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Dear friends,

## Greetings from us both and from all at Cuenca Christian Church/Iglesia Cristiana de Cuenca, Ecuador!

Cuenca Christian Church is settling in well at our new location, next to the beautiful historical centre of Cuenca, and the church is being blessed by many visitors and tourists to Cuenca who have passed through our church doors in recent months!

The local church continues to serve our community, and it is exciting to see how God is using our church to spread the gospel to other countries. We have also seen a significant increase in engagement with our live Facebook services from listeners around the world, and we are so thankful that God's Word is spreading through our small church in Cuenca.

We are also enjoying a time of many young adults from Cuenca coming to the church and it is really exciting to see how God is healing and transforming their lives in Christ. As God is blessing us and sustaining the ministries of the church, we can support these young families as they grow as Christians in the community.



Attending All Nations College for CMS's Summer Gathering

In July and August I visited the UK for three weeks to attend CMS's Summer Gathering at All Nations College, visit a few new churches who are supporting our mission here in Cuenca and most importantly, to thank all of you who have faithfully supported me in my mission work over the last 14 years since I first arrived in Paraguay in 2011. It was a truly blessed time seeing so many of you and receiving such a wonderful welcome from the churches and gifts of blessing. Thank you so much for all your encouragement!

It was quite a hectic time and I was a little overwhelmed with all the travelling at first (I drove over 1,100 miles in total according to my mileage log!) but I had prayed for God's travel mercies and that I would finish well as it was my last official mission visit to the UK before I retire from CMS full time next July 2026. God had really answered my prayers. (Though I am preparing to retire, I very much value your continued prayers and support until that time comes.)

As a local church, of course there are no real changes in terms of my serving in the leadership team and also supporting my husband Johnny as pastor of CCC and we are both currently busy discipling and mentoring our young adults as they show great potential for the future leadership of the local church and mission.

Several of you expressed an interest in visiting us here in Cuenca next year or beyond, as we extended a warm invitation to anyone who would like to come and see our church ministry in Cuenca. Some of you also



asked me for more information about the vision of the local church here and more information about us.

Our vision for the church is to focus on evangelism and discipleship and this is our priority as we see more growth with disciples to reach the wider community and serve in the church ministries. We continue to run our personal discipleship programme, our weekly Bible studies in English and Spanish and our weekly bilingual prayer meetings, where we have seen so many prayers answered and healings.

Our vision for the future is also to continue to discern new ways for the church to reach out to the world using social media and technology to share the gospel to the ends of the earth!

Do please check out our church website and Facebook page to discover more about who we are and how God is using us as his instruments in Cuenca!

Find us at <u>cuencachristianchurch.com</u> and <u>facebook.com/</u> CuencaEcuadorChristianChurch

We also have a vision to grow in our worship ministry in the church. Please be praying that God will continue to bring his people to us with their musical gifts and talents needed for worship in the church.

#### Family news

I was also very blessed during my UK trip this summer to spend time with family and celebrate many birthdays! I enjoyed family meals and barbecues, got to visit both my brothers in the UK and Italy for a few days and spent time with my children and granddaughters to celebrate their birthdays. I am grateful to God for allowing these special moments with the family despite my busy schedule.

#### **Prayer points**

- We continue to pray for Cuenca Christian Church/Iglesia Cristiana de Cuenca, for God's provision, for the church ministries God has given us and pray for his ongoing protection and guidance for the church.
- We thank God for our continued health and wellbeing and pray for his strength and his protection in our daily lives as we live and serve him in Ecuador as a married couple.
- We pray for God to use us as his instruments as we reach out beyond Cuenca using technology and social media and give thanks for the many visitors to Cuenca who have come to our church in recent months.
- We pray for the future of our ministry in Cuenca and as Bev retires from full time mission partner ministry with CMS. We ask for God's guidance as he leads us forward into a new season here in Cuenca.
- We give thanks for the individuals and churches who have faithfully supported Bev over many years and ask God to protect them and continue to bless them as they support God's work in Ecuador.

With God's blessings,

Bev Cannon de Pinos and Johnny Pinos

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Photos from top to bottom: Meeting up with link church supporters at the CMS Summer Gathering; birthday celebrations with my brother David; family time with my son Chris and family; birthday celebrations with my daughter Serena, granddaughter Sienna and my niece Eva



### 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