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Psalm 77



*I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.
Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?
You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.*

As I sat in a plane, high above the clouds, tired and cramped, longing to finally arrive at the destination, the pilot announced that we would not be able to land. Passengers began to feel a little frustrated, impatient, and anxious, all the while glaring at the clock, as time seemed to drag ever so slowly. Eventually we began our descent to Bogotá, only to find out that a 6.3 earthquake had just taken place on land! As thousands of shocked and panicked residents poured out on the city's streets, I was reminded that God's timing is perfect, and our lives are in His hands! (N.B. Praise God damage on land was minimal.)

How often, like my flight experience, do we grow impatient or anxious, when we cannot see or understand what is truly happening? We get frustrated when we long for something to happen and 'obstacles' appear. Often amid much change, transition, distress, and uncertainty, like the psalmist in Psalm 77, I have cried out to God for help. So much of what happens on the mission field, whether it be due to the political situation, safety or delicate matters involving others, cannot be shared openly through writing. Yet throughout these times, I am reminded, as the Psalmist was, to remember the miracles of long ago, to consider all His works and meditate on all His mighty deeds. His ways are holy! What god is as great as our God?

Our God still performs miracles today! I may not understand His timings and ways, but I know that they are perfect and much greater than my limited vision. God Himself promises that HE goes before us and with us. What better company and guide can we ask for?! Our Shepherd, the God of angel armies, who has never lost a battle, is for us! He is faithful to His Word!!

Giving (Part 1)

An acceptable sacrifice



Nube Vogan
OMS Missionary
Ecuador

***“I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13***

God has provided many ways to support missionaries, through prayer, caring, hospitality, practical acts of service and giving resources.

But God also touches another precious possession: my finances.

Why in the world does He touch this area?

Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. Philippians 4:7

Well, let us be honest in this matter. Paul, the apostle, mostly as a tentmaker may not have had the same dependent need for money on the same scale as many missionaries do today, with rising costs for travel, life and many ministry activities.

To willingly and joyfully set aside money that has been earned with hard labour and much effort requires a lot of sacrifice. The encouragement to make this sacrifice however, is the credit that I personally receive, credited to my account. God Himself will start this heavenly account and every penny that I give to Him on earth will be added to this account.

To be the richest person in this world is to save in this heavenly account, to give control of my finances to my Holy Father: God Himself is the manager. He will give back my investments with interest: grace, love, forgiveness, freedom, family... We could spend pages and pages writing about the types of deposits God makes in our individual account in heaven. But we would rather say: ***“Thank you, Holy Father for paying attention to the little that I give You, and giving me more than I can even be aware of, blessing me only because of your generosity and love.”***

The Apostle Paul did also receive generous gifts from churches and individuals to support his ministry, which enabled him to spend more

time in ministry:

I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18

Each missionary servant of God who He has set aside and called to a specific area is sent by the Almighty God, sustained by HIM, guided by Him and used by Him. In this sending He uses people, like you and me to sustain them all over the world. So, **“the gifts you sent”** are beautiful brands of perfume that our Creator and Saviour uses. My heart rejoices in the fact that this fragrance to my Lord and my Saviour, my little offering, is displayed before the angels.

“The gifts you sent” are also an acceptable sacrifice. There is a song in Spanish: “Whatever costs me more, I will give to my Lord. If there is a little sacrifice, I feel that is not nice; But the biggest sacrifice, I know He will like it”. Commit to give to the Lord, “an acceptable sacrifice”; the control of your wallet, pocket or bank account.

“The gifts you sent” sometimes receive an earthly thank you. But if after giving, the thank you note does not come, remember that the first recipient of our gift is not the missionary or the agency, the gift is to and for God’s glory and is “pleasing to God”. When God is free to control my pocket I will surely be “the richest person in town”

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:18

#Now Jesus sat by the off'ring gate, as people brought their money

The rich they filled the collection plate, the widow gave a penny

“Now she’s outgiven all the rest, her gift was all that she possessed.”

Not what you give but what you keep is what the King is counting.

Oh teach me Lord, to walk this road, the road of simple living,

To be content with what I own and generous in giving,

And when I cling to what I have, please wrest it quickly from my grasp

I’d rather lose all the things of earth, to gain the things of heaven.#

Simple Living, Getty Music

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Giving (part two) Heart to support



Nube Vogan
OMS Missionary
Ecuador

If I could be in a roomful of supporters or a prayer group, I know my first reaction would be to praise the Lord for them, thanking God for these beautiful people who daily and faithfully pray for us and secondly, I would thank them and tell them how excited I am to see them.

I thank you because your hearts are for the Lord; this is something I will never be able to describe, or even imagine. But I can say thank you very much for all the work you are doing. Thank you very much for your work in the Lord. Thank you very much for even though you have not seen any of the work the Lord is doing here, yet you continue being faithful in the Lord. The Lord will reward you. The promise He gave to Abraham, **“I will bless the ones who bless you,”** is a promise the Lord has made to me as well. When you pray for missionaries and bless them, the Lord will bless you here in this world and the one to come. Your faithfulness in supporting missionaries is wonderful, even though sometimes you have not seen neither the work in person, nor the missionaries for a long time. We would not be here if it were not for God’s grace, His Word, His power, and, the knees of His holy people who are praying for us, so, we stand on the knees of these people. We depend on your prayers because we cannot do the work by ourselves. It is impossible. It is completely impossible. **“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6).**

Supporters are so crucial in the work, through all that they do and their encouragement. When supporters send me Bible verses, in faith, not knowing what the Lord is going to do with that verse, for me it is a word for the day. It is just like a refreshing cup of water in the wilderness or in the desert.

Another way supporters have encouraged me, and many other missionaries is **through creating support systems**. I know in my case I have prayer group chats on WhatsApp that I run to when I have troubles. Sometimes when I ask for prayer, I can explain the situation,

but at other times I only say it is an emergency and ask them to cover us in prayer. When the problems go on and on, some individuals in these groups arrange meetings to discuss the problems, pray, and help me with solutions. I love this help as it really makes me feel I am not alone.

It comforts me to know I am not doing the work on my own, because working for the Kingdom is teamwork. The support that God gives and community that He places us in is lovely because that is what the church is all about in the end.

If I could say just one last thing, to someone who faithfully prays for missionaries and has not seen them in a long time or has not heard much of the work, and suddenly feels discouraged it would be this: that ***every second you spend in prayer, or every penny you spend in giving, or every minute or every effort you spend in supporting missionaries, you will be rewarded. None of this will go unnoticed by the Lord.*** He is the One who sees, sometimes we as missionaries, do not see what you are doing but the Lord who sees everything, and He will reward you. I give you this promise, the Lord not only will reward you, but the Lord will make good use of everything you invest in His kingdom. Not only that, but also, He promises to bless those who serve Him. So, ***God is not only blessing those He sends, but also the senders who are serving in His kingdom in various ways,*** and He will bless your children and your descendants. Amen and amen.

Lastly, I would love to be fellowshiping with you in person, I promise you this is my heart for you. However, I am also happy to be where the Lord has placed me. For now, I know that one day we will all be together, in the perfect way with the Lord at home and it will be amazing!

You can respond

OMS have a long history of prayer groups that support missionaries through prayer and through giving. Could you join with and encourage a group near you? Or could you open your home, church building, or corner of a coffee shop to be one of those who bless missionaries through your support?

We would love to have support groups across the UK to build up the work of God's mission, through their prayer and/or fundraising.



a small part in a much bigger work



Heather Greer
Database Manager
& Finance Assistant

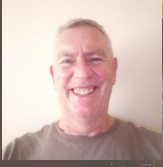
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
John 1: 29

These words of John the Baptist, when he saw Jesus coming toward him, were the words the Lord used to speak to me as a young teenager, many years ago at a meeting in Kinallen Mission Hall. That evening, when I called on the Lord Jesus to save me, has defined everything in my life ever since, as I have sought to live for Him and serve Him. Those same words that pointed me to the Saviour also remind me that God’s plan of salvation is global, reaching to people of every nation.

Thus, when early in my working career I had the opportunity to serve in an administrative role with the Overseas Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, I was excited to play a small part in a much bigger work of God’s Kingdom across the world. I left that work after nine years when I married my husband, Tom, who at that time was serving as a Presbyterian minister in Fivemiletown. Therefore, a lot of my life since has been bound up with the ministry and outreach of the local church. We’ve been in Molesworth Presbyterian, Cookstown for the past 23 years.

I stepped away from the workplace for a number of years to raise my children but returned to a finance and secretarial role in a local grammar school almost nine years ago. I really enjoyed the work there, but when I learned of the opportunity offered by One Mission Society to work in finance and database management, I was drawn to the possibility of returning to the work of world mission. It has been a joy to join the OMS team, but it comes with the daunting prospect of learning new systems and new software. In that challenge I would appreciate your prayers, but I am encouraged by a verse of Scripture the Lord gave me a few days ago - 2nd Chronicles 15: 7:

“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”



Jim Magill
Glocal Witness
Ambassador

promoting glocal witness



Hi I'm Jim and I'm the recently appointed 'Glocal Witness Ambassador'. (The word glocal being a hybrid of global and local). My remit with OMS is to oversee our charity shops here in Northern Ireland, and to try to develop them as hubs for gospel outreach and to make connections, not only with the local community but also with local evangelical churches. Our hope is that such connections will increase awareness and interest in our work not only at home but also across the globe. I value your prayers for this work and trust that God will bless it.

I was born and raised in Magherafelt, one of six children. Although sent to Sunday school and church, I didn't see any relevance in these things. So, at a young age developed an atheist mindset; and drifted into a sordid lifestyle of drink, profanity and crime, the 'troubles' in Northern Ireland having had a profound influence.

However, my life was radically changed in 1987, when through a series of difficulties and contact with Christians, I became convinced of the reality of God and could see that those who followed Jesus had a peace and a purpose in their lives that was lacking in mine as my life felt aimless and miserable.

Christian workmates told me that I needed Jesus, who alone can truly satisfy. Upon attending my first ever gospel meeting I fell under conviction of sin, and the guilt of my past haunted me. For many weeks I struggled to see how God could forgive me, then on the 26th January 1987 despite concerns about how others would react and how old habits could be kicked, I committed my life to Jesus. My life was transformed from that day on, as God gave me the strength to live for Him.

In 1991 I sensed God's desire for me to train for ministry and went to Bible College in 1994. Then I served as an assistant Pastor in Ballymena Baptist before going to Dromore Baptist, where I ministered as Pastor for many years and enjoyed much blessing before feeling led to step back in June 2023.

My wife Frances and I have remained on in Dromore Baptist as members. We have been married for 30+ years and have three grown up children Joanna, Daniel and Matthew. We look forward to continuing to serve the Lord in our new ministries.

1 Board of Directors


Bill Anderson
Eddie Currie
Alan Russell

2 Julia Henry Ecuador



Pray for the Lord to guide and lead Julia regarding her next steps after returning from Ecuador in April.

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, pray please for Hannah and Esther in their education.

5 Morton Family USA



Pray for Jonathan and Lupita in their ministry with Red Nueva Vida (New Life Network) 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

8



Miriam Project

9




Bethesda Medical Center

10 Edler Family UK



Pray for Bill in his new role at Belfast Bible College. Bill on the Board of Emmaus University and Julie on the Board of Bethesda.

11 Debbie Vogan Media Assistant



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

12 Jim Magill Glocal Witness



Pray for Jim as he connects with charity shops in the UK and develops links between local and global ministries.

13 Alan Russell Men for Missions



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



14 Heather Greer Database Manager & Finance Assistant



OMS Financial Supporters

15 Leslie Reid Area Rep N. Ireland



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

16
Pollock Family ROI



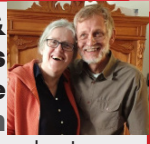
Pray for new people to come to church & workers to spread God’s word in Ireland. For Ben, Joshua and Caleb in school.

17
Montgomery Family ROI



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

18
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 UK



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



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

21
Jeannine Brabon Colombia



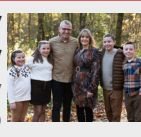
Pray for Jeannine’s health and for those who have come to faith that they will be discipled in the faith and grow in God’s word.

22
KK & Kay Outreach Birmingham



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

23
Kelly Family Melvin Kelly UK ED



Pray for Melvin as he leads OMS UK and for both Melvin and Sharon as they promote and support the ministry of Somos Nós in Mozambique.

24
Daniel & Gail Castro Member Care



Pray for Daniel as UK Ministry Ambassador. For Gail in Safeguarding. For them both in Member Care.

25
Cheryl Kelly Payroll



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

26
Ali McClure Mobilization & Communications



Pray for balance between her two roles with OMS alongside being a busy wife and mother.

27
Brenda Reid Training & Personnel



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

28
Tommy Hui Leeds, UK



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

29
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.

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

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Autumn 2024



My Friend,

While reading Psalm 116 today, verse 9 caught my attention: “I will go on walking in the presence of Adonai ...” Walking in Hebrew is a lifestyle, and in the structure here, it means a daily, continual habit. It is living in His presence that people are drawn into the Kingdom.

Yesterday, I spotted a mother with her son returning from school. I called out to them. “I have a book for you.” Eager to receive, I joyfully gave the boy three books and said, “I love the Bible, I can talk with God, and the gift Jesus has for you!” And Patricia, the mother, received the gift of Life—Jesus! What a way to begin August!

Continually, I cross paths with someone who received Jesus with me, and I am able to encourage them in the Lord. More than one taxi driver shows me the card I have given them with the sinner’s prayer and Scripture. Today, John Freddy spoke of the follow-up material I had given him as he took me to the doctor across town. I gave him the books, as I mentioned above, for his granddaughter.

The orthopaedic doctor asked me a lot of questions while examining my shoulder. I shared testimonies of God’s redeeming power at work in men behind bars. The Holy Spirit led me to invite him to receive Jesus. His heartfelt response, “Oh, thank you so much for the prayer!” brought me joy. I’ll see him next week after my echocardiogram. God used the pain in my shoulder for redemptive purposes.

I love how walking with Jesus draws others to Himself. Jesus said, “When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to Myself.” Last night, even in my dreams, I was leading people to Jesus. Would you believe I am an introvert? It is all the power of God, the hero of my story.

I am grateful to the marvellous team that God has raised up for the prison ministry. Mary Luz began the ministry to the families in 1994, her last year in seminary. Then other programmes were started for the children (photo right) of the families; today, they are led by Kayla. Teenagers of prisoners have their own programme led by Katerine. Please pray for them!



Children’s Ministry

Juan Pablo Jarra, from Chile, is the pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church in Rio Negro and executive director for our ministry in Antioquia. His sister, Valeska, started Sonrisa Smile for children with learning disabilities. For children with parents in prison, the trauma experienced early in life impedes learning. It is encouraging to see little lives changed by the love and care of a special education teacher.

From 16-19th August, many ex-prisoners from Almanecer (aftercare programme) will have attended Wild at Heart, a men's retreat sponsored by a Band of Brothers. I am thrilled that we once again have this vital ministry in Colombia. Juan Pablo Jarra, Edwin Ocampo, and Carlos Velasquez will be giving their testimonies. Pray that God will come as only He can, and through faith for the Holy Spirit to continue His deep work in hearts.

Rejoicing in Jesus,

Jeanine



Valeska with the children



Juan Pablo, Diana, Martin & Victoria

Prayer requests:

18-26th September in North Carolina and Florida.

Pray for me as I speak at a Hispanic Captivating retreat, 20th-22nd September near Asheville, NC.

PS: I bake many cakes from scratch for those who otherwise would not have one. One of these brought joy to Julian on his 31st birthday. Having been orphaned at the age of 5, I have been a mother figure to him.



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Dear Friends,

Mabel and I were speaking with Julie, the secretary of Open Arms Christian Church. Julie also does the tech work for the services and she teaches the young children in Sunday School. When she told us her last name was VanDerKooi my mind and heart went back to when I was 13 years old...



Mabel & Julie



Charles

Word spread like wildfire! Everyone knew the VanDerKooi family. They lived at the corner of Brant Road and North Market in Galion, Ohio. Charles Cyrus VanDerKooi, son of George and Zenobia VanDerKooi, had died in a Prisoner of War Camp in North Korea on 31st December 1951. Young Private First Class VanDerKooi, born 16th June 1932, was serving in the 38th Infantry Regiment, when he was taken prisoner in South Korea on 18th May 1951. His loss was a tragedy to the family and a shock to the community.

My uncle, Wade West, also served in the Korean War, in the US Marines. Two years before he passed away, Mabel and I were sitting with him and his wife, Nancy, in their kitchen drinking coffee and munching cookies. I said to Wade, *“Thank you for your military service in Korea.”* He replied, *“I really appreciate that. When the enemy came over the river there was fire everywhere. We were told to pull back to the coast. Young marines were coming up. I knew where they were going and it wasn’t good.”*

Hershel Clark also served in the Korean war. He was wounded twice! We only knew Hershel in a wheelchair. He has lived with the pain of a crumbling spine. His wife, Jennie, has a special apparatus to lift him from bed to the wheelchair. Hershel asked me if I would baptize him. So, the first Sunday in February 2020, I had the privilege of baptizing Hershel at his home. Then we celebrated communion. A few weeks later Jennie told us that Hershel said he feels like a real Christian. Hershel is now 90!

The military service of these three men, and others like them, is important! Because of the freedom in South Korea, the Lausanne Conference on World Evangelism is being held there 22nd-28th September, 2024.

Mabel and I know three men who will participate in the conference: Jake Finn, OMS missionary in Chang Mai, Thailand; Dr Juka Fernando, Moderator of the OMS church in Mozambique; Dr Billy Coppedge, missionary at large and grandson of our friends the late Dennis and Elsie Kinlaw.

We ask you to give thanks for men and women who have served in the military. Let us pray for those who will attend the conference and for people like Julie VanDerKooi who serve so well in local churches.

Prayerfully yours, *Bruce and Mabel*



Update from Julia

Julia Henry Autumn 2024

Dear Friends,

I do hope this little update finds you well.

I think this might be the first autumn update I have written from Northern Ireland in well over fifteen years!

Normally, this time of the year for me would have been spent in Cuenca, Ecuador, as I have tended to return to the U.K. during spring. I am enjoying the long evenings of sunlight here and at the same time missing the warmth of living on the equator! I am beginning to remember why this country is so green, as the rain continues to pour down amongst a few days of sunshine! As another season approaches the leaves will start changing colour and falling during the autumn months, something which I have not experienced recently either. Change! Likewise, as my life has faced many changes over this year, I am aware that just as the seasons change, God's timing and ways are perfect and have a purpose.

Since being back here on sabbatical, I have had the opportunity to undertake more study. Indeed, I have been enjoying the role of being a student again and learning lots of new things which I hopefully will be able to apply in the future. Please continue to pray that I would know God's guidance in the days ahead.

Many thanks for praying for God's work in Ecuador and for me.

Love, Julia



"Let your eyes look directly ahead [toward the path of moral courage] And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you [toward the path of integrity].

Consider well and watch carefully the path of your feet, And all your ways will be steadfast and sure."

Proverbs 4:25-26



Points for prayer:

- Praise God for this time of learning while waiting on Him. Pray for new opportunities and open doors.
- Pray for the practicalities of being back here: for the provision of a car.
- Pray for those in positions of authority in Ecuador : for integrity and courage.
- Pray for the Ecuadorian church: for evangelistic zeal, for correct and faithful teaching and the equipping of leaders.
- Sadly, kidnapping, extortion and crime are prevalent in many places across Ecuador. Pray for the Ecuadorian people and my friends some of which are scared to travel or of being killed.

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

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FEASTS, PRAYERS AND REVIVALS

Dear Friends,

There is something about the “Feasts” in the Bible that fills our souls with joyful expectation. What kind of feasts are we talking about in particular? The Bible speaks about a marriage feast, celebrating the union of the Bridegroom, Jesus, with His Bride, the redeemed people of God from all nations. How to prepare ourselves for this? How do we celebrate today? At the time of writing, the Olympic games have just started in Paris, amidst a great deal of controversy. The Olympic games aim to unite all nations. Yet, tensions between and within many nations are running high at the moment. The timing to celebrate brotherhood among nations seems inappropriate. The opening ceremony wasn’t helpful either.



Today, the 29th of July, the annual “Ghent Feast” officially closes. In all, about 1.7 million people have visited the festivities over the past 10 days. During the Feast, many people party all night, heading home at 10am, when the pubs officially close. Christians in Ghent, however, followed another script, a script of abundant evangelism! We were very busy! A group of Christians were out on the streets at 7am every day to share the Good News with the night revellers.

During the week, the Lord gave many good contacts with non-Christians and seekers. This year, Chris and I worked together with the oldest evangelical church in Ghent, called “De Burg” (translated, “The Fortress”, a direct reference to Christ who is our strong refuge). They host free pancake afternoons, inviting people off the streets to enjoy pancakes and a chat. It was a success! For two days in a row, we had in-depth talks about the Christian faith with a young underprivileged couple. The husband, K., had been in prison for a while, which makes it hard for him to find a job. He currently volunteers at a charity that reaches out to kids in poverty, through playing football. The wife, J., was attacked and severely beaten up earlier this year. Glass penetrated her eyes leaving her sight reduced by 80%. She is currently awaiting a retina transplant. She originally comes from the Basque country, Spain, so we were on familiar ground. Her mother was so poor that she gave up her two daughters for adoption; they ended up in Belgium. *May the Lord Jesus comfort these two troubled young people.* Please pray too for B., a student from Turkey, doing a Masters in Microbiology. She is seeking for meaning in life, and is very open to the Gospel. Eddy also spoke for over an hour with a Polish man, who has lived here more than 20 years. In the end, he thanked Eddy profusely for spending time with him. Unfortunately, we have no means of getting in touch with him. Please pray for the follow-up of the outreach of the past week. We trust the Lord to give growth to the seeds planted. The “Gentse Feesten” always ends on a high note

on the Sunday morning with a shared service in the park in the centre of the City.



Evangelism strengthens the bonds between Christians from different churches. We would love to see more of this. As prayer is the key to see that happen, we set up a monthly prayer group for the pastors of Ghent, via Zoom. Seven pastors joined the first meeting. Please pray that all pastors/elders of IGLO heed the call to unite in prayer. Within the group of IGLO churches, we already organise several outreach events together; if we could undergird these efforts with more united prayer, we will see much more fruit, especially in a big city like Ghent. In the area of spiritual warfare as well, more needs to be done together. The mocking spirit that we saw during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, is also prevalent in our city. During a prayer walk in one of the streets, we discovered an old Catholic chapel, beautifully renovated. It was a shock to us to discover that the building was officially “deconsecrated” and replaced by a distillery of strong alcoholic liquors. The chapel is now called “dada chapel”, a reference to the provocative



anti-art movement in the 1920's. Dada-ism seems to thrive well within our current globalist culture. The goal of spiritual warfare is to restrain, curb and, if needed, cancel such anti-Christ expressions. Against such opposition, we stand better united.

When you are reading this prayer letter, we will be DV in Wales on deputation and for some holiday. We will be visiting churches and friends from Sunday 1st of September until Thursday 12th of September. Please remember us in prayer when we travel and share. Wales is well-known for its revival at the beginning of the 20th Century. On an earlier visit to Cardigan, we visited one of the chapels where Evan Roberts preached. Many churches and chapels are now praying for a new revival in the UK, in Europe and the world. May the Lord of the Harvest grant this request, once again. There was another significant awakening in the British Isles, in the Hebrides, from 1949 until 1953, associated with Duncan Campbell. One dream Chris and I have is to visit the Isle of Lewis, but it will probably not happen this year. Such places are special because of what God did there in the past. We can draw strength and faith from being there to see God move again. Please also pray for a visitation of God in Belgium. In November, a big revival meeting is planned in one of the main churches in Brussels. It seats more than 2000 people. It is a Roman-Catholic basilica, but the archbishop has given his full blessing for the building to be used by Evangelicals and Charismatic Christians alike. Please pray for God's favour to rest on this event.

May the Lord continue to uphold your faith so that you may stand firm in Christ JESUS, our “Burg”. Psalm 91:2

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

Eddy & Chris

Edlers in Northern Ireland

Bill, Julie, Sam, Joel, and Jacob

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Dear Supporting Friends,

We thank you again for all of your support. We really appreciate everything you have done for us to help us to serve God through OMS.

Julie continues to be involved with Bethesda in Haiti from afar. She is in contact with the physiotherapists who are still there continuing to work away. She is also a member of the Board which meets via Zoom regularly.

Bill has a big announcement to make about his work: he has accepted a job with Belfast Bible College, working in their online programme. He won't be teaching but helping to organise their e-learning programme. He is looking forward to working in a job that better uses his experience and training.

However, this means that he will be leaving OMS. We will therefore no longer need your financial support. We very much appreciate everything you have done for us over these past years. The ministry that we have been involved in both in Haiti and in Northern Ireland could not have been possible without the sacrifices that you have all made. Thank you!

However, the ministries in Haiti (Emmaus and Bethesda) both very much have need for your support. These are both good ministries that are giving glory to God and building up His people in Haiti. Therefore, we would like to put before all of our supporters the following 3 choices:

1. You can continue to send your support as you have done, and OMS will divide your giving equally between Emmaus and Bethesda.
2. You can contact Heather Greer at hgreer@onemissionsociety.org.uk or at 02890 0652040 to redirect your donation to Emmaus, Bethesda, or any missionary or ministry that you would like.
3. You can cancel your donation to OMS as we, the Edlers, no longer have need of it. You will have to contact your bank to do this as OMS has no authority to stop incoming donations.

While this is a change for us, our hearts for Haiti have not changed. That country has made an impression on us that we cannot deny, nor do we want to. It will always be in our thoughts and in our prayers. We hope that it will always be in yours as well.

May God bless all of you as you continue to serve our Lord and King, Jesus.

Thank you for your support!

Bill and Julie Edler

Bethesda Update

Overall Haiti continues in a state of instability and insecurity. Kenyan forces have arrived in the capital city of Port au Prince and more are due to arrive in the coming months. Please be praying their mission would be successful and that peace would return to Haiti. At Bethesda the main problem has been that we have had difficulty purchasing medicine in country. We ran a fundraising campaign in June and raised over \$50,000 (US) which will enable us to buy 3 months worth of medicine. Thank God for his provision and faithfulness.

The physiotherapy department continues to grow and grow. When we opened the new building in 2018 with just Altidor and I (Julie) working there, we were treating around 6-10 patients per day. Today there are four full time Haitian physiotherapists and one volunteer treating around 25 - 35 patients per day. Having outgrown the current facilities a long time ago, there is currently work going on in an unused room in the dental clinic to convert to another physiotherapy room. Along with some other board members I am working on getting some new equipment for this new space. Its so exciting to see how the department has grown in such a short period of time and to think of the thousands of people who have benefitting from physio. Please continue to pray for the overall situation in Haiti and for Bethesda.

Emmaus Update

Bill was able to attend the Emmaus Board meeting in person, as it was held in Canada on 18th July. He enjoyed seeing Dr. Guenson and his wife, Claudia again. The last time they were together was before we left Haiti in 2021!

We had a profitable time together, especially approving a new partnership with another seminary in Haiti. The partnership will see the seminary become a part of Emmaus and offer a new Masters in Biblical Studies degree. This is a very necessary thing in Haiti and will help to train Haitians to read the Bible in its original languages. This will help the Haitian church to continue to grow in their understanding of the Bible and the ability to apply it in their context.

Bill was then able to have Guenson and Claudia speak in his home church in Canada and then spent a couple of days with them driving them to two other speaking engagements. It was good to spend time together! Continue to pray for Emmaus and the Charlots as they lead the university.

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. Especially the new leaders of the country.

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 starts a new job at Belfast Bible College.

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 transformed.



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Thankful

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

We are thankful to God that as a family we were able to travel to Africa for the month of July. We all remained in good health and that is an answer to prayer. It was a blessing to renew friendship with our Mozambican brothers and sisters, to share meals and encourage one another. We had the privilege of sitting with the Mozambican leadership of *Somos Nós* to share vision, plan and pray together. The container, packed in Northern Ireland a few months ago, arrived safely. We were able to attend the Wednesday ministry at Khongolote. Our hearts were thrilled as we watched the Mozambican team share God's word and minister to the whole person. What God has started He will complete. People now know that each Wednesday the team will be available at the Khongolote centre, so many arrive. It was amazing to once again meet Estefan. Last year when Abigail and Melvin were leaving Mozambique some officials were querying their baggage at the airport and creating difficulties. Melvin shared about what they were involved with through *Somos Nós*. Immediately one of the officials took Melvin aside and shared that he had a daughter with additional needs. Melvin took his contact number and passed the information on to the *Somos Nós* team. Now a year later Estefan was with his daughter at the Wednesday meeting. May we, in our everyday lives, be alert and open to the Divine Appointments that the Lord places in our path. As Joshua, Noah, Lydia and I were leaving the airport this time an airport worker came to assist a man in front of us with a wheelchair. We got chatting and I shared about *Somos Nós*. I wrote down the website for him. As we were boarding he was waiting and asked for an email address to contact us. Pray that many will come to know and experience Jesus through *Somos Nós*.



As well as many joyful times, we had the task of clearing our home in Mozambique which was emotionally difficult. We praise God for His help. This is the end of a chapter for us but also the start of another. We desire to continue to support the *Somos Nós* team by sourcing mobility aids, raising awareness and funding. We also would love to facilitate teams coming to work alongside our Mozambican brothers and sisters. *We value your continued partnership with us.*

We praise God for the summer team from the UK who came in August to serve alongside the Mozambican team. Melvin and Abi stayed to facilitate this team. What a blessing to minister together for the glory of God.



Regina has graduated!

Regina is married to Afonso and together they minister in *Somos Nós*. We have supported Regina throughout the past three years as she has studied Physiotherapy.



While we were in Mozambique we received the wonderful news that Regina had passed her final exams and was to graduate from her Physiotherapy course. We praise God for her determination and dedication. It was not easy to get into the course, and when she did she had to get up very early in the morning, to travel by public transport, to attend her lectures. During her course Afonso and Regina suffered the devastating loss of their first child, only weeks after he was born. Later Afonso was injured when the *Somos Nós* Vehicle was written off in an accident on the road back from the North

after a blessed ministry trip. Regina persisted and sat her final exams while heavily pregnant just before the birth of their son, Heitor. We had the wonderful privilege of together celebrating Regina's graduation and meeting Heitor. Thank you for your prayers for this precious couple. We value your ongoing prayers and financial support as we desire to continue to support Regina and Afonso as they minister in *Somos Nós*. This is the fulfilment of a dream to raise up Mozambicans so that they can minister to their own people. Pray that God's blessing will be upon them and that they will be an amazing blessing to others. Regina and Afonso ask for prayer for the health and development of Heitor; the spiritual growth of all in their household; the growth of the new church plant they are involved in; that Regina would use her training to bless many people and glorify God.



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*Will Haiti ever change?
How can I go to school with
the gangs threatening us?
What should I do with my
life? How will I ever get a
job in my country? Does
God hear my prayers?*



These and so many other questions weigh heavy on Haiti's young people. We thank God for the opportunities our team has had again this summer to speak God's truth into the lives of Haiti's people through the Summer Youth Programmes, (live radio shows every weekday morning and afternoon with a weekly game-show style competition).

In one of the daily devotionals, Newton and Berthenie spoke from Joshua 1:9:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Newton shared: "Don't be discouraged today. When we look too far into the future, we have so many concerns and we lose sight of the goodness of God today.

"God promises us he will provide for us, at the time we need it. Even when we see no way out, no doors opening, no escape, we can trust God that He will make a way for us, in His way and in His time."

Berthenie added: "I had an experience with my little boy when we went swimming. I was holding him when he started to panic in the water. I reminded him "It's ok, I'm right here, I've got you." Then he relaxed and started really enjoying the water! That's how it is for us in God's hands."

Praise and prayer requests:

Protection, provision, perseverance for 4VEH staff and families in all the difficulties.

Thank God 4VEH is on the air every day to encourage people, share the Gospel and teach life skills.



Above, at Hannah's high school graduation—Storly, his mum Tazoue, Hannah, Esther, Kate

Hannah has started at Saint Mary's College, near Notre Dame, Indiana, about 3 hours' north of us. We're excited for all God has in store for her! Please pray for her (and us!) as she settles in.



Pray for Esther in her junior year of high school.

Thank the Lord for (left to right in the show picture) Edwige, Newton and Berthenie, morning show presenters (Randevou Ak Vakansyè Yo, 10 am - 12 pm in Haitian Creole) and Kenercha, Shammasen and Emmanuella, afternoon show presenters. They have done an incredible job, despite challenging circumstances themselves, ministering to Haiti's young and not-so-young listeners and viewers.

Your support of our family in ministry impacts the lives of these presenters and everyone they reach through these programmes—God bless you for partnering with us!

Haiti Update

At the end of May, a transitional council selected Gary Conille to be Haiti's new interim Prime Minister after gangs forced out Ariel Henry. Nearly two years after requesting help from the international community, troops to support Haiti's police force in fighting the gangs began to arrive from Kenya. The situation is very complex. Please pray that God would bind up the gangs' power, change their hearts and minds and bring peace among Haiti's people.

Thank you,

*God Bless!
Storly, 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, we are able to cover the cost of our salaries, travel and other ministry expenses. If your family, Sunday School 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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Montgomery News!

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

1st Corinthians 3 v 6-7

- A few months ago a young man, 18 years old, emailed our team member David to ask if he could come to our church. He wasn't happy with the things he had been taught growing up. He had read about what we believe on the website and would like to find out more! He came the next Sunday and has been coming since. He is meeting with John to do the Christianity Explored course. John leaves those times so encouraged at how this young man has been reading his Bible during the week and coming with questions. This is God's doing, not ours! We are merely a link in the chain with the privilege of seeing glimpses of God's amazing work. Please pray for him to understand the Gospel clearly and put his trust in Jesus.
- Another way we have been reminded recently of the truth, that we are but links in the chain, is through a conversation with one of our neighbours. Jo was chatting to a mum and during the conversation discovered that her and her husband are very friendly with a couple in another county in Ireland who are also now Christians! That's unusual! As she chatted about how she felt about going to mass, Jo was able to share that it's not about religion but about having a relationship with Jesus. Her response was that that's what her friends had said too! What an exciting conversation! Please pray for her and her husband along with their three children who are friendly with our kids. May they not be content to continue on in life as they are but seek the truth and come to Jesus.
- Over the summer it has been so good to be able to join in some of the community festival events in Crossmolina as well as Joshua's swim camp. This has been useful in meeting new people in the area as well as spending time with others. In our ministry of community outreach these things are valuable in people getting to know us as well as us getting to know them. Continue to pray for personal contacts leading to Gospel conversation around us.
- Thinking ahead, please pray for direction and wisdom in the way ahead for the church in Ballina. As a team, we have been aware of the need for others to be able to take on more responsibility in the church.

We have been considering the possibility of holding regular times of teaching and training for individuals in the church who could in the future take on such things as Bible teaching in the kid's outreach or leading Bible Study groups. A healthy church should be growing and developing spiritually and it would also give us more scope to be involved in other areas of ministry.

- We mentioned in our last letter about a man who John has offered to do the Christianity Explored course with when he returns from Spain after the summer. Please pray he will do this and that his eyes will be opened to the truth.
- The men plan to continue to meet for breakfast every two weeks and discuss the chapters they've read of 'The Manual' book, addressing God's idea of manliness. This had an encouraging start before the summer. We pray it will be a fruitful time in the lives of the men who go.
- Family news: Andrew has been blessed with a good summer job. Pray he will settle back into his studies well as he begins his 2-year Leaving Cert. course. He also plans to start learning to drive in October!! Please pray they'll each settle well into school after the summer, particularly for Sarah, starting secondary school.



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LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

I had never met Eswin previously, but it is an encounter I will never forget. Over the last couple of years Lupita and I had heard about him as he came to know Christ and was discipled by Pastor Ben at the Red Nueva Vida (RNV) Church in Magdalena Guatemala. I then had the privilege of teaching him as he was trained in church planting and leadership over the last two years through the RNV Institute. In June, all the global leaders of RNV came together in Guatemala for a week's training and planning. On Sunday evening, we attended the new church being planted by Pastor Eswin. One member of this new congregation gave her testimony. She was Eswin's neighbour and for years had been angered by his drunken parties held in the patio of his house, about which she often called the police. Now this very different man was transformed, a disciple of Jesus – her Pastor, and she glorified God as she reflected on His power to change a life. RNV is focused on forming disciples that in turn reproduce themselves in the lives of others; to plant churches that multiply. It is a blessing for all of us to see many like Eswin who are not only changed and formed as disciples but are also then being used by God to disciple others. As the RNV country leaders and directors of RNV met in Guatemala for a week we heard how God was using RNV to reach new areas in the Dominican Republic, form new disciples in Chile and expand in countries like Colombia.



The RNV ministry in Colombia has organically grown into Venezuela and we are praying for God to guide in the next step in that region. Through the RNV church in Colombia, work has now formally begun in Ecuador (photos). Last month we celebrated as discipleship groups began. These people will walk through the practical and transformational two-year discipleship route learning how to live as Christ commanded, learning from, and supporting others on the journey with them. A celebration service was held and we are excited as to what God will do over the next year. In June, we also had the blessing of interacting with a young man Ivan, who is in the final stages of training to enter into Honduras and begin the RNV process of disciple making and church planting in the town of Travesia. Lupita and I feel blessed to be part of and lead such a special team. There are many challenges and setbacks, sometimes attacks are fierce and direct. However without a doubt God is working and He directs, protects and is using RNV to glorify and honor His name. Our focus has been, and will remain, the formation of reproducing disciples and multiplying churches that are used to transform the area where God places them.

FAMILY NEWS

Noah has started middle school (Year 8 secondary in the UK) and is excited and nervous. His autism is very evident and we are so proud of how he confronts daily challenges. Daniel is now going into 8th grade and doing exceptionally well. Noah has enjoyed hatching butterfly chrysalis this year and now has a praying mantis egg sack hatching in a jar kept in his bedroom! Daniel has finished indoor training for soccer and is now preparing for the main outdoor season playing for his school. He is delighted to now be taller than his dad! Lupita and I are very thankful for all God's blessing, we celebrated being 27 years married last month and enjoyed the day with the boys at a local lake here in Indiana. Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support – it is much appreciated and never taken for granted. Please be sure of our prayers for you also.

Jonathan Lupita Daniel and Noah

Prayer Points

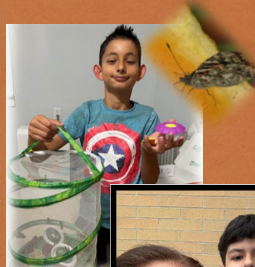
- Wisdom as the RNV continues to grow in Ecuador
- Intentional God guided preparation for Honduras
- Multiplication with the disciple making process
- For wisdom as we guide Daniel and Noah



Pastor Eswin
at Sta. Lucia
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CHURCH PLANTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



Transition



years in meeting as a church in Loughrea - time has passed by so quickly! The past few months have been a great encouragement at the spiritual growth of our church, and the walking together in discipleship that occurs each week. We now see a culture where people are stepping towards serving one another, open hearted and handed in sharing their lives with one another, and filled with joy in sharing the Gospel.

It's also been a season of transition with the Marat family heading back to France to continue in their journey to see a church planted in rural France. Remi and Aurelie have been a great encouragement and blessing to us and the church. They built a great connection with our folks, and also made impact with their neighbours. It's funny to hear our church talk about us being an international church planting church now! As much as we will miss the Marat family, God has brought another family into church as an answer to prayer. We have known Alastair and Elise Donaldson for a few years now, and we have been encouraged by their heart for the people of Ireland. Alastair has great ministry experience, and we chatted a few years ago about the possibility of them coming to Ireland to serve. It has been our prayer for many years that people would catch the vision that all of us are in "full-time ministry" and not only unique people. We are all called to make disciples, whether in church work, or in our schools, workplaces or communities. We have been praying for mature Christians who would catch this vision in Ireland, to relocate for work, and join in with what God is doing in Ireland. Alastair and Elise and their family are an answer to that prayer. Alastair is working in a local hotel and even after a few hours of his first shift has had amazing opportunities to share the Gospel with his co-workers. Their hope is to see a community group from our church start in a nearby town, eventually by the grace of God being established as a new church plant.

This is such an exciting season for our church as we are seeing God's hand at work in so many ways. Of course, with that comes challenges and set backs, as Julie's Nanna used to say "if the devil isn't worried about you, he'll leave you alone!" Yet, God's grace is sustaining us all, and we are rejoicing at the opportunities we are seeing, the people that He is bringing across our paths, and the new life He is working into people. We keep praying for more of us to be captured by His mission around us, and join Him in His work.

Prayer Points...

Snippets

This is another milestone year and a new experience as Ben enters into Transition Year in school. This is a great concept in Ireland where they have a guided gap year with some regular schooling mixed with opportunities for work experience throughout the year. He will be working in 4 local businesses in this year which will give him some good life experience.

Joshua is getting back into his sport teams after a quiet summer, and playing soccer, and Irish sports. He makes us tired just watching him! He will likely join a new soccer team this year, and we are praying for his new friendships.

Caleb is so excited to be back at school and is really excelling. One of the teachers nicknamed him "Captain Caleb" as he is a real encouragement to the other kids. He has such a big heart, especially for the kids in the special class in school, and really leads our family in loving people!

Pray for Wisdom

We have been working as a church to get registered as a charity in Ireland for a little while now, and as much as it is progressing, neither of us are particularly gifted in administration! We would love it if you could pray specifically for this process to be completed soon, and that we can tick that box. It is a really important step for our church, but one which we find sapping our mental energy!

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Jonny, Julie, Benjamin, Joshua & Caleb



Dear Praying Friends,

Summer is still here as we write our autumn prayer letter. Reflecting on these past months, as a family we feel that the unpredictability of the summer weather reflects how unpredictable our circumstances have been. We also see that when life brings challenges, we appreciate God's care, love and guidance more because "all things work together in Him".

One of the unexpected situations was in June when Liam ended up in hospital with respiratory problems. Fortunately, he has made a full recovery. Leslie has had respiratory issues for more than 3 months, which have interfered with his work (missed most of Keswick at Portstewart convention). But recently, he is much better. We thank you for your prayers, they have made such a difference. Meanwhile, Brenda and Darina had been

The Reid - ings

taking care of the rest of the family while they are having good health PTL.

As you may remember, we have been praying for an open door for Liam's and Darina's education. God has guided us to enrol them both in a Government Scheme, in Armagh. There, they will have completely different paths involving some classes and exams this August in preparation for the autumn. Darina has finished her 2 years in SRC and in the Gathering Rooms. She will be starting a new work experience in the autumn. She has a job coach to help and guide her in that respect. Meanwhile Liam is volunteering in Café Connect and the Argory where he started in July. We are amazed by how the Lord provides for us, even down to the finer details.

Life and ministry with OMS UK has been exciting. It has been a blessing to be part of our OMS UK team as we work, learn, pray and have fun together. We are grateful that Ali was able to stand in at Keswick while Leslie was unwell with respiratory problems. Brenda has been



involved with people who are interested in missions with OMS, preparing materials and training the Mozambique team (as a family, we have enjoyed participating in fundraising events and hosting a team member from England) and translating for the Spanish speaking Compassionate Ministries that OMS-UK is involved with in Mexico and Colombia. Leslie is very involved in the Lisburn Charity Shop and continues to build on relationships with his customers to share the Gospel. He will be involved with New Horizon and Bangor Worldwide Missions Conference, if you are there don't forget to stop by!!!

He goes "here & there" sharing about missions. The autumn brings new opportunities again in local churches and Mission Halls to share about OMS and how we all can be part of the "Great Commission". It's never too late to book him to share in any type of meeting.

It was a pleasure to see many of you during our OMS SUMMER FELLOWSHIP BBQ! We are indebted to Redrock PC for hosting this event. We had food, a short programme and we commissioned our summer teams to South Pacific and Mozambique. Thank you so much to those involved in organising, preparing, cooking and cleaning - your support is invaluable. We are thankful for a great time of fellowship!

We are thankful for:

1. Darina and Liam's educational paths.
2. Liam and Leslie respiratory recoveries.
3. Our OMS UK roles and team.
4. Different conferences to share at over the summer.

Join us as we pray for:

1. Darina and Liam in their educational paths.
2. For our family's health.
3. For wisdom and guidance in our roles within OMS.
4. More opportunities to share in churches, halls, etc.

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Special thanks to all our supporters. It is our prayer that you and your loved ones are doing well.

In June, we celebrated birthdays from January to June with gifts, food and special messages from the families for the kids. It was a very special time where we prayed, thanking God for their lives and how He didn't make a mistake when He decided to make them boys or girls. It was an amazing time!!!! Our country is going through a very difficult time in terms of gender identity and everything is allowed even if it is not beneficial. That hurts us, but we pray as the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am not asking you to remove them from the world but protect them from evil." In July, new children joined our programme so we have the opportunity to support more families in the area.

Laura, our psychologist is back working after her maternity leave. She plays a vital role walking alongside and supporting children and their families.

We share with you our gratitude for:

- God's provision through financial supporters.
- Miguel & Maria's voluntary work according to the children's needs.

Because of God's guidance when we detect the child's needs and direct our efforts to minimize the risks to which they are exposed due to loneliness, discouragement or lack of affection.

Thank you for remembering us in praying for:

- Jean, Carlo & Mateo that they will successfully finish their school year.
- Different repairs that need to be done in the building due to the wintery weather.
- Laura, our psychologist, her time management now with her first new born baby girl.

Sincerely,

Julio and Blanca Stella.



Exists to show Mercy, share Hope, cultivate Faith and teach skills to Integrate children and young people in street situations in Mexico.

Greetings to you, we hope you are well.

These last three months have been difficult due to the extreme consequences of the drug abuse among young people on the streets. It is hard to gather them around on our visits on the street. It seems they are only allowed to be in groups at night, when they extend their blankets on the floor to sleep but at 7 am everyday they have to pick up their belongings and go.

The assistance to the Drop-in Centre has also decreased, however we keep on with our activities:

Mondays, we have Bible teaching.

Wednesdays, they are making crafts with our volunteers Alejandra, Jaya and Paco. Currently they are making Christmas decorations.

Fridays, we have our service.

In July, we were blessed to participate in three-day training called "FREE TO LIVE". It was encouraging and inspiring as we met many young people who lived on the streets in the past and now have been clean from drug use for many years.

Please, keep us in your prayers:

- As we serve the "chavos" (young people) on the streets; for safety and meaningful conversations.
- For the different activities at the Drop-in Centre.
- We are grateful for volunteers (Alejandra, Jaya and Paco) and Rosa our cook.
- For Rosa, Alex and Paty's health.

Thank you for your prayers and support, Alex and Paty



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Dear Friend,

As we write to you from our new home in England, we want to thank you for all your prayers over this intense time. We have treasured rich times with faithful supporters and prayerful friends in the USA over these past three months. There is not enough space here to show you all the photos of many sweet moments including everything from tea parties to powerful prayer times. It is one of the joys of our life in mission; to be able to partner deeply with so many people for the Kingdom and this meant there were lots of tears shed in parting. At the end of June, we sent off our boxes and finished selling or giving away most of our things and Philip and Bethany left for England. There were five days where Philip, Bethany and Jasmine were in the same house with Philip's dad, before Philip left for Brazil and Jasmine then left mid-July for Spain.



After more goodbyes and the final logistical tasks of closing this chapter in the USA, Fiona reached England at the end of July. It has been stressful and exhausting in every way but we are so thankful that God has answered prayers in providing help and finances, selling cars and protecting Fiona's back so she could get through the packing unharmed! In all the craziness we sense how the Author of our lives has already written the next chapter for us and we make Him our home and our peace.



Brazil has a vibrant church denomination and a fruitful seminary, which began through OMS in partnership with Brazilian leaders. The 70th Anniversary of the seminary was a perfect opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness and welcome Him to move in power among the pastors, churches and students preparing for ministry. Philip had the honor of building up OMS relationships with the leaders of the denomination and those training pastors. God used the special opportunities to worship and talk with pastors gathered for the anniversary retreat, preach in churches (left), teach a short intensive course, and share in some public discussion about transformation in Christ to breath God's fresh

life into historic partnerships. Dynamic conversations continue about relationship with Philip's OMS team as the Brazilians seek God's purposes for training and biblical focus in the churches.

In August, Philip is honored to be able to celebrate the 80th anniversary of ministry training God started through OMS in Colombia. The Biblical Seminary of Colombia continues to train leaders for the churches in Colombia to a high level of educational excellence and spiritual depth. He is also looking forward to teaching a week's intensive course at the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary in Estonia again in November. Here, he will get to invest in ministry students from several countries around Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. One of the blessings of relocating to England is being one short flight away from Europe. Please pray with us over what Jesus has planned for us there.





All four of our family are at big crossroads!! We still need your prayers for God to carry Bethany throughout this huge transition to live in England. God has been helping us work out details for her to move to Manchester. Having spent the summer here on the northeast side of London, she is very ready to begin her next chapter there; studying online, and finding a job. Pray with us that God will hold her steady and direct her steps for the right job and community around her.

Meanwhile Jasmine (right) is spending 3 months in Spain to learn Spanish and work out her next steps for where to live and what kind of work she wants to do. We are praying she will find restoration after an intense five years of studying alongside full-time jobs, and clear direction for her future purpose.



Our new mailing address is 94 Osborne Rd, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1HF, UK

Please pray for us, and our work, in this intense season of huge changes. Pray we will continue to feel God's strong, loving arms carrying us and keep listening to His promise; that He has gone before us to protect us, lead us and bless us.

Please pray for:

- God's strength and peace for Bethany as she lets go of many things in America and settles into life in England. Pray for God's protection and provision for the right job, friends and support in Manchester and for help to study well.
- Jasmine, resting and studying in Spain until October. Pray that she will know God leading her in his purpose and directing the next steps for where to live and what to do for work.
- God's strength and leading for Philip and Fiona, settling into living with Philip's dad and working from England. Pray they will know God's help and direction in finding the right church and local Christian community.
- God's Spirit to lead and fill the Esther Project in the next steps. Praise Him that the rewritten book of Bible studies, life questions and prayer guide is completed, and ask Jesus to open the way in making it available online for developed countries. Pray for Fiona to be able to listen closely to Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to lead her carefully in the midst of all the life changes.
- The Holy Spirit to lead Philip in OMS partnerships with theological training in Brazil and Colombia. Pray that Jesus will fill his time teaching in Estonia, and move in power among the students there from several countries.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Lots of love, Philip and Fiona xxx

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There will be heard once more the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord, saying, 'Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; His love endures for ever.' Jeremiah 33:10b-11

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Loja Update

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Praise Points:

Vicky, Ramiro's wife is recovering well but still needs convalescence to get back to normal.

For regular gifts keeping our Support Account healthy.

Timothy and Deborah's visit this summer.

5 baptisms in June

60+ children, youth and their parents reached in Loja through the VBS.

BCC Youth Mission to Los Encuentros, Amazon area, 31st July to 2nd August reaching Shuar children with the Gospel and Christ's love.

Dear Team Member,

We are keeping well and trust that you are also well. We are keen to share this update of what God is doing in the ministries here and in our lives.

**24th May - Wedding**

Mark was privileged to officiate at the marriage of Bryan and Gaby under a chupah, borrowing a Jewish tradition which represents the glory-cloud of God on Sinai, evoking His marriage pact with Israel. Their great faith in having an outdoor wedding was justified as it did not rain! Many guests are not yet converted, so it was good they heard the groom's Gospel message!

**The Gospel & Samaritan's Gifts for Children from Pedernales**

On 24th June, after two previous attempts, we were able to bring the Gospel to school children from the three schools close to Pedernales, Azuay Province, Nube's birthplace. There are still several families there related to Nube. It was a scorching day at 3500m (11400ft) altitude. During the programme Nube gave a Gospel talk to the children and then Bryan gave a message to the parents and teachers. It was the first time hearing the Gospel so we were glad there was no backlash.



Nube teaching the school children of Pedernales.

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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Holiday Bible Club, God's Zoo

Unfortunately a month before the HBC the Davila family felt God lead them away from Loja and they are now serving in Camp Pallatanga. We missed their help. However, we are seeing the church members



28th July, Closing service for VBS under canvas



Happy children received Samaritan's boxes at the closing service of the Holiday Bible Club

and those in training willing to take on more responsibility so even though 3 teams pulled out this year the VBS was well staffed and successful. Nube prepared and led the VBS. Tim gave facts on the animal of the day and Mark gave the missionary talk on his hero, David Livingstone. Debbie taught the adolescent class. God sent enough help on time! At the closing service we had over 150 in attendance, under every stitch of canvas the church has, in the lot next door. Several families are interested in visits for prayer and may start to attend regularly.

Team Talk

We appreciate your role in this team as a sender. Your prayers and support are both vital for reaching the people of the marginal areas of Loja City and building up the local church. Praise God for the five believers baptised in June and added to the Biblical Christian-Community Church.



On 23rd June five believers were baptized, Alicia, Christina, Karen, Ismael & Victor



the Vegans

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

Prayer Requests:

Timothy & Debbie in their final years of University.

For the training planned in 22-29th September with Javier of Voz y Manos Foundation to have fruit in the BCC Church members lives and service.

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

Pray for BCC Church 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 soon.

Funds to buy the site and build the Training Centre and Meeting place that God directs us to.

For the Gospel to take hold in the hearts of Children, youth and their Families in Loja, Pedernales (Azuay) and Los Encuentros (Zamora).

For new believers in Nube's family who are interested in baptism and proclaiming their faith publicly.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

The Lord has brought us to amazing times of blessing since our last letter. As I write, we are having a great time at the annual Keswick Convention, introducing any people to OMS for the first time.

I'd like you to pray for a couple from Kenya, living in Liverpool and both in good jobs. They desire to return to Kenya, with their two children as One Mission Society missionaries. We trust the Lord to put a short-term team together that they can be part of in February 2025. Pray for their leadership and guidance as well as for Brenda who works in our personnel department and processes the applications. Without the dedication of ALL the office staff, we would not be able to function!

We also met an amazing couple who come from Hong Kong who have lived in Blackpool for over two years. We met them at their home church which held an African evening to raise funds for Mozambique. (As Debbie and I are going there on a mission team in August). Only the Lord could arrange how we would meet this couple from Hong Kong, at an event in Blackpool, with a desire to serve with OMS! Debbie and I had the pleasure of introducing them to the other Hong Kong missionaries serving with OMS. We value your prayers for God's leading in their lives.

Praise the Lord with us that we have One Mission Conventions booked for Mold in North Wales, Liverpool, and Crown Lane Preston. We are also planning to be at the 150th anniversary of the Keswick Convention in Keswick, Cumbria next year.

Please pray about the opportunities, as the cost of doing the above is prohibitive. Please consider inviting Debbie and me to speak at your church or home group, and consider encouraging us with us in the Gospel by giving of what you can to support our ministry and enable us to do what God has called us to do.

Yours in His Grip,

Stephen & Debbie Scholes



At Keswick with OMS family: Daniel and Gail Castro, Alan and Joanne Parkinson (formerly in SP with OMS) & Bernice Pannell (formerly in Ecuador with OMS)

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“To GOD be the glory, GREAT things HE has done!”



Carl with his parents - 29th June 2024

Indeed, we have watched Him open the flood gates this past month; releasing answers and provisions from His store house - over and over again. Hallelujah. We all know He is at work, as we pray, hope, trust, believe... and wait. But in the wait, we can become weary sometimes. Especially, when it's a long wait. Carl had prayed for his Dad's

salvation for over 50 years; and those faithful prayers were answered! Carl flew to England on 27th June to help with his Mum's care while his Dad had surgery on 1st July. Carl had the opportunity to share the Gospel with his Dad (one more time) just prior to the successful surgery. His Dad was released from hospital on 8th July. Carl was due to return to the States on the 10th. However, he was very concerned regarding their frailty and leaving them to continue living in their own home. On the 9th, Carl took his Mum to the ER because of severe ankle pain, swelling and redness; a blood clot was suspected. Whilst there, she was evaluated and it was determined she needed to be placed in respite care the following day. When they returned home, Carl's Dad had lost significant movement on his left side. Carl returned to the ER that night with his Dad; a stroke was suspected. He left his Dad in the ER, waiting for a scan, in order to return home to his Mum. The following morning (10th), Carl's Dad had slipped into unconsciousness; the hospital staff said it would be a "matter of hours". We prayed for his Dad to regain sufficient consciousness to acknowledge Jesus as Lord... and 24 hours later, he did !! Not only once, but several times over the next eight days he would either squeeze Carl's hand, place his own hand over his heart, or blink his eyes in affirmation that Jesus Christ was his Saviour before he passed into a glorious eternity on the 19th. HALLELUJAH. Never lose hope, never give up praying for your lost loved ones...

While Carl was there, it became evident his Mum would need to be placed in a permanent care home. Initially, Carl was told there was no vacancy, but as he explained the circumstances, the manager told him she was moving his Mum to the first place on the waiting list!

We could share a myriad of stories of how God provided over and over again as we watched and were "utterly amazed". It compares to the apostle John writing, "If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." Smile.

BUT, one story. It became very evident, very quickly, that Carl would need a solicitor to help with his parents' estate. He rang his solicitor cousin, Michael, who knew of someone, but

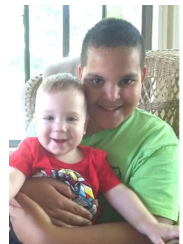
he lived 50 miles away. Michael agreed to ring his friend and would get back with Carl asap. Within minutes, Michael rang back to say... "My friend 'just happens' to be in Billingham and will meet you at the house in 5 minutes!!" Read that again...

God goes BEFORE us all of the time and sometimes, He allows us to see it.

We praise the Lord for you and for your faithful prayers!!



Helen (Heidi's Mom), Andrew, Michelle, Abigail, Eliana & Zachary. We enjoyed their visit Father's Day weekend.



Grandson, Mickey's 1st birthday 16th July; held by grandson, Teddy

HALLELUJAH,

Carl
& Heidi



*Hui Family
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Blessings!

We praise God for His blessings. Today we received confirmation that our church “The RockGate” is approved as a registered church in England.

We are preparing to start a Judo class in September to make connections with locals and new immigrants coming from Hong Kong.

Please pray that God will provide financially for the upcoming work and ministry of the RockGate.

Thank you so much for your prayers,

Tommy, Kathie and Audrey

Thank you for praying!

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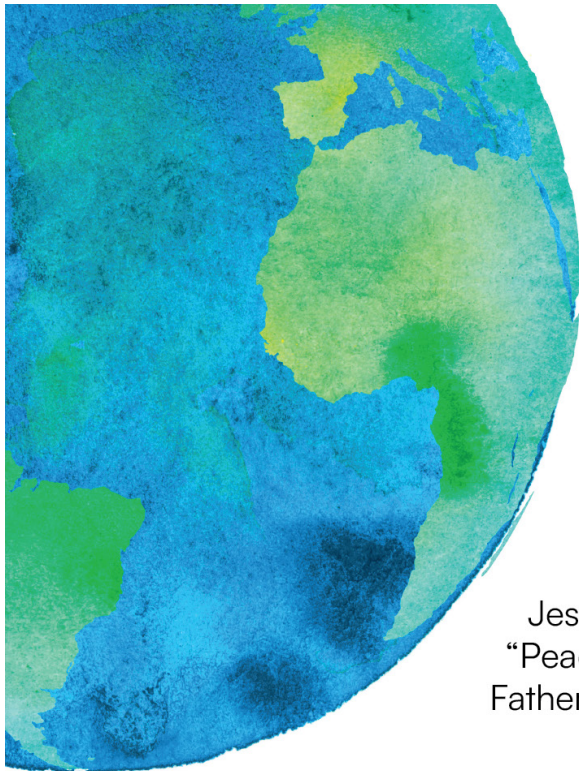
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