



# Rosie and Stu Bayford

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**Location:** Recife, Brazil



**What we do:** Meeting people at the edges with the hope of getting alongside them on a journey of faith



**Discovering creative ways** to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church

Dear friends,

## UK

We arrived back in Brazil halfway through August after a wonderful few months in the UK marked with travel, visits, fun, family and friendship. A very special time.

Ottelie turned two not long after we arrived in the UK and it's been a real joy seeing her grow up and develop day by day. We've so enjoyed seeing her get to know her grandparents, cousins and friends, including the latest addition to our family, our new niece, Maia Sofia. We absolutely loved being around to see her in the early weeks and months.

We're so grateful that Ottelie had her healthiest stint ever in the UK. She had an ill first month with two ear infections and a D&V bug, but after that was on great form!

Almost every Sunday we visited a different church, which has been so special. We're always very humbled by your love, support and response as we share what we do and who we work with in Brazil. Thank you for taking such an interest and engaging with this work that we are privileged to be a part of.

We kept up with some work too, both community market and CMS. Stu is involved in the Latin America pioneer hub which is interesting and something new and exciting to be a part of. The biggest challenge with the meetings he's part of is that everyone else speaks Spanish, not Portuguese, but they make it work!

Our longest trip in the UK was two weeks down south when we went all the way to Kent! We had a special week with a wonderful wise couple who do life coaching/counselling with CMS among various other mission organisations. They themselves were in India, China and Hong Kong for 30+ years! It was really helpful to have sessions with them each day, and they were so accommodating of Ottelie, who did everything with us too!

We rounded off our time in the UK with the CMS Summer Gathering, which was a wonderful time to get together with the wider CMS family, including other mission partners that were also back in the UK at the time. Ottelie loved the kids' work and we enjoyed the sessions that we could then take part in.



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With each other  
To the edges**



### Brazil return

It's been a difficult transition back to Brazil, with Ottelie so far being upset a lot of the time, not wanting to be here and missing family and friends that she's grown so attached to. We completely understand that she's finding it hard but it's so difficult to see your own child struggle in this way. We've already seen a few glimpses of her relaxing a little and enjoying playing with old friends, so prayers that she feels settled soon would be much appreciated.

### ReVive

Things are going well at ReVive. We have nine lovely girls with us, with four new faces who it's been lovely to meet and start getting to know. We had reported the wonderful news that K, who had been with us for almost seven years, had moved back to live with her mum, but sadly she is back at ReVive after that arrangement not working out. It's a very complex situation and as she is now 17 years old, she's found a job which we pray will set her up well for life when she turns 18 and needs to leave ReVive.

Some amazing news is that D (whose sisters were adopted a few years ago) has been adopted by ReVive's very own social worker Rayane! She and her husband Leandro have been taking D at weekends for respite, and we are over the moon that they have made this decision to adopt her. She has some additional needs, which is why the family who adopted her sisters didn't want to adopt D, and so her prospect of adoption wasn't optimistic. Praise God for Rayane and Leandro, who are such a wonderful inspirational couple.

### Community market

Grace has been running the community market in our absence and done a great job coordinating the volunteers, the families and food donations. Alongside the normal weekly market, they have had a few special celebrations. São João, which some of you may remember from last year, is similar to harvest festival, but much more fun! There are plenty of delicious corn-based cakes and snacks, and usually people dress up in clothes from the arid regions where corn is traditionally grown. Mother's Day is also a big celebration in Brazil, much more so than in the UK. The team did a great job organising some fun activities for the children, and some treats for the mums at the market, who absolutely deserve them!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

With love, thanks and every blessing,

Rosie, Stu and Ottelie



*Photos from top to bottom: Ottelie adores her grandparents; São João festivities at the market; Mother's Day at the market*



## Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

**It's so encouraging to hear stories** from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In England, Fiona is pioneering creative ways of connecting with people who aren't in church. And Andy's story about prisoners in Brazil finding Jesus is incredible. Read more and get inspired by more stories of hope at [churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope](https://churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope)