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IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Scott, nee McKee

Margaret was called home to her Saviour on 8th January 2024 at Cranley Lodge Care Home. Late of 'Hitherto', Kendal Park, Newtownards (formerly of Hollywood Road). Dearly loved wife of Tommy. Much loved mother of Pearl and Sylvia. Mother-in-law of David and Neil. Loving and adored grandmother of Joshua, Jeremy and wife Laura, Carys, Amy, Hannah and Stephen.

Margaret and Tommy served with OMS in Brazil for many years and on returning to NI continued as a couple to support missionaries and ministries of OMS. Please pray for Tommy and the wider family in these days.

"He that chooses as his permanent abode the secret place of the Most High shall always be in touch with the Almightyness of God."

Psalms 91:1

When the road that I tread
Fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no
end
Still to Jesus I hold
Who will walk with me there
And the Lord He will give me His
strength
Bless the Lord!
He will give me His strength
And if I should remain in the valley
today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His
strength

Sandra McCracken / City Alight

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Melvin Kelly
OMS UK ED

The apostle John exhorts us to 'love one another, for love is from God.' (1st John 4:7). Here we have the command to love and the explanation that God is the source. God's love has been demonstrated to us through Jesus: 'God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1st John 4:9b-10). 'God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8 NKJV).

Firstly and continually, we must appreciate the love that God has for us. Though deserving of judgment, God the Father sent the Son to pay for our sin and reconcile us with Himself. This was the united mission of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. 'By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world.' (1st John 4:13-14) The Triune God is not only united in His mission to rescue sinners like you and I, as believers we 'abide in Him, and He in us' so that we share in His mission to demonstrate His love to a lost world.

We receive God's love, and in return we love God and love our neighbour as ourselves (Matt 22:37-39). Receive His love; then respond in love toward God and neighbour! Love is the inevitable response to the love God demonstrates toward us. As we come to appreciate God's love for us; our response is to 'love because He first loved us' (1st John 4:19). Our mission is to pour out the love that God has poured upon us.

Not only is it God's will for all people to have the opportunity to hear of His love for them through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, but that Christ's sacrificial love be demonstrated through our lives to those around us. John says in 1st John 3:18, 'Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.' Let us unite our proclamation and demonstration of the Good News so that the world may be transformed through our undivided witness, to the glory of God.



God's faithfulness



KK & Kay
OMS Missionaries
Bourneville, UK

It's been a year since we came to England. After moving into our rented house, we started to get to know the Hong Kong community living around us, meeting people when going to the supermarket, or even as they passed by our house.

We live at the end of the terrace, at a crossroads, so many people walk by every day. Our house is also near to a building site where many Hong Kong people have bought new houses. As these Hong Kong people move into their new homes, we go and visit them frequently. Our frequent visits meant some thought we were also living in their development!

Another way we make contact with Hong Kong people is through using the "Next door" social media app. On the app there is a Hong Kong English page set up by a local minister of the Baptist church. He periodically arranges tours of different places to keep people connected and help Hong Kong people get to know more about Birmingham. We joined these tours and made some Hong Kong friends there.

After we make connections with people, we invite them to have lunch or dinner with us. We always eat, talk and share and finally we pray for them. We had a group of young adults who came too. They need friends and support, and we meet with them every month. Another group also meets in our house on Saturday, most of them are retired.

We also meet fortnightly on Sunday afternoons with groups in Rowheath Pavilion Church. Each time we have simple lunch, talk, sometimes we have a workshop, with playtime for the children running alongside it. We welcome the whole family to come and join with us.



Other than friendship, what these Hong Kong people need most is a job, and to learn English, as fluent English is crucial for finding a job. Thank God that with the help of Rowheath Pavilion Church we have native English ESOL teachers to help us with this.

We have already organised two English classes for Hong Kong people with positive feedback. During each English lesson we share from Bible topics and have discussion questions about these, hoping they will learn more about Jesus.



We have also arranged some special events, e.g. summer Bible classes for children, a celebration for the Mid-Autumn Festival and getting together to watch the fireworks on Bonfire Night.

In November, we started prayer groups. One is for women who share with and pray for each



other. Another group is praying for the setup of worship for these Hong Kong people.

After a whole year living in England, we are thankful for being able to come here, for being accepted by the English people living around us and by the church. Saying goodbye to our Hong Kong family and friends was heartbreaking. But we have been able to make some new friends which is exciting and encouraging. Most importantly God is always with us and strengthens us for what we do. We experience God as a good and faithful provider in every single way and every tiny detail.

On Christmas Day 2023, we had an evangelical meeting inviting all the Hong Kong people to come and listen to the Gospel, celebrating Christmas. From January 2024, we hope we can have a place for the gathering of Hong Kong people on Sunday morning to worship, and fellowship in the afternoon.

Please pray for:

The new Sunday services

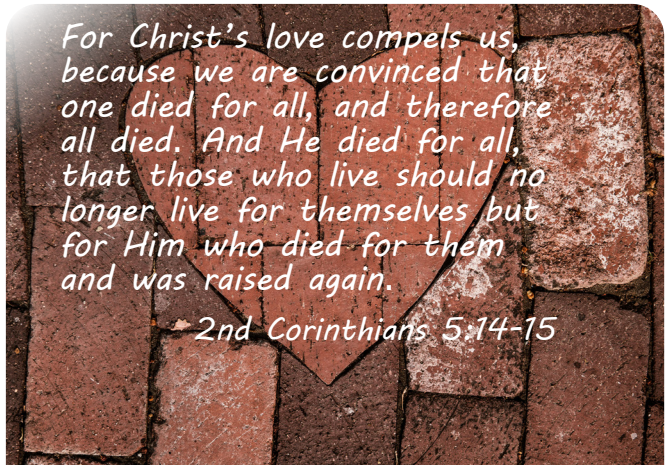
Good relationships

People to come to faith

The prayer groups and opportunities for discipleship

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

2nd Corinthians 5:14-15



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Go or send: The purpose and value of short-term mission



Donald Coulter
Retired OMS UK &
Ireland Worker

The purpose and value of short-term mission has a sound biblical basis. Jesus commands us to go into all the world. Starting at home and moving towards the ends of the earth. It was John Piper who said, *'there are three options when it comes to missions: go, send or disobey'*. Short-term mission is an excellent way as an individual or as a member of a team to engage in and obey the Great Commission given by Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).

Ezekiel writes: *'I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days'* (Ezekiel 3:15). Ezekiel received tremendous insight while on-site for seven days with the Jews who were in captivity in Babylon. Short-term mission allows you to experience the value of exposure to and intentionally engage in mission in a cross-cultural situation often amongst a people who are in total spiritual darkness.

In Acts 17:16-17a we read, ***'Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.'*** In this context Paul experienced four things that happen on short term mission:

1. Go: Paul went to Athens,
2. See: *'he saw the city'*,
3. Feel: being there had an impact on him, *'his spirit was provoked within him'*,
4. Do: Paul did something about it, *'So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there'*.

When you go on short-term mission and see the great need up front and personal, it moves you to do something about it. That may be to pray more, give more or indeed go again on a short-term or long-term basis.

Short-term mission is in the DNA of OMS UK. Over the years many individuals, OMS recruited teams and church teams have been sent out by OMS UK to many countries throughout the world. This may have involved anything from a few days or to where an individual stayed for up to one year. Over the 15 years I served the Lord through OMS I had the privilege of sending, leading and receiving individuals and teams on short-term mission.



OMS UK Team to Mexico

You can be involved in many aspects of ministry on a short-term mission trip. These include: practical work, evangelism, medical, encouragement of full-time missionaries and workers on the field, preaching, teaching, sharing, distribution of tracts or other forms of Christian literature, church invitations and the list goes on. Short-term mission is not restricted to a particular age. Over the years, families including children, young adults, mature adults and seniors have served on short-term mission through OMS UK.

While serving as the OMS Ireland Field Leader I received many individuals and teams to serve the Irish evangelical church in various ways including distributing literature, door to door evangelism, practical work, children's work etc. In addition, individuals and teams served short-term at large events such as the pilgrimage at Croagh Patrick on Reek Sunday and at the Fleadh Cheoil week.

Many local church leaders and church planters were encouraged by these short-term missionaries and thousands were reached with the Gospel. Only eternity will reveal all that was achieved for God and good through these endeavours.

Debriefs with short-term missionaries held after returning from their assignment revealed the following feedback:

- It widened their understanding and passion for mission.
- It contributed to their spiritual growth. They were blessed by interacting with missionaries, Christian workers and pastors on the field of service.
- They were an encouragement to workers on the field.
- It was used by God to call or confirm a call into full-time mission (individuals and families).
- They gained first-hand experience of new cultures.
- It awakened a zeal for personal evangelism.
- It challenged them to serve the Lord more on their return through their local church or other local outreach opportunities.

For more information use QR code or www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/opportunities



Croagh Patrick



***Church outreach team
Drogheda, Ireland***



***Church outreach team
Drogheda, Ireland***



***Practical workers
Longford, Ireland***



Seeing the individual -

OMS Missionary Kids

Ireland

The Pollocks

Caleb is 10 years old and a fun loving live wire! Caleb is kind and compassionate and he is a real blessing with the smaller kids in church. Pray for Caleb as he struggles with severe dyslexia, making his school work harder than for most others – but he never gives up. He relies on God so much, and has a real heart for prayer.



Joshua is 13 and is a servant-hearted young man. He loves sport and will either be found hurling with his friends or playing soccer for the local team, where he is the goalkeeper. Pray for Joshua as he is a witness to his friends in the area of sport, especially as he missed a lot of games due to them being on Sundays during church time.

Benjamin is studying for his Junior Cert (GCSEs) this year and really enjoys school. Ben loves reading, and is a keen field archer, even winning a few medals in his age group of the sport. Pray for his growth as a Christian, and for wisdom in serving the church in music ministry.





Ireland

The Montgomerys



Joshua: is in Senior Infants in Kilmurry National school. Pray that he'll keep on praying for his friends and be a good witness to those in school and his neighbourhood.

Sarah: 6th Class. Pray as she completes her final year of Kilmurry national school that the Lord will speak through her to the class and teacher. Pray she will settle well in to secondary school in September and have good friendships.



Samuel: is in 1st Year in Gortnor Abbey secondary. Please pray that he'll be a good witness to his group of friends in school and sports groups.



Andrew: is in 4th Year in Gortnor Abbey secondary school. Pray for him that his life will speak for Jesus. Pray for wisdom as he picks subjects for his Leaving Cert that starts in September.



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Seeing the individual - MAPUTO BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Maputo Biblical and Theological Seminary (MBTS) cooperates with evangelical churches in Mozambique through biblical and theological teaching. MBTS is considered a reference school by many evangelical churches in Mozambique, and currently has 40 students enrolled in their Bachelor Programme, 20 students attending the Ministerial Programme, and 90 students in the Christian Formation Programme. With both day and night classes the MBTS curriculum is focused on Spiritual Formation, Exegetical Theology, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology and Practical Theology.

The faculty is made up of pastors, church leaders and missionaries. In 2023, the Seminary was blessed to have six missionary teachers but several of these have moved on, so the seminary needs to recruit Mozambican or missionary teachers.



FLORINDA ELIAS MALOMBE

Through the Seminary I met men of God who helped open my eyes and expand my understanding to realise that it is not about knowledge alone because we need to see the life of each individual transformed.



LAURINDA FELISBERTO TONELA

The classes helped me to understand certain behaviours and to abandon them. For example, I got rid of things that took me away from God, that stole my time with God even without realizing it, like browsing the internet.

That time on the internet was replaced by time spent reading books that the teachers gave me, which helped in my growth.

TARGETS FOR THE INCOMING YEAR

Scholarships for three professors, two at the Master level and one at Doctorate level.

The acquisition of 1500 books for MBTS library.

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CLÁUDIO SALOMÃO MOIANE

The teaching I have received at the seminary has helped me to centre my life, expectations, motivations and intentions on Christ Jesus, in other words, to live a Christ-centred life. Before, my biblical readings and meditations were superficial. I didn't know how to handle the Scriptures correctly, and I had doubts and concerns about the coherence and veracity of the Bible. I didn't have a correct understanding of spiritual disciplines, or of their practice and importance.

Now, I have gained total and absolute confidence in the Bible as the only written word of God. Now, I follow biblical principles with conviction and centre my life around them. I have gained greater understanding of the Scriptures and this enables me to see the One true God, absolutely just and eternal, in all circumstances. This enables me to deconstruct wrong and unbiblical principles, and seek only what the Bible says. Today, I have closer communion and intimacy with God and am becoming a more joyful person, with inner peace and harmony that doesn't depend on my circumstances.

Many young people in the community where I live are not believers. Many are addicted to alcohol and are involved with various kinds of drugs. They need to be introduced to Jesus Christ, through evangelism. Some of them have seen in the testimony of my new life in Christ, that it is possible to change and have a new life in Him. They approach me, expressing a desire to change. In their despair they confess that they have tried to stop using drugs several times, but have failed. They have spiritual questions and problems, especially about the veracity of the Bible and whether it is really possible for Jesus to love and forgive them. The classes I am taking at the seminary give me the tools to respond, to introduce them to Jesus and to share the Gospel. In this way I am applying what I have learned at the seminary to my evangelistic ministry.

One challenge is to show the importance of studying theology, because many people think that theology is irrelevant and of no use to society. So, my prayer request is that God will continue to use the Seminary to serve the Church, to influence society and to win souls for Jesus Christ. May God use men and women to help meet the needs of the seminary so that it continues to equip and train ministers of the Gospel to faithfully handle the word.





12 Service for the Saviour



Alan Russell
MFM Director &
OMS Board Member

Recent years have seen God at work in the west of Ireland extending His kingdom. Ireland is a spiritually needy country: less than 1% are evangelical Christians and many towns are without Gospel-centred churches. Yet we have seen an increasing interest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with men and women coming to faith. The Calvary Mission network alone, (of which Calvary Church Castlebar – CCC is a member) has planted eight new churches over the last 25 years.

Castlebar is in Co. Mayo and nearly 30,000 live in the town and surrounding area. CCC first started meeting in 2013 and has been reaching out by public events and personal evangelism, and building up Christians through Sunday services, Bible studies, and children's teaching. CCC rented a venue in a local holiday park before taking a five year lease of a small building off Main Street. By 2020, it had happily outgrown that venue and it moved to renting rooms at the local tennis club and Scout den. While satisfactory for Sunday meetings this provided little space for children's ministry and no provision for mid-week meetings, children's afterschool club, youth or special events etc. The hope was to buy premises to form a permanent home, especially as the number of people attending had grown from about 30 to around 60 (with up to 15 nationalities!).

A building became available on Upper Chapel Street in the town centre beside the Roman Catholic church. It used to be a shop and extends to over 4,000 square feet, plus a basement and garden at the rear. Finance was raised and God's people gave generously, both locally and as far afield as the USA. The purchase was completed in July 2022 and work started in the autumn with a professional Christian builder being brought in to head up the building work.

The building was stripped back to the bare structure, the original roof was replaced, it was completely re-wired and re-plumbed, a new entrance was created and new stairs, also new ceilings, windows and doors added, a new heating system was installed, the internal layout was altered, a baptistry was provided, kitchen and new lighting were installed and numerous other improvements were made.

Men for Missions heard about this work project through the builder and have sent work teams on four occasions. It has been a privilege to serve alongside the workers there and to enjoy fellowship with them and the church family. We have enjoyed wonderful hospitality and truly made to feel part of the project.

We helped to pull down ceilings and remove tiles and old flooring, fitted new plasterboard ceilings, poured the concrete foundation for the baptistry and emergency stairs, cleared the basement and laid a new floor to part, laid new carpets, fitted insulation and tidied the garden. This was all hard work, but we rest in the knowledge that in our own small way we are helping others to spread the good news of Jesus and to build His kingdom.



The finished building will provide a welcoming reception area with coffee bar and tables and chairs for small meetings. This leads to the main worship hall which will be able to seat 120, beyond which are the PA facilities and baptistry. A new staircase gives access to the first floor where there is a comfortable room at the front for Bible studies and prayer. Towards the rear is a large room for Sunday School and kids and youth clubs. Between the two sits the kitchen which will serve both rooms through hatches. An office and storage completes the first floor. A basement provides the potential for further facilities while a garden at the rear will be much used during fine weather.

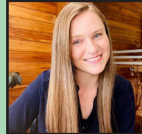
As I write, (February 2024) the finishing touches will shortly take place with carpets laid and furniture and fittings put in place. The first service in these new facilities will be at Easter (if not before). How joyful it will be to hear the Lord being worshipped in this testament to His goodness and provision. Give thanks and pray for many more to come to know Him as their Saviour.

You can read more about the church and this project at: www.calvarychurchcastlebar.ie or contact OMS if you could use your skills with Men for Missions.

1 Board of Directors

Bill Anderson
Eddie Currie
Alan Russell
Petter Trotter

2 Julia Henry Ecuador



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

3 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.



4 Michel Family USA

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



5 Morton Family USA

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



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 Volunteers Prayer Groups

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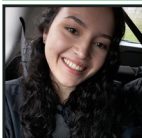



Somos nos




10 Edler Family UK

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



11 Debbie Vogan Youth Intern

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



12 James* Student Outreach UK

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



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



14 Des 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



16 Pollock Family ROI



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

17 Montgomery Family ROI



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

18 Eddy & Chris Delameillieure Belgium



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



19 Richardson Family USA

Pray for Fiona editing the Esther Project study book 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 disciplined in the faith and grow in God's word.

22 KK & Kay Outreach Birmingham



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

23 Kelly Family Melvin Kelly UK ED



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.



25 Cheryl Kelly Payroll Officer

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



26 Ali McClure Comms Officer, Finance Assist

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



27 Brenda Reid Personnel Officer

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 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.

30 Retirees 31

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

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Spring 2024



My Friend,

My gratitude to God and you is great! I have much to tell you. Our Captivating retreat in November brought healing and restoration to the nearly 100 women in attendance. During the testimony time, Joy* called me to stand by her side, "Jeannine is my spiritual mother. I am a lifeguard where she swims. When I was 18, I was gang raped by six men, and the result was the birth of my first son. Three years later, another group of men raped me, and my second son was born. During this retreat, I have wept as God brought deep healing to my heart." Maria* stood and said, "My life has been hard. I have tried to take my life eleven times. But during these days, God spoke life into my heart, and I want to love and serve him." Maria is the wife of an ex-prisoner who is now living for Jesus. Another lady whom I led to Jesus 10 years ago on an airplane testified how God healed her heart. "I was born in the worst shanty in Medellín. My mother rejected me at birth, and she took me in a box to her work (in prostitution). I am grateful to God that my deep pain in this relationship found healing at the Cross.



Captivating Staff



Cautivante Leadership Team



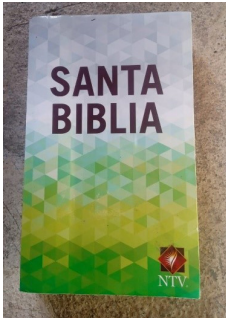
Celebration banquet; We dressed in white to symbolize the new freedom in Jesus' healing work.



My great joy is daily seeing people receive Jesus as Saviour. Jesus said, "Occupy until I come." For this reason, I continue in Colombia reaching the lost for Christ. In ordinary living, I see that my encounter with someone becomes an encounter with Jesus. A secretary at a health centre prayed to receive Jesus, and exclaimed, "Oh, how I needed this. Thank you! Jesus has come to me in my existential crisis. I told my mother this morning I need God. Today, He saved me."

Some people turn away from the invitation, saying, "I do not believe in Jesus." Freddy was not rejecting me but Jesus. So, I pray for him to come to Jesus. Constantly, I run into individuals who have made the decision to accept Jesus, and I affirm them. Often, I am surprised at what God does.

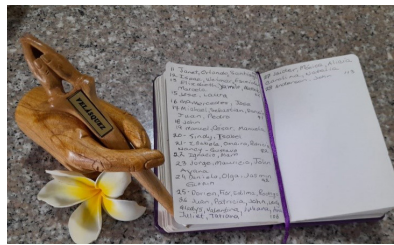
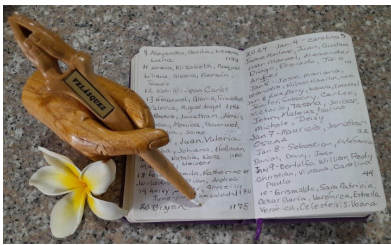
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On 5th January, I received a text: “Good afternoon, may the Lord continue to bless you. I do not know if you remember me. My name is Blanca, and you gave me a Bible. You helped me when no one else did. You prayed with me and led me to Jesus. That day my life changed. You will never know how deeply grateful I am for this. When I was going through a very difficult moment, you came and showed me that God is always there to care for us.” I did not remember Blanca, whom I witnessed to about Jesus when hospitalised in April 2021. God follows up on those who receive Jesus. As it says in Philippians 1:6, “And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it’s finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Saturday, we went shopping for groceries for seminary families in need. In an aisle, I met Ana and she gratefully received Jesus. Also, the two cashiers broke into smiles with the peace God gives when we repent. At the stoplight, we saw a woman crying beside her young daughter. And as Carlos said, “Natalia came running to accept Jesus.” We asked her, “Why are you crying?” “I have no food.” She received the Bread of Life and then a gift of money with children’s books all before the light turned green. Mere moments turn into an eternal transaction. Hallelujah. Pure joy.

Below are photos from my little prayer notebook where I write the name every person who prays to receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord. This is all the work of the Holy Spirit. John 3:34 says, “For he is sent by God. He speaks God’s words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit.”



How I rejoice in God for your faithful partnership through your gifts, prayers, and encouragement! You are a vital part of the harvest. The apostle Paul said, “All of this is for your benefit. And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. That is why we never give up...” (2nd Corinthians 4:15-16 NLT).

Rejoicing in Jesus, the love of my life!

Pray for Captivating Retreats: 18th-21st April in Colorado where I will be translating simultaneously for Colombians. Pray for me. Also for Captivante women’s retreat, 17-19th May in Bogotá. Pray for divine protection, God’s anointing on us who are giving messages. May Jesus come with His healing power.

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Spring 2024

Dear Friend,

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV. This word came to Jeremiah when he was in prison during a time of unprecedented national crisis. God says He is listening; He wants to hear our prayers and He wants to bless us with knowledge we do not have. These are great promises for those who pray!

When Mabel and I settled here in America we missed the weekly meeting with our fellow missionaries. In Saraguro, Carboncillo, Quito, Guayaquil, and Maputo, Mozambique we meet together to study God’s Word, and to pray together for ourselves and the needs of others. At times we celebrated birthdays and shared a meal. We really missed our missionary team.

However, almost ten years ago we became part of a new prayer group in a home! What a blessing to us! In the picture we are celebrating Bob’s 90th birthday. And we are joined by four friends. Sherron was visiting in Arizona. Our dear prayer partner Donna went to be with the Lord just before Christmas at age 94. We have prayed for a multitude of health needs. We have brought before the Lord national crises such as Haiti, Ukraine, Sudan and most recently Ecuador. We continue to pray for a mother whose military husband died a year ago at the age of 40, leaving her with seven children. Weekly we see answers to prayer which encourage us. We know that God is listening and leading us step by step.



We want to encourage you to join with others and call upon God. The needs are great but our God is greater. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce and Mabel



KK & Kay

**Blessings from
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Thanks be to God for inspiring us to start a service of worship for the Hong Kong people, which will be a kids-friendly service for the whole family. We plan to trial these services in January and February, then receive some feedback to see how we can best use these services to enable Hong Kong people to grow in the Lord. Hopefully, we can start worship officially from March onwards. What we plan to do is have a family worship service, which should last around an hour, followed by a simple lunch and time of fellowship afterward.

Point for prayer:

Pray that we have enough people to help and serve in the service and in the kids' programme.

We meet Hong Kong people everywhere; on the street, at the supermarket, in the park.

One sunny afternoon, we had just finished mid-week fellowship in the church when Kay saw a Hong Kong lady with her young kid playing outside Rowheath church where there is a playground. Kay asked her if she was from Hong Kong. The answer being yes, we started to talk and exchanged our contact details. Then this HK lady came to our Hong Kong people gathering with her husband and son. One day, the husband told us that he had been deceived by his employer and received no money after two months of hard work. He was very sad and worried. KK immediately gave him the contact of an agent who might be able to find him a job in the factory. One week later, the husband had the new job and he was so happy and grateful. The whole family continued coming to our Hong Kong people gatherings on Sunday, even joining our bible study. When we held a Lunar New Year event for Hong Kong people, on 4th February, they then invited another Hong Kong family to come. What a wonderful thing that God has done. Praise the Lord!!

News from the Castros



Dear Friends,

We hope you have had a good start to the year and continue to see day by day God's goodness and direction in your life.

The end of last year and the beginning of this new year were quite eventful for us. On Christmas day, Daniel's dad (also called Daniel) went to be with the Lord. He had been in hospital for a few weeks and was recovering, but a sudden respiratory crisis took his life within minutes. We are very grateful Daniel was able to arrive in Colombia before the funeral which took place on the 27th of December. As sad as it was to say a final goodbye, the funeral was a beautiful celebration of 'tío' (uncle) Daniel's life, doing one of the things dad enjoyed most in life, singing hymns!

The last survivor of the men of a large family of six brothers and eight sisters, uncle Daniel had been drawing closer to the Lord in his later years and became a sort of a paternal figure to all the family who came to him for a word of wisdom and guidance. Hundreds of people attended the funeral, some of whom Daniel had not seen for 20 or 30 years! Despite the circumstances, it was good for Daniel to be with his family around the New Year's celebrations and to preach at his home church. We value your prayers for Velma, Daniel's mum, as she grieves the passing of her dear husband. During January, two other members of Daniel's family passed away!

One of the Scriptures we read at dad's funeral was Psalm 90, a sober reminder of the brevity of our life on this earth. We are like grass of the morning that dries and withers by the evening! (v. 6). Our only hope is in Him, our dwelling place throughout all generation, who is from everlasting to everlasting (v. 2). These two very contrasting realities make the life we live and the work we do for the Lord the more vital and urgent, and with the psalmist we pray: teach us to number our days, that we gain a heart of wisdom (v. 12).

We continue to serve God through OMS by providing member care both for overseas missionaries and those at home. As times change, our mission is responding to the reality that Great Britain is rapidly becoming as much a missionary field as it has been a missionary force, and that there is a desperate need for missionaries 'at home' as much as for those going to other parts of the world. Thus, we are helping to explore ways in which OMS can start disciple-making initiatives within the UK, with some work already existing among Hong Kong citizens in Birmingham and Leeds.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:1-2

It is exciting and invigorating to see new faces coming to Elmwood church almost every Sunday. Just recently, we started a Discipleship Explored course and hope to see more disciple-making initiatives taking place within the church. In the last few months there have been a few Spanish-speaking people that have come to some of our church activities. We are excited about this and wondering where God might be leading us with this. Pray especially for David* a British man in his mid-twenties. He grew up in Spain, but moved to the UK recently to make a new start in life away from bad influences and a dysfunctional family. Pray that he would find a job, new friends, and God! Pray also for Ana*, an elderly lady from Spain as she adapts to life in a nearby care home and has little to no English! Pray she would find life and hope in God and a family of faith. The world is truly on our doorstep!

Please pray with us for God's guidance and wisdom as to whether the planned missions trip to Ecuador goes ahead this summer, given the present unrest in the country. Please also keep the country of Ecuador in your prayers.

We sincerely appreciate your support and involvement in our lives. Our prayer is that God would continue to be your dwelling place and the source of hope and joy in your life.

Much love and gratitude from,

Daniel & Gail Castro

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Daniel Castro Sr.

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Spring 2024

Dear Friends,

Spring this year, may be a time with lots of movement, DV; visiting and travelling to different places. Please pray for travelling mercies. In Dutch the meaning of the word “spring” is “jump”. It is an apt word to demonstrate that the whole of nature is back on the move, “jumping” into gear and back to life. Are you looking forward to the new life in nature in 2024? Easter is coming soon! Let us likewise anticipate with great longing the glorious day of resurrection when our Lord will come back to this earth.

So where will our itinerary lead us this year? This coming Saturday we will again visit the coal mine region in the east of Flanders, as a follow-up of previous visits. At the same time, we will attend a leaders’ meeting in Waterschei, the place of one of the seven mines of Flanders. Also in Waterschei two miners were killed on the 31st of January 1966 due to the violent protests against the forced closures of some mines. One of the Catholic speakers on the Day of Reconciliation of 1st July, 2023, will be at the meeting as well. On that Day of Reconciliation, we remembered that, 500 years ago, the first two protestant martyrs were burned at the stake on the main square in Brussels. We hope to reconnect with this Catholic priest and see what more the Lord has in store for us all.

We continue to seek the Lord’s will for some new prayer projects He is showing us for 2024 and beyond. As anti-Semitism is on the rise in Europe, the Lord reminded us of the many Jews that

were executed in the 14th Century in the whole of Europe at the time of the Black Death, the so-called ‘pogroms’. This project is still in its initial stage of gathering information, getting a small team together, looking for the right date, etc. We have been asked to organise a Day of Prayer during the State of Europe address by the Shuman Centre on 8-11th of May. As prayer partners from all over Europe may be present we would like to propose praying against the root of anti-Semitism in Europe.

Another spring initiative is to visit churches and friends in the UK this year, beginning with a short trip during the school holidays in February to our home church in Kenton, London, and to some friends in Scotland. The problem so far has been to combine teaching/coaching in schools with regular deputation trips. Eddy has reduced his teaching engagement to two days a week. From September onwards he may reduce that further. Fortunately, we have started to enjoy a small pension, but teaching a few hours a week does make a difference. Our next OMS deputation trip is scheduled for September. If you happen to have a slot available in your church, either on a Sunday or for a mid-week meeting, do contact us. We will be more than happy to come and share about the mission.

May the Lord also guide you in all your travels in 2024. And should you decide to visit Belgium: welcome! May the Lord be our guide throughout this year!

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Psalms 145:18

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

Eddy & Chris



Update from Ecuador

Julia Henry Spring 2024

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year from Ecuador.

I do hope this finds you all well, and with prayerful excitement as to what God will do this year.

Sadly, at the beginning of the year Ecuador made international news as an armed conflict broke out, a state of emergency was declared and then an internal state of war. Indeed, even though just a month has passed it seems like years of events have occurred. Please do take time to investigate the news and uphold the people of this country before His throne in prayer. Personally, I had to evacuate where I teach with my students. Throughout this time, I was able to share with them a little of my story. Pray that they would cry out to Him.

Here in Cuenca, a curfew remains, things are still tense, and we are continuing to be cautious. Throughout this time of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that His understanding is infinite, and He is great and powerful.

Please pray for those in authority here; pray for the peace of this country and that His Name would be exalted above all.

Many thanks for your prayers and support throughout this time.

Love, Julia.

*Photo below of our church anniversary.



“Great is our Lord,
and mighty in power;
His understanding is
infinite.”

Psalm 147:5

Points for prayer:

- Pray for the church here, that we would cling to Him, be obedient to His Word, and share with others the good news both here and overseas.
- Pray that I would rest in Him and His promises as I face many challenges here. Pray for God’s protection over me and His day-to-day guidance in my life.
- Pray that I would be an encouragement to those I meet and that I would walk in His strength and wisdom.
- Pray that we would see godly leaders, full of integrity, being raised up.
- Pray for the children and youth here, that they would not be afraid to take a stand and be set apart for Him.

Please note if anyone would like to receive more regular, detailed and up-to-date prayer updates please send an email to me at juliahenry18@hotmail.com



Dear OMS Supporters & Prayer Warriors,

Greetings from our family; Tommy, Kathie and Audrey!

In 2023, the RockGate was started with services in the Cantonese language. Beginning with only a few people, now over 80 people join together to worship. We are currently considering how to develop a youth and children's ministry. As well as this, we would love to start a service in English to serve the local people. We feel this calling, as church attendance in general in England seems to be in decline, that we would widen our gaze beyond those from Hong Kong, to encourage those in the local area to join us. Please pray for this opportunity.

We have been renting a local secondary school for our services. Please pray for finances to continue to support this cost. It would be much better if we were able to rent or buy a space where the church could be established. As a husband and wife team, we have one co-worker sharing the load with us, but we would love to see more people coming into leadership.

We would like to thank each one of you who prays for us. Even though we have not met personally, we know that God is providing for us and protecting us through your prayers. Starting from nothing, we now have abundance, thanks to God. Please visit our church, if you are ever in the area. May God bless you!

Prayer request:

1. Please pray for our church's development with the youth and children ministries.
2. Please pray for financial support for this year 2024.
3. Please pray for a church building that we can acquire either by renting or purchase.

Thank you for your prayers, care and love,

Rev Tommy Hui, Kathie and Audrey





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This year already seems to be turbo-charged as the Lord leads us to make new contacts and restore 'old wells' of OMS contacts from years gone by. We are grateful for the covering of prayer that you all give as we travel throughout England representing One Mission Society. We were blessed recently to meet with Jeff and Jean Jones, pillars of prayer for OMS and MFM (pictured right).



PRAYER POINT – Pray for regular monthly funding, to enable us to continue and increase our ministry in England without being a financial burden to OMS.



We are currently finalising applications for Spring Harvest which takes place in the first week of April, the Bradford Keswick services on 18th May and the middle week of the 3-week Keswick Convention from 19th to 26th July. If you are planning to be at any of these events or you know of people in your fellowship who will be attending, please do encourage them to visit with us on the OMS stand at these events. (Photo left at Lincoln showground 2023.)

PRAYER POINT – Pray for meetings with church representatives to fill our diary as we represent OMS and connect with those the Lord is calling, in His will, to missionary service.

I feel greatly privileged to have been asked to join the short-term team to Mozambique in August, where we will be praying for the ministry, people with disability, the ministry team and doing home visitations. We will also be participating in special events for people with disabilities and their parents. Wheelchair assembly, adjustment and maintenance are taking place and for those who are able, there is a potential involvement in training and/or patient assessment. OMS are looking for people to join future teams from medical, therapy, special education and practical/technical backgrounds as well as a photographer/videographer and a Portuguese translator. Please be in prayer for this ministry trip which takes place 3rd - 18th August and further details can be obtained from the OMS office or myself on request.

PRAYER POINT - I am trusting the Lord to raise £2,000 to cover flights and on-field expenses. He is able! If you wish to donate to this mission trip, please send donations directly to the One Mission Society office.



We continue to serve a wonderful Saviour who leads, guides and directs us daily and we are so blessed to be upheld by you, as you pray for us and our ongoing work (photo right of our OMS stall at Preston Market).

Yours in His Grip,

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Dear Supporting Friends,

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.

Bill has continued his job in finance in the OMS office in Belfast. There seems to always be loads to do in keeping track of the finances, making sure everything reconciles and all the payments go out on time.



The good news from the charity shop in Strabane is that we found a new manager! Our previous manager has now retired after more than 15 years of faithful service. We are grateful to God that He sent to us a replacement so that this ministry can continue to bless the community of Strabane and also the various ministries around the world that benefit from the funds raised. All glory to Him!

Bill has also been accepted to join the board of Emmaus University in Haiti. He is looking forward to being involved with Emmaus again in this new way.

Julie continues to be involved with Bethesda in Haiti from afar. She is in contact with the physios who are still there working away. She is also a member of the Board which had their longer meetings on the weekend of 9-10th February which she joined via Zoom.

Please continue to pray for Haiti as there is renewed rioting asking for the resignation of the Prime Minister. The people of that country have been through so much in recent years. It can be hard to see what the way out of their situation can be. But we know that God is in control, even in the times when everything seems like it is going wrong.



[Richard Pierrin/AFP]

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/8/haitian-pm-calls-for-calm-as-violent-protests-demand-his-resignation>



Bethesda Update

At only 8-years Jean had been at home for three weeks, unable to go to school as he was suffering from a high fever, extreme pain and an abscess on his face. His family had not been able to take him to a clinic or hospital as they were unable to pay for any medical care. Finally after no longer being able to watch her child suffer anymore Jean's mom decided to bring him to Bethesda and ask for help.

Our staff treated him, took care of him, and his family had access medical care without payment.

A little while later Jean returned with his mom, in his school uniform to say thank you and show our staff how grateful they were that he was better. The abscess was gone and Jean was no longer in pain. He was very excited to be getting back to school!

Because of your support and prayers we are able to provide medical care to children like Jean and many more.

Emmaus Update

Emmaus had a good start to the second semester of the academic year. They had four different intensive courses that were taught in January: Pauline Epistles, Pentateuch, Management, and Music.



However, the University was forced to close early in February because of the rioting that has started again.

We are actually not sure if the classes have resumed as of the writing of this prayer letter.

Please continue to pray for Emmaus that they would be a light shining in the darkness, a pool of stability and love in the midst of chaos.

Thank you all for your prayers and support!



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.

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Melvin, Sharon, Abigail, Joshua, Noah and Lydia

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Then [Jesus] said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. Matt 9:37-38

We appreciate your prayers for us as a family - this winter has been really tough on all of us with recurring colds, flus and viruses. We have lost count of the number of antibiotics that have been administered! Joshua was doing really well until February when he had a persistent cough, tiredness and spiking temperatures resulting in him being admitted to hospital to receive strong antibiotics by IV. On a more positive note, the kids seem settled in school and Sharon and I are both busy in each of our ministry roles. Praise God for the answer to prayer for a new shop manager and ministry leader for the Mission Possible Charity Shop in Strabane. A celebration lunch was held on 20th January to



acknowledge God's faithfulness over the last 15.5 years. We are very grateful for the volunteers, customers and donors. It was lovely to renew fellowship with Joe and Sadie Law (left and centre) who were the visionaries for the shop. The occasion also marked the retirement of Iris Ballantine (right) who managed the shop since its inception. We also had the privilege of welcoming Nick Jones as the new manager of the shop.

We are processing the applications for the summer team to Mozambique from 3rd - 18th August. We are excited about this special privilege to invite others to share in what God is doing in Mozambique. We did not receive sufficient applications for the Ecuador and Hungary teams on this occasion. We understand that the recent civil unrest in Ecuador has influenced this. God willing, we will have future short term team opportunities in the future - watch this space! I want to thank all those who attended our annual NI Conference - it meant so much to see you there. If you weren't there - you missed out! I am thankful for all who helped and took part. Pray with us that the teaching and reports would have made a difference for the Kingdom. May we each understand our part in God's Mission to reach the world with the Gospel locally and globally!

Faithful witnesses wherever we are (locally), remembering that there are people from many different cultures living around us. Pray for opportunities to reach out to them - by doing so, you are participating in global mission locally! I like to think of this as glocal mission because it is both local and global! Imagine someone from another culture finding Christ and then going back to their own country with the Gospel!

Pray, Give, Go! Might the Lord be calling you to establish a prayer group in your church or home to pray for 'glocal' mission? Is God asking you to join a short term team or to volunteer in one of our charity shops? Maybe God is calling you to take a gap year in NI or go experience another culture and serve people for the sake of Christ. Whatever the case, please get in touch with us.

Prayer and Praise Points:

1. Pray for healthy partnerships, including a good working relationship with the Living Word Evangelical Church
2. Pray for Pastor Juca as he serves as the national church moderator while also leading the Somos Nós ministry
3. Pray for all the planning for ministry this year with teams, trainings and outreach events
4. Pray for God's provision in 2024 and good stewardship of every £ by the team
5. Praise God for the arrival in January of 520 wheelchairs from Free Wheelchair Mission
6. Pray for the ministry team as the hard work begins to fit the 520 wheelchairs to the needs of people
7. Pray for health and safety for the leadership team as they travel to Zambezia to provide training and develop the partnership with churches in the region

Leaders of the Living Word Evangelical Church: L-R Francisco, Lito, Lucas, Dinis, Juca, Belarmino and Abel



The ministry of Somos Nós continues to have many opportunities to share the love of Jesus in both word and deed. The Mozambican team are assuming more and more responsibility, now that they know that we are remaining in the UK. I have regular contact with them to encourage, mentor and support them. They have ambitious plans for 2024 - my prayer is that they will not take on too much but strike a good balance between building relationships - spending time with people with disability in order to evangelise and disciple while executing the various trainings and events.

Alda (right) has a son with disability but has taken the initiative to establish a support group with other parents in her community with similar challenges. The support group is in the process of creating a cooperative that they can generate revenue collectively to support each other. She was blessed to receive these glasses through Somos Nós! Pray for God to work mightily among them as Elina discipless them.



Joy of Generosity Initiative

To help Somos Nós raise £30,000 in this next year and expand our support base, two of our partners have together committed to add 50% to ALL donations from new donors and ALL increased giving from existing donors up to our £30K target. This is to enable the ministry to continue to flourish in 2024! A gift of £100 would become £150 and if you are eligible for gift aid, your donation of £100 would become £187.50! In partnership, we can continue to make a great impact in Mozambique for the Kingdom! You can give by cheque, by standing order or at <https://www.onemissionsociety.org.uk/somosnos>



Storley & Kate Michel



The Michels

Serving God & the Haitian people through 4VEH

HAITI

Spring 2024

Bonjou, Hello!

“We probably need to cancel the staff Christmas party,” Storley said, as he picked Hannah, Esther and me (Kate) up at the Cap-Haitian airport. “It’s been raining for days and people won’t be able to get here.”



Despite all the obstacles, staff and their families filled the newly-carpeted 4VEH auditorium to celebrate Christmas together, with worship, fellowship, games and good Haitian rice and beans. It’s been years since we’ve had a gathering like this. With all the chaos of life in Haiti, it was so good to enjoy this time together!



Thank you for partnering with us in ministry through your prayers and giving so that the people of Haiti hear the hope of the Gospel every day. Please keep praying for our coworkers as they serve with joy in challenging days.

Yukky carpet replaced!

God answered prayers—the container loaded with new carpet was released from customs ‘just in time’ for the mission team to get to work replacing the very old carpet throughout the building. Hannah and Esther got stuck in to help, too. And it was finished ‘just in time’ for the many weddings that took place at 4VEH over the Christmas holidays. What a great way to serve the community at such significant life-moments

Storley returned to Studio 6 to host the live Christmas Eve all-night programmes, and we enjoyed Christmas Day on one of Haiti’s beautiful beaches, Cormier. Now





Praises:

Continued protection of 4VEH staff and families in spite of such difficulties. Thank God 4VEH is on the air every day to encourage people, share the Gospel and teach life skills.

For donations given to 4VEH's Year-End campaign. Though we didn't quite reach the goal, it's still more than has been given ever and is a massive help in funding current ministry across Haiti and beyond.

Please pray for:

For Hannah (18) and Esther (16), 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.

we're back in Indiana, continuing to minister to Haiti from studio and offices here.

How God met me in mental health crisis

I (Kate) recently talked with women's ministry radio/podcast host of The Chat, Nita Evans, about life in missions and how God met me in my deepest need in our daughter Hannah's and my own mental health journey. I hope you'll be encouraged to hear how we can trust God whatever we are walking through.

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Please feel free to share this interview with others, especially other mums, who may be going through hard stuff. Thank you.

Thank you for praying for our family, in all the things. And thank you for being part of our team. 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!
Storley, Kate, Hannah & Esther*

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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**Kate also shares updates on
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Montgomery News!

"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
Isaiah 43 v 19

Since writing last, we have continued to be encouraged in our ministry here in Co. Mayo. Kids' Club in our home has been going strong, as has Friday Club in Ballina. We have known God's blessing as we meet on a Sunday morning, with a few unfamiliar faces coming along from time to time. In the midst of these encouragements, we've also been aware of the spiritual battle we are in, and the subtle ways the devil tries to get a foothold.

- Please continue to **pray for us**, that we will always be alert to his subtle ways.
- **Pray**, also, that the Lord will continue His transforming work within us, so that, as we are made more like Him, our lives will shine brighter for Him in the darkness around us.

We continue to seek to build on relationships and friendships. Please pray we will be able to make wise use of our time, so that, aside from the business of kids' clubs or church preparation, we will have time to meet with individuals. Here are some matters to **pray about** with us

- Our neighbours - the evenings are getting brighter and the kids are starting to play outside for a while. It's important we spend some time out with them and get chatting to parents.
- One of our neighbours is suffering serious illness. Please pray God will make the way for us to serve him and his wife and young girls in their need, and for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with them.
- John continues to go to the community group each week. As John visits door to door, pray for Gospel opportunities.
- Andrew and Jo go to badminton on a Wednesday night. Jo would love to get to know the women there better, and perhaps meet up with them at other times to chat more.
- Kilmurry school is starting up a Parent Association. Jo will hopefully go to that. There may also be the possibility of doing a puppet show in the school again soon.
- School parents. There have been opportunities for John to chat a bit to a couple of dads. It's important Jo continues to get times to meet with the mums she has been getting to know. We share school lifts with two mums. She'd like to start meeting up with these mums for a chat.

We need God to make the way in the wilderness and bring rivers to the desert.

SALT

Coming up, we are planning a joint youth weekend away to Cong with young people from the Castlebar and Claremorris Calvary churches on 19th - 21st April. **Please pray** for God's direction in all the planning and that the young people will meet with God throughout the weekend.

Tubbercurry

Please continue to remember the town of Tubbercurry. In the days ahead, we want to seek the Lord's direction and provision for outreach into this town. We are asking the Lord, specifically, to send workers to come to live in and reach the people of Tubbercurry, with the intention of planting a church there.

Pray God will make the way in the wilderness, and that rivers of His blessing will flow through this town, as souls are reached with the Gospel and saved.

Praise God also for David & Brooke and the privilege to serve with them as a team. Pray we will serve the Lord well together.



THANK YOU



John, Jo,
Andrew,
Samuel, Sarah
& Joshua

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LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being such an integral part of what God is doing throughout the Hispanic world. The last months have been busy with different obstacles to overcome. God has been good, we have seen much fruit and Jesus has been glorified.

We recently spent 10 intensive days training and ministering to Red Nueva Vida (RNV) leaders in Colombia. In distinct areas of the country training was given in discipleship processes and church planting multiplication. It was exciting to see how the vision for forming disciples has permeated into the hearts of the pastors and leaders of RNV. Lives and families are being changed as a result. Meeting people and hearing their testimony of transformation was humbling and motivates us to press on towards the goal Jesus has given us. Jonathan also met with the RNV National Board to provide orientation and training. They are committed to seeing reproducing disciples formed and churches multiplied. It was a blessing to thank and encourage them as well as prayerfully set goals for the year ahead. From the RNV work in Colombia, a new work in Ecuador is being initiated. Please join us in prayer as we start training and discipleship in the months ahead. We look forward to sharing in detail regarding the new work in Ecuador in our next letter.



The first church of RNV is going through a big change! We planted that church in 2016 and from then Jonathan has served as the pastor. As both that church and the RNV continue to grow it is time to entrust leadership of this local church to another to enable us to concentrate fully on the global network of churches. Two years ago, we felt the Lord's leading towards this step and Jonathan began to intentionally train a young Colombian man called Harol Hurtado to assume the position. God had clearly placed a call on his life and the Spirit gave him a burden for the Hispanic people living in Indianapolis. Harol is now ready and we sense God's timing is for that transition of local leadership to take place.

Jonathan informed church leadership a year ago. Harol was interviewed and considered by the church in 2023, being presented as a candidate in January 2024. He was formally called as the next pastor at the end of January and will be installed in March. Pastoring the people of this church and seeing the RNV grow from it has been such a privilege and we look forward to serving this local church as we continue to direct the Global ministry of RNV. Please pray for Harol as he assumes leadership and for us as we dedicate ourselves full time to the global discipleship, church planting and leadership training efforts of RNV.

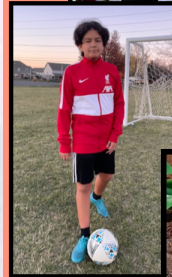


Family News

As a family we seem to be busier than ever. Both Daniel (13) and Noah (11) continue to play soccer and are active with their friends and at school. They both enjoy online video games with their friends which is great - please pray for us as parents that we would have wisdom with navigating the online time and activity of our kids. Noah is looking forward to the warmer weather which allows him to go outside and search for insects. He has made friends with the manager of the local pet store and goes there once a week to help with feeding the tarantula spiders! Daniel is now as tall as Jonathan. He has begun to play competitive soccer and is really enjoying it. As a family we are looking forward to a week of vacation at the end of March, a great time for us both to catch a breath and spend some time together, and with the boys.

Thank you so much for praying for us, we also pray for you often. You are appreciated and through you God is touching and transforming the lives of many in the Hispanic world. May God bless you richly.

Jonathan, Lupita, Daniel and Noah



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CHURCH PLANTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



Space



A few years ago we read a book by Richard Swenson entitled “Margin.” The premise of the book was that when reading, margins around the text help us to read more clearly, for without them we would be overwhelmed with words. His point was that in our lives we cram so much in that we get overwhelmed with the fullness of our schedules, rendering us ineffective. We run out of space, and have to rethink and reorientate our lives to once again be fruitful.

As a church we are having ‘space’ issues in a few ways, however, these are by the grace of God, and are wonderful problems to have! Our schedules are filling up with relationships that we are building in town and connections we have with people around us. The boys are into the swing of sports and friends and we always seem to be driving to a practice or a match somewhere. Our days are filling up with 1:1 discipleship, prayer times with the men in the church, or cups of tea with someone who is going through hard times. Physically also, our room on a Sunday is filling up with new people attending church, arriving after a postcard went through their door inviting them to church, or because their work colleague encouraged them to join them on a Sunday. This last few weeks we have had around 40 people gathering regularly to worship God, with a batch of energetic kids keeping us on our toes and those with new responsibilities finding their feet in service. Space is at a premium.

It got us thinking about space and sustainability. At times we still think we’re 23 and full of energy, and not in our 40s with three kids and less energy! Yet, God has enabled us over the past year to share the load with the disciples that He is raising in our church. His church is growing because He is growing disciples by His grace, and as our needs are arising, He is filling them with His people. Sometimes we look around and wonder how we went from two ladies praying in a living room in town eight years ago, to forty people singing the praises of Jesus crammed into a hotel conference room on a Sunday. Part of that has to do with space. Space to wait upon God, and follow what He is doing, rather than try to fill our lives and ministries with activities and effort. To be sustainable, both personally and as a church, we need to rely on God, leaving space to stand in awe and wonder at His grace. Pray as we continue to learn this lesson, and that He would help us endure as we seek to serve Him.

Prayer Points...

- Pray for our family as we get some time to rest at half-term. We are hoping to have some quiet home days in front of the fire!
- Pray for the boys in their work in school, and for their witnessing to their friends.
- Pray for Julie as she works in the health service, and for the opportunities she has with her colleagues.
- Pray for our new people at church, that we would see Gospel growth in them.
- Pray for God to save people in the local area.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider a building for our church.

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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

We've just passed through exam season in our house, with Ben (doing Junior Cert/GCSEs), and Joshua studying hard. They have been doing quite well, and their study has paid off. Pray for them as they continue towards the end of year exams that God would be gracious to them.

We have also signed up as a family in learning how to do traditional field archery - putting weapons in the hands of three boys does require some training! The boys have loved being in the forest and doing a hobby as a family - but the weather hasn't been all that conducive! The local club here is wonderful and we are seeing a lot of connections with people develop.

Building

As we mentioned previously, we are going to start developing a plan for purchasing a building as a church. This is a significant step, and one which we don't take lightly. With our numbers growing and consistent, we are running out of potential places to meet that cater to our needs. Our hope is that a building would be something that would both be a place for our church to meet and also a way to develop sustainably as a church. We would love to purchase a building with some apartments attached to create sustainable income to be used to train future church planters and fund future church plants.

We require a lot of wisdom in this area, as this is a big step. Pray that any building would not inhibit the work of the 'church' that is God's people - and His work of the Gospel in the local area.



Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb

unless the LORD
builds the house,
those who build it
labour in vain.



Psalm
127:1a

The Reid - ings



Dear Praying Friends,

Time does indeed fly in! Hard to believe that this spring we will complete 2 years in NI. These 2 years have encapsulated one of the most difficult transitions we have faced, but also we can see how God has been taking care of us. One of the biggest blessings is our house. As we have been working in making this house our little home, Psalm 127:1a keeps coming to our minds: "Unless the Lord build the house, those who build it labour in vain". God has been gentle and reminded us that the process of building a house, a home or a life is a process where Jesus should be the foundation, the architect and the builder. If He is not, the process and the results are

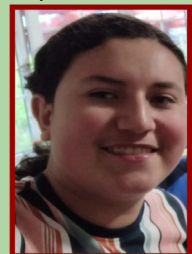
far from good. God always gives us what is best for us, at the right time. It is easier said than done, but we are trusting even more for the way that He is working in our lives.

We are thankful for opportunities to gather with friends at home during the Christmas break. This year we added an "Indian flavour" to it as we shared our table with an Indian family who we have started to be friendly with recently. It was very different but enjoyable to have spicy rice included in our Christmas dinner! Also we had people from the office and visited some new friends that we have met through Darina.



January brought a big change as Darina turned 18 years, she is now officially an adult! That came with a mixture of emotions and excitement; to see how she is maturing, but also anxiety as we learn to navigate the official system so we can find the support she needs to keep on developing and in due course become independent. We are grateful for government support, charitable organisations, Armagh Tech, etc. but we have a long road ahead of us. Now, we need to find the right options for Darina from September onwards. She will be hopefully on a more "defined" route with her studies. This has been a difficult process as we would like to find answers quicker.... but we are trusting that God knows better than us what she needs and He already has a place where she can keep on studying... In the meanwhile, Darina is back fully at Southern Regional College, with her asthma under control, finally got her diagnosis during last December. So asthma is part of our family.... Even one of our cats has had respiratory issues.

Liam is advancing in his education as a home-schooler and the whole family enjoys his baking skills !!! He has a day a week with a tutor studying Physics and Maths. We are also looking at his educational future from September onwards. Lots of local College "open days" to check out. We are trusting that God has a place for him to keep on learning and achieving his independence. Darina and Liam have swapped their work experience days with the Gathering Rooms and Coffee Connect this term. They continue to thrive in their respective activities.



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We are grateful for some changes in Brenda's role with OMS UK as she will be more focused on the training and development of personnel. Also, she has been asked to be the liaison between MEFI (a ministry with Street Kids in Mexico City) and OMS UK. This is specially exciting because she will be in close contact with ministries in Mexico. These changes will allow her to have work in translation and promoting missions with Latin America which she loves doing. She is still taking driving lessons and gaining confidence in this. Between all the responsibilities here and in Mexico sometimes it is hard to find a good balance.

Leslie has been enjoying better health. This winter asthma has not been bothering him and he is very happy travelling around NI. He continues to work in the Charity shop in Lisburn where he meets people with many needs, physical, social, economic etc. but mostly spiritual. He has been busy promoting the different OMS ministries around the world in different churches, small mission conventions, etc. Much of his time lately has been taken up in organising the OMS Mission Conference in Union Road Presbyterian Church, Magherafelt on the 2nd of March. Life is hectic with him. We are thankful for our car, that takes him wherever he needs to be.



In closing this letter, we would like to thank you for all your prayer and financial support. You are very much in our prayers too.

Would you join us in *gratitude* for:

- Our home.
- Our car.
- A good Christmas break.
- Our ministries with OMS UK.
- Liam & Darina's work experience and school.
- Health improvements.

Would you *pray* for:

- Guidance about Darina & Liam's educational future.
- Brenda's driving process and ministry with OMS.
- Leslie to get more opportunities to share about "mission".
- Different OMS events and teams for the summer.

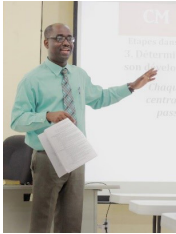


for your prayers and support in many different ways.

Leslie, Brenda, Darina and Liam.

Dear Friend,

Spring 2024



In January, Philip taught at Emmaus University in Haiti. Emmaus was started by OMS, and they supported Guenson Charlot in his studies and helped to raise him up as a leader. He is now President of the university, and like many of the leaders for ministry training that partner with OMS, Dr. Guenson is an extremely hard-working, godly man. Our partners make many sacrifices to lead for Christ and carry His heart for their own nation. When other educated people have chosen to leave the turmoil and hardships of the country, Dr. Guenson is passionate about leading a university, where Jesus can raise up leaders to bring transformation in Haiti. He writes recently: 'we found strength and encouragement in Scriptures, like James 1:2-4, which reads, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ... Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." This is the reason we are still here fighting the good fight. But the battlefield has never been so overwhelming as it is today.'

Teaching ministry students in person, rather than online, is always a joy for Philip, but being personally present to stand with leaders, like Dr. Guenson, is also a strategic part of the role of OMS and Philip's team. He had a challenging time there in January, teaching Paul's New Testament letters, while struggling with a stomach bug. The two-week intensive course was challenging to finish, but Walnique (pictured next to



Philip), a lecturer who has translated for Philip before, was a great help. Philip was thankful for the honour of preaching, both in a church and at the university. We are grateful that testing pointed to a virus, rather than parasites, so we pray he will be restored for a long journey, in February, to an island nation in Southeast Asia, to visit two OMS-partner theological colleges where pastors and evangelists are trained. Please pray for protection and health whenever Philip travels. Pray for Dr. Guenson, and many leaders like him who are partners with OMS; serving sacrificially to lead ministry training in hard countries.



Caroline (pictured in pink) in Uganda, prayed hard with Fiona to run a training for new leaders, to start small groups for young women aged 15-25. We are praising God that a few of the trainees were university students, who have grown in Christ themselves through the Bible study and prayer materials in Caroline's Esther Project group. They are now ready to invite other young women into transforming community using the Esther Project materials. This is part of the vision of the ministry – to raise young women up as ambassadors of Christ to their generation.

The two-day interactive training material has a prayer time after each section, because helping leaders to pray is the biggest part of allowing God to fill them with His heart and lead them in ministry. Prayer is the only way that young women will be drawn to Christ and transformed by the Holy Spirit. We were praying that the presence of Jesus would fill the trainees, and in one session the prayer was so powerful that people from outside the building wanted to come in and pray! We thank the Lord and now pray for Jesus to direct each one trained, and lead Caroline as she follows up about next steps and encourages them. Bettina, in DR Congo, has been praying and working hard to share the vision and Bible study materials with leaders. We pray that they will encourage others to be trained to invest in young women through dynamic small groups. Pray that Jesus will fight for young women to have the right leaders and groups they need in Uganda and DR Congo.



Bethany (pictured) is persevering to study part-time and work here in Indianapolis. She is applying for full-time universities to start in August. Pray with us for God to lead and provide for both Bethany and Jasmine, who are working out their strategic next steps after the summer.

Both of us have had a lot of health challenges over the past year and have seen Jesus work for us in big ways and sustain us. We need healing and strength if we are to do what we feel God has given us. Please pray the Lord of Heaven's armies will protect us and restore us, so that we are not distracted or depleted. In March, April and May, Philip will not travel, and we ask that you pray for our Father to bless a 3-month focus on building our support team. We thank him for the people He will draw in to be part of His amazing Kingdom work by praying and regular giving.

Please pray for:

- Dr. Guenson in Haiti and for OMS partners leading ministry training in very tough circumstances of political turmoil, financial lack and religious persecution, as well as many other spiritual battles. Pray for the Spirit to help Philip and the team know how to stand with them.
- Philip to be healthy and strong to coordinate the Theological Education work. Pray for Jesus to fill their team, who are gathering from 5–7th March, with His presence and direction.
- The Spirit to lead Fiona in collaborative editing of the Esther Project Bible study and life questions for young women for other continents. Pray Jesus will be Lord over the finishing of this writing, and open up His way to invite more people and countries into the Esther Project by the books being available to download online.
- God to prepare the way for the March–May support team focus. Pray that He will stir hearts and excite people to be part of His Kingdom work around the world. Pray for His blessing on their and our financial needs.
- Jesus to direct Bethany and Jasmine in their next steps and provide for them in every way. Pray for His victory in the Green-card status that directly affects the financial costs of university for Bethany.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Lots of love, Philip and Fiona xxx



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Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.
Proverbs 25:25 NIV

Spring 2024

Loja Update

This Issue:

State of War-1
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BCCC building Site
needed -2

Praise Points:

Nube's recovery
from arrhythmia and
hypotension episode.

For regular gifts
keeping our Support
Account healthy.

Timothy, Deborah,
Alisson and Santiago's
safe return after
Christmas break
just as the State of
Emergency began.

Leaders in training each
Monday.

Prayer Requests:

Timothy finishing his
1-year job placement
well.

Lasting peace in
Ecuador; end to gang
violence, drugs and
extortion.

Javier's visit to do more
leaders' training 8-16th
March

Dear Team Member,

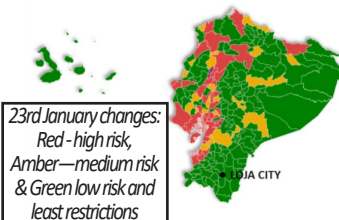
We trust you are well and encouraged We enjoyed having Timothy Deborah and Alisson over Christmas and getting to know Santiago Alisson's boyfriend. He is from a Christian family in Bogota, Colombia, and a second-year student at Rio Grande Bible Seminary in Pastoral Studies. They have all returned to their courses safely.

Recently in February Nube gave us a shock as her heart arrhythmia increased and caused very low blood pressure and so we rushed her to hospital. Praise God, with medication the arrhythmia came under control and Nube was able to convalesce at home. Thank you for your prayers and please pray for her continued healing.

State of Emergency and Internal War

On 8th January a dangerous gang leader was found to have escaped prison, so the Ecuadorian President declared a nationwide State of Emergency giving sweeping powers to the police. Due to the level of violence on 9th January, including a gang holding up a TV station live on air the President declared a State of Internal War, this permits the army to freely hunt down and arrest gang members. Thankfully there were only a few incidents in Loja and the Loja Province and none of the congregation or ourselves have been affected. A traffic light system was implemented on 23rd January so in "Green" areas all restrictions have been lifted including Loja and other quiet areas of Ecuador.

The only ministry affected is the Friday Bible and



OMS earnestly seeks to mobilize at least 125 new missionaries by our 125th anniversary, in the summer of 2026. PRAY with us as the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. JOIN us in fulfilling the Great Commission.

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Football Club which we have not restarted until the local school restarts classes. Even though there were few incidents here, many are fearful to venture out initially and some jobs were terminated. We have given out some food parcels to families whether directly affected by the Emergency or not.

Soccer Championship

The (Biblical Christian Community Church)BCCC men's group decided to have football tournament with six local teams. It has been a lot of work but is bringing us into contact and friendship with local teams and their supporters as well as raising funds to pay the rent on the football field.



BCCC Men's Team



Football Championship in full swing.

Possible BCCC meeting place & Loja Training Centre site



The empty site with ministry tents

We continue to prayerfully pursue the possibility of buying the neighbouring building site. We have been able to use it for free for one year however the owners now need to sell it and are asking \$74000 US dollars (£59000). To buy it, BCC Church needs to be recognised as a charity, so until it is we would like to propose a rent to buy option.

The ECCBF Project (US Loja Training Centre #408131) is open for donations for the

purchase of a site and the construction costs of a purpose-built meeting place and training centre.

We appreciate your prayers and support for us in reaching the people of the marginal areas of Loja.

Love in Christ,
the Vogans

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

Prayer Requests:

Pray for evangelism & discipleship with the Samaritan's Shoebox distribution & classes.

Football players and their families will respond to the Gospel shared through friendships and the prize-giving.

Preparations for the YWAM team and for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

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

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

BCC Church's request for Charity Status will be granted.

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

Praise God for good attendance at the Men's Breakfast 18th February and pray for the weekly meeting.





PRAYER LETTER

Spring 2024

Dear Supporting Friends,

The church in Corinth had issues with divisions. Perhaps that is why God, through the apostle Paul, needed to remind them that while there are many gifts, each is from Him.

This is something that is good for us to remember as well. It seems that at times Christians can look down upon others who do not have the gift that they have.

Alternatively, some Christians can look at others' gifts and feel that they are not as important because they don't have the same gift as someone else.

In both cases, we need to remember that God has given us each different gifts, but they are all from the one God. Let us bring glory to Him by accepting the gifts He has given to us and also accepting the gifts that He has given to others.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good

1 Corinthians 12:4–7

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MEFI Update

Alex and Pati, the married couple that run the MEFI ministry in Mexico City recently sent an update on the ministry to the homeless youths of that city. Here is an abridged version of that report translated by OMS missionary, Brenda Reid:

Brothers and sisters, God bless you. We are grateful for God's blessings during 2023, even though we have faced illnesses and other challenges. I would like to inform you about the activities that took place in MEFI during the year.

First of all, we want to thank God for His blessings and provision through you. Thank you for all your spiritual and financial support, we do appreciate your prayers. Last year, we were able to regularly assist 800 youths in various ways. 28 of these came to MEFI for the first time and 31 of them made a commitment to God over the year of 2023.

MEFI Update - Continued

As you may know, during January, Alejandro (Alex), my husband had a knee surgery. He had was on sick leave for three months, and thank God, with many prayers everything was ok and he has fully recovered. After that, it was my turn. In May, I had gallbladder surgery, I took was on sick leave for a month, but I am still in the recovery process. We are thankful that we can still be at the Drop-in Centre. We are grateful for the support we have received for the chavos and ourselves.

As I have mentioned in previous updates, there is drug called Crystal, that is causing a lot of damage in the chavos' lives. It causes a lack of appetite and lack of sleep, it makes them very anxious and aggressive, so they can't control themselves. Also, it is highly addictive and cheap which make it easy to access. It has been a year full of difficult situations and complications with the chavos because some of them have died due to this addiction, others have been involved in fights or killings among themselves. The saddest part is that some of them are no longer alive.

Due to this drug, we have had to make changes to our schedule because the chavos were very inconsistent and we couldn't make progress in the follow up we had planned.

As part of looking after them we spend time in Bible teaching. This usually takes place after lunch. We teach these topics from the Handbook of Applied Biblical Counselling. In 2023 we talked about:

- Making wise decisions.
- We are free to do what we want, but not everything is beneficial.
- Forgiving others leads to freedom.
- Inner healing.



We were blessed to be visited by four individuals, who in the past were chavos living on the street. Now these four have their own families and hadn't returned to the streets.

In November, two volunteers started to support us. Alejandra is the mum and Jaya the daughter and after her (Jaya's) fiancé Paco joined them. They are connections of Jonny Forsythe. He invited them to go and see if they could support and they have decided to keep on coming. We give thanks to God for their lives and we hope and pray that they continue to support MEFI.

Our goal is that every chavo will be prepared both spiritually and socially. That they will cling to God and that they will build up a life for themselves away from the streets, having employment and being fully integrated in a family and in the society, free from addictions. Please keep praying for us and for these precious youths who God loves!

Thank you for your support and God bless!

'...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! - Philippians 4:4
 We are rejoicing in the Lord and invite you to rejoice with us, for several reasons!

We rejoice because of the LORD's 'exceeding and abundant' blessings in our lives as we will be married 40 years on 7th April! We also praise Him for His 'exceeding and abundant' provision and protection as we will, by His grace, reach 30 years with OMS in December.

We rejoice that in the last 18 months, God has brought 37 new missionaries to OMS, and there are many more in the pipeline for future service! Please continue to pray for at least 90 more in order for OMS to fulfill our God-given goal of 125 by 125. All of these applicants result in an increased work load for Carl, but he's grateful to help these new co-laborers.

We rejoice with Billion.Global and the current 763,223,263 people who have been given the opportunity to hear, understand and receive the Gospel. Your prayers for Billion.Global, which is a network of ministry partners collaborating to reach one billion people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by 2026, are vital.

We rejoice because we serve and worship our risen Saviour with you this Easter! We pray you will have a blessed season reflecting on God's 'exceeding and abundant' blessings in your own life and that you might find time to share those with us. We always enjoy hearing from YOU!



*Helen, Tiffany, Heidi, Carl, Andrew, Michelle, Nathanael, Elida & David
 Abigail, Teddy, Zachary, Eliana, Elena holding Micah
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Better picture of Micah

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OPPORTUNITIES



'To know Christ and to make Him known' is central to the Gospel and mission. As a team, whether we are serving in missions abroad or in the UK homeland, we seek to make Christ known and the work of OMS. With this in mind, Stephen and Debbie Scholes will represent OMS at **Spring Harvest 1st - 5th April** and the **Bradford Keswick** one-day convention on **Saturday 18th May**. They are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new ones and gaining opportunities to visit churches and fellowships to tell of all that the Lord is doing.

This summer, the OMS team will be at:



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New Horizon
Coleraine 3rd-
9th August



**Keswick
Ministries
Convention**
13th July- 2nd
August

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WorldWide,**
16th-24th
August

WE'RE HIRING



Glocal Witness Ambassador

(General Manager of our Charity Shops)

Join Our Team!

The successful candidate must have an aptitude for leadership and management, be a mature Christian, have a passion and vision to develop our mission impact locally and globally through our Charity Shops. Charity shop, retail and mission experience will be advantageous. This new role is designed to support our charity shop managers and volunteers:

1. by promoting the mission projects that the charity shops support (global);
2. by supporting local witness through the charity shops (local);
3. and building partnership with the local churches.

The role is based in Northern Ireland with our Charity Shops in Cookstown, Portglenone, Lisburn and Strabane. The role also includes opportunity to set up additional charity shops. Terms Negotiable (PT or FT).

Database Manager & Finance Assistant

Based at Belfast Office. 15 - 18 hours per week. £12 per hour.

Apply by CV with two references* by 5pm on 19th April 2024.

*one church leader reference

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