the health service, and for the opportunities she has with her colleagues.
- Pray for our new people at church, that we would see Gospel growth in them.
- Pray for Remi and Aurelie and their family as continue in their work here.
- Pray for God to save people in our local community.

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#### **Snippets**

The boys have left one season of having exams, to another of preparing for more! Ben is doing a lot of mock exams for his Junior Cert this year, and Josh is being assessed in starting his secondary school exams. Caleb is just happy that he gets to watch the stress, but not have to participate. The boys have had great results recently, but what has been more encouraging is the feedback on their character from the teachers. School is a real mission field for them, and they are living faithfully which is a joy to us.

Julie has also completed the first module of her BCUK course. It has been a great experience, but also a real challenge as well as her other responsibilities. Pray as she considers whether to continue with the modules or to take a break. Our schedules are quite busy, and we need to be wise with our workloads in this next season.

#### Remi & Aurelie

Remi, Aurelie, Thomas and Jeanne have settled in really well into life in Loughrea. They have been working hard at preparing themselves for church planting in France next year, and they are a joy to coach and encourage in this. A few weeks ago, Jeanne had to spend some time in hospital with a lung infection, but she is much better now, and it was an encouragement to see our church family surround them with









Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb



Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Tullyroan. As we write to you, we now have a huge lake, which has formed in fields at the back of our house, after a lot of rain. It's also incredible that we are on the "verge" of preparations for Christmas, with Leslie is more than thankful for the many the "festive" season around the corner.

It is amazing the changes that one can see in nature during the year. We can compare it with our lives, because they never stay still

... changes and adjustments are necessary if we want to grow. In the Reid family, this past year. we have seen so many changes in our surroundings and also within each of us. We would like to believe that we have grown in adapting to life back here in the UK, even though sometimes the process has been with a mixture of emotions and some tears.

The tears marked moments of sadness for missing family, friends

and ministry; frustration for our failures to understand the culture and the pace of life; and overwhelm at the change to a different way of life living in the countryside, instead of in a mega city. But, also, we have shared tears of gratitude for even the smallest successes we have achieved in this learning process. We know that God has been, and is, in control in every step. We are thankful, because He has been taking care of every need. We are very grateful that He still has a place for us in His work, no matter where in the world we are.

As you can imagine, we are very grateful for the opportunity that Brenda has as a Personnel Officer with OMS UK. Being a people person, she loves spending time with everyone in the office, but struggles with some parts of the admin, especially learning about the law and the implications of it with OMS UK. Please pray that God will guide her and OMS UK in this important role.

opportunities that God has opened for sharing in different churches about the OMS ministries around the world. Also, he is so grateful for every Tuesday at the OMS Charity Shop in

> Lisburn, because of the many opportunities to get to know the customers, share the Gospel and pray with them. We are especially grateful, because while Leslie and Liam were involved in a car accident on the 18th of October. it was only "minor". PTL nobody was hurt, and after about a week the car was fixed and ready for the road again. We are very thankful for the many friends who helped us out in those days!!!!

The past few months have been unsettling for Darina. She has not been well since the beginning of September. It was so bad she ended up at A&E one night. Her diagnosis is still unclear, it could now be asthma. But this still needs confirmation by the GP. It has been very frustrating for her, as she has missed classes in college, and going to her placement at the Gathering Room. We are grateful that while waiting for the right diagnosis, she has been more stable.

Liam is back enjoying his new well-known schedule of homeschool, and he has time to become a "dab hand" in the kitchen, with both cooking and baking. The whole family enjoys his gluten-free chocolate chip cookies!!!!

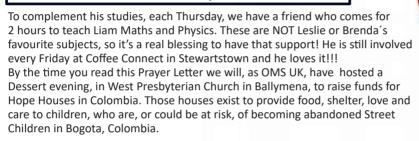


The Lords hand upon Leslie and Liam when they were in the car accident at the end of October.

Liam's and Darina's education.

New areas of growth during 2023.

Prayer for:
Darina to get the right diagnosis.
Brenda's challenges in the Personnel area with OMS UK.
Liam to find "new friends".
Leslie's role as OMS NI Rep.



As we finish this year of 2023, grateful for every opportunity to grow, and all His blessings, we are hopeful for 2024. As a family, we would like to visit Mexico and reconnect with family, friends and ministry. We appreciate your prayers as we decide the best time to make that trip.

Also, we appreciate your prayers for OMS UK and all the events and activities that, as a team, are planning for next year. Pray that God will open doors for places to host events, to connect with people interested in getting involved in mission. Please, if you are free and would like to learn more about OMS and different ways to get involved in mission, you will be made very welcome on Saturday the 2nd of March at the OMS NI Annual Conference at Union Road Presbyterian Church, Magherafelt.

Thank you very much for your love, support and prayers over the years, you are in our prayers often. May God bless you as you celebrate Christmas and start a new year.

In Him,

Leslie, Brenda, Darina and Liam.



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# Philip & Fiona Richardson

Dear Friend, Winter 2023



We send our warmest greetings for the holiday season. Our Christmas cards never show images of the baby Jesus fleeing danger from King Herod and becoming a vulnerable refugee in Egypt. Believers, church workers and missionaries in many of the countries where OMS work, face intensifying persecution, natural disasters and war this year. Please pray that our brothers and sisters will know that Jesus lived what they are suffering now, and will experience the comfort and protection

of "Emmanuel": God with them.

Philip was privileged to cross the globe to Taiwan and South Korea in October. We thank God for a fruitful opportunity to build deeper relationships in person with OMS partners. Leaders, lecturers and missionaries were attentive hosts. At Seoul Theological University, Philip had also been invited to write and present an academic paper (pictured right) for the annual

an academic paper (pictured right) for the annual "Cowman Lectures" (Charles Cowman was the founder of OMS) – certainly the



only time Philip has been on a banner (pictured left)! The paper was "Reading Holiness in the letter to the Romans". It was a blessing to reflect on biblical truth in conversations and share real fellowship with Korean leaders. God led fresh discussions with the Koreans on new ways to partner together for raising up church leaders in the worldwide church.

Please pray for the Spirit to lead Philip in decisions regarding teaching online or in person for January and for visiting partner ministry training colleges in February.



The Esther Project is growing, with two exciting training events in the next few weeks to raise up new leaders. Bettina in DR Congo and Caroline in Uganda will be leading the interactive two-day workshops for women who will commit to pray for young women and start dynamic small groups in their churches, schools or universities. They will pray together and be trained to grow loving, honest groups using the book of Bible studies, life questions and prayer guides (pictured) that help young women connect the word of God with their daily world, and welcome Him into every part of their lives.

Please pray for Jesus to work powerfully to form these new groups and to fill these new leaders with his presence and his wisdom to make disciples among young women aged 15-25. The battle for this generation of young women is fierce, so pray for God's victory in reaching them and pray for protection and blessing over Caroline and Bettina and these new leaders on the front lines.



We thank the Lord for 28 years of marriage, and this year we were hosted for an anniversary date by our daughter, Bethany, at the restaurant where she has been working since July (pictured). Because of our visa situation, this is her first real job and we are grateful it has really grown her and given her lots of encouragement.



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At the end of this year, we thank the Lord for each one of you as

our support team! We are so grateful for your prayers and gifts.
Without you we would not be able to continue in any of the
Kingdom work we believe God has planned. We pray you will
have some good rest over the holidays and know the presence of
Jesus filling your family and your new year.

Please pray that God will overturn the deficit in our support account and provide the extra monthly financial support needed for our funding with OMS. Pray for God's leading and blessing in some events and visits we are planning, in order to grow our support team over the coming months.

If you would like to give an end-of-year gift for our support account or to join our team of regular givers, please contact us at the email below, or use this link or QR code for the OMS UK website, to give online. https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/missionary/Richardson

#### Join with us giving thanks and praising God this year for:

- His sustaining love and power, in many personal challenges and spiritual battles, to enable us to continue serving him.
- Every opportunity for Philip to build partnerships with seminaries and Bible colleges around the world and every ministry student who has grown in his classes.
- Raising up coordinators and leaders and growing them in their love for young women, and God's wisdom to minister to them through the Esther Project.
- The Spirit leading in the new edit of the Bible study book for young women Fiona has been working on. We thank Jesus that He will lead the consulting with others on the English version and help Cari in editing the Spanish translation.
- Putting Jasmine and Bethany in our family and for His power and purpose for their lives.
- God's ability and desire to provide for all our needs and to lead us by His Spirit for the coming year.

We pray you will know the hope of Christ and experience the reign of Christ this season and the coming year.

Lots of love, Philip and Fiona xxx

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# Compassionate Ministries



## **PRAYER LETTER**

#### Winter 2023

#### **Dear Supporting Friends,**

1st Corinthians 15 is a chapter all about the future resurrection of all believers. Paul writes about how our bodies will be changed into immortal and imperishable bodies and how death will be defeated forever. Then he finishes with the verse shown in the picture.

The point of the verse is that because the

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

resurrection is coming, because one day we will live forever in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, we should be steadfast in the work that God has given to us today. One day we will enjoy all the goodness of heaven and that enjoyment will last forever. We will receive the reward for all our work for the Lord in this life. Therefore, let us be steadfast in working in whatever way God has called us.

#### Bethesda Medical Centre Update

On top of all its other problems, Haiti faces yet another. The border with the Dominican Republic has been closed because of a dispute between the two countries over the Haitians building an irrigation canal that takes water from the river that forms the border in the northern part of the island. The border closure seriously affects the economy in Haiti as many of the goods, including food, that Haitians use every day are imported from the Dominican Republic. At one point the price of one egg had risen to 50 US cents as eggs are normally imported across the border.

This affects Bethesda deeply as they import much of their medicine from the Dominican



Republic. Therefore, they are struggling to find medicine to treat their patients. Please pray for this difficult situation that Dr. Rodney and the team at Bethesda are currently facing.

However, the good news from Bethesda is that their solar panels have now become operational. This means that they now have electricity 24 hours a day! This is especially important for their emergency department as they can now have lights during the night to deal with any emergencies, instead of treating by the light of a torch. Praise God for this project!



#### **MEFI**

This last October Alex and Pati were delighted to have a Men for Missions team from the United States come to MEFI. They repaired a problem with the roof of the drop-in centre and installed something that stopped cats getting into the property too.

They also spent some time on the streets interacting and doing evangelism among the people there. Pati reported that there were four people who decided to follow Jesus through this ministry!

Praise God and may all the glory go to Him!



#### **Hope Houses**

The Hope Houses in Colombia are doing amazing work by giving vulnerable children in that country a safe place to live and be shown the love of God both in word and in deed.

They praise God that this year marks the 30 year anniversary of their ministry! They have come through difficulties over these three decades but God has always been faithful to them and He has used them mightily in the lives of many children. Please pray that God would continue to work through them for His glory.

However, this year has been difficult for them financially. They report that because of inflation and a poor economy in

Colombia their costs have almost doubled. Especially their basic costs, like food, have almost doubled this year.

The result is that while they have capacity for 30 children in the two homes, they can only afford to have 20. That is 10 children who could be receiving a safe and loving home but will not because the Hope Houses simply do not have the funds to house them.



Please pray for this important ministry and consider if you are able to help them.

Thank you for your support and god bless!



# Mark & Nube Vogan

Winter 2023

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#### Praise Points:

Weekly Bible and Soccer Clubs in Loia.

For regular gifts keeping our Support Account healthy.

Mark & Nube continue leadership have had individual training each Monday evening.

Nube continues discipling several ladies.

Cell Group & Bible Study in Bolonia with Victor & Gladys, Brian, Mikol & Carol.

The second round of elections in August went peacefully.

Rosa Nube's sister was converted recently after a visit to us in Loia.

Parents and children open to the Gospel at Shoebox gift event near Tiwintza, Morona Santiago.

An opportunity to buy a 441 m<sup>2</sup> lot BCC uses for ministry and sport.





"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 NIV

#### **Dear Team Member,**

We trust you are well: we are in good health. We are looking forward to having Timothy. Deborah and Alisson for Christmas and New Year. Deborah is also recruiting a UK team to come 5th-22nd July 2024 to help us in the ministries in Loja, maybe you will join them?

#### **Baptisms In Biblical Christian-Community**



Domenica, Carol, Sammy, Mikol & Keny

It was a joy for Mark to baptise five of the youth, including Sammy and Keny. Four of the youth are from Nube's Bible Class. Keny was marvellously and surprisingly saved about a month before.

He had been adamant that he would not be baptised. However, God intervened; we are delighted by the changes

God has made in Keny's life and behaviour; even though he has some special needs, he is more focused, helpful and coherent.

#### **Lot for Sale**

The 441m<sup>2</sup> empty lot, that we use for children's ministry and volleyball,

is for sale. It is joined to the sports field we rent. Would you consider coming alongside us in prayer as we are discussing the purchase of the lot which will be used for the construction of the Loja Training Center 408131 (OMSUK ECCBF).

OMS earnestly seeks to mobilize at least 125 new missionaries by our 125th personal gifts & anniversary, in the summer communication: harvest is plentiful, but the NEWTOWNABBEY, workers are few. JOIN us in BT36 4QQ, U.K. fulfilling the Great Commission.

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#### **Jungle Trips**

Mark has made several trips recently to the jungle provinces east of us. In October, Javier, a trainer with Voz y Manos, HCJB´s new organisation in Ecuador, took the training we did in Loja to two families in jungle provinces, who



Norma, Gladys, Victor, Yanua, Santiago, Alex, Daniel, Mark & Nube. Participants in the two Leadership Training weekends in BCC with Javier of Voz y

hope to restart children's clubs and Bible studies.



Nube teaches the Gospel to children from Keny's extended family.

The second trip was with Nube, Mark, Keny, Sammy and Daniel along too. We took a long 9-hour drive, with two near misses, to visit Keny's family. Nube shared the Gospel with the children and adults and afterwards we gave the Samaritan's Shoeboxes, a

copy of the New Testament and the Great Adventure Study

book. We pray for a harvest of souls among these Shaur families as many are open to the Gospel.

Your prayers for God's protection, guidance and blessing in these journeys were answered.



Children with their gifts

#### **BCC Outreach**

We hope to have parents and families, of the children attending the Friday Club, for the Christmas Programme on the 9th and 10th December. Thank you for your role in this Church Planting Team by your regular giving and/or prayers for us.

Have a blessed time this Christmas season, as we remember our Lord's coming.





Vogan Family (Deborah, Timothy, Alisson, Sammy, Nube & Mark)

#### Prayer Requests:

Pray as we discuss the purchase of the lot which will be used for the construction of the Loja Training Center 408131 (OMSUK ECCBF).

Timothy to learn a lot in his placement for his Animation Degree.

Alisson's health as she has had hospital treatment multiple times in her third year in Rio Grande Bible Seminary, USA

Deborah is in her second year of Music & Audio Production and also helps in the OMS UK office

Sammy as he studies at home and for Norma the homeschool assistant.

Protection of BCC lay leaders balancing family needs, work and ministry.

More committed members to enter discipleship and training to be leaders.

God's protection of our health and from Satan's attacks for us, the other leaders and their families.

Pray for many to be saved in Keny´s family and for future visits to this remote location on the frontier.

Remember the Men´s group meeting for Bible Study and Prayer each Tuesday.



# Tommy & Kathie Hui



**Dear OMS Supporters & Prayer Warriors,** 

#### **Blessings to you!**

As we wrap up the year 2023, there is only one thing to say: "We give praises to God and thank you for your non-stop prayers."

Our church, "The RockGate" started our first Cantonese worship service on 8th of January and, to date, we have served and ministered to over 300 people from Hong Kong in Leeds, United Kingdom. Our list of registered church members has now reached over 90 and as the immigration from Hong Kong continues, we do expect that we can grow to between 120 to 150 worshippers by the middle of next year.

We would like to invite you to join in prayers for the following:

- 1. May God help us in the process of registration as a church in England.
- 2. May God lead us into firm growth.
- 3. May God lead us to set up ministries for the children and youth.
- 4. May God send one or two English speaking missionaries or pastors as we want to start a worship service in English for the youth, young professionals and British locals.
- 5. May God provide us financially.

Thank you for your prayers, care and love,

Rev Tommy Hui, Kathie and Audrey



# Stephen & Debbie Scholes







#### ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

**WINTER 2023** 

We join with the Psalmist, our prayer partners and supporters with the words, "Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy name."

Since last we wrote, we have been truly blessed. We attended the 'Awaken' Bible week at the Lincolnshire showground as well as the Evangelical Movement of Wales Conference in Aberystwyth where we were able to make great contacts with those willing to pray and those seeking further information from the Mission for missionary service. At the 'Awaken' camp, along with all the other good contacts, was a college based in Birmingham called 'For Mission College'. We have been asked to advertise and for Melvin to do an article on the Mission for their magazine..... all for free! At the Evangelical Movement of Wales conference, again we had wonderful contacts that kept Debbie and I very busy. One, a doctor, turned out to be a chest consultant and so our discussion was over his availability to help the Bethesda Medical clinic in Haiti. As you read this, it is my understanding that the connection has been made, for which we praise God.

Please pray for the ongoing contacts being made with those who showed interest in One Mission Society, along with the addition of attendance at Spring Harvest and Keswick Convention next year.

During September and October, Debbie and I were ministering in Delaware USA at the Elsmere United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Roger Fredrick is the lead minister at the main campus church and, together, we were leading the church through the disaffiliation from the UMC. This was hard and painful for many, and we found it sapped our strength. God was faithful and sustained and blessed our ministry there over six weeks and we keep in touch on Zoom, fortnightly to encourage the saints.

We were home for three days before we set off to the first OMS Missions conference held in South Wales for many a year. We were encouraged in this by Ivan and Valerie McKee and Willy Hamilton, and on the Saturday night and Sunday service were joined by Peter & Florence Wilson and Geoff & Moira Jones. Lodge Farm church supports a number of OMS missionaries and it is the home church of Kate Michel, who serves with her husband, Storley, in the USA where they lead the 4VEH team ministering to the Haitian people through media.

I would love to visit churches, pastors or Christian groups in your area. Please call me directly on the number below.

Yours in His Grip,

Stephen & Debbie Scholes

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Engaging the One to Reach the Many

Winter 2023

We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Taken from Philippians 1.) We praise the Lord for YOU! Thank you, thank you for your faithful partnership with us as we continue to have the joy and privilege of serving Him through One Mission Society.

Recently, we attended a missions conference at the church Heidi and her parents attended decades ago. Out of the missionaries in attendance, Heidi's friend, Jan, and her husband celebrated their retirement, having served 40 years. Another missionary, Pat, just celebrated her 20th year in missions, and we are nearing 30 years (believe it, or not!). What was remarkable is that Jan related a story of how when these three women attended Sunday School together, in their teens, their teacher prophesied that each of them would end up in full time ministry. Neither Pat nor Heidi had ever been aware of this, but we all rejoiced over God's faithfulness!!

Your partnership and faithful prayers for OMS have resulted in tremendous gospel advancements this past year. Currently, OMS-related ministries are being carried out by nearly 1,732 cross-cultural workers and national workers in at least 52 languages in 78 nations around the world. Billion.Global, a ministry of OMS, continues to move forward with just over 197 partners in the coalition who have given more than 763 million people the opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the Gospel. Please continue to keep this outreach in your prayers; the goal is to reach 1 billion people by 2026 by God's power, grace and for His glory alone.

Another goal is that God will raise up 125 new missionaries by 2026 when OMS celebrates its 125th Anniversary. Carl would appreciate your prayers for him and the Mobilization/HR team as they shepherd enquiries, applicants and candidates through the process. Currently, God has blessed with 35 new missionaries. Would you commit to praying regularly for many, many more new workers in this coming year?

Pray we will more fully love, obey and serve with joyful hearts.

Pray we will remain faithful to God and His call.

Pray for our family and the challenges ahead.

We pray you will overflow with God's hope, as well as His peace, throughout this Christmas season and throughout 2024 as you seek to be faithful in following Him.

With our prayers and love,

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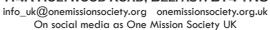
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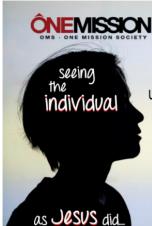












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