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Dear friends,

Sending love and greetings to all from us both and from all at Cuenca Christian Church, Ecuador!

Latest news from Cuenca Christian Church

We continue to give God thanks for opportunities to build deeper relationships through discipleship and fellowship in our ministries within the church, through our weekly English and Spanish Bible study groups, our weekly bilingual prayer meetings, our monthly ladies' breakfast group and our monthly fellowship lunches.

We are also excited about how God is working through our young adults in reaching out to those in academia and for the new university students who are now attending our church and giving testimony to transformed lives!

We are preparing to return from the summer holiday for the Orchid Project and begin classes again for a new year on Monday 5 August. We were delighted to hear that one of our students, Pedro, has now secured a job in the community and now enjoying a more independent life, using his new life skills which he gained at the Orchid Project over this last year. We are now in the process of training new volunteers to help in the weekly classes and then will be ready to invite new students to join us in this valuable work with the Orchid Project.

Latest family news

In May we were blessed to have family visit us from the USA and spend quality time with Johnny's daughter Joy, his son David and the whole family, grandchildren and his in-laws. A great time was had by all.

In early July we took time off and made a trip to see Johnny's other family and friends in Sioux Falls in South Dakota and to visit nearby tourist sites at Mount Rushmore, Black Hills and the Badlands. It was a lovely time to relax and renew our energies away from the busyness of Cuenca city life. We were able to see all seven grandchildren this year in the UK and in the USA so we feel truly blessed by God's provision and the generosity of friends and family that made it all possible.

You may recall that I visited my mum in Canada with my siblings almost a year ago to celebrate Mum's 100th birthday in January. Over recent months Mum became frail in her health and on Saturday 13 July she



Spanish Bible study group and church fellowship lunch at Cuenca Christian Church.

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With each other
To the edges**



went to be with the Lord and passed peacefully in her sleep.

We are so thankful to have spent quality time all together last year and that she is now resting in the loving arms of her Lord and Saviour Jesus. We ask for prayers for our family and especially for sister Jean and her husband Gordon who feel the loss of Mum more deeply as they have lived in Canada with Mum for the last 32 years.

CMS visit from our Latin America manager Paul Tester

On our return from our holiday to the USA we were delighted to be able to host our Latin America manager, Paul Tester, who visited us in Cuenca for a few days.

We are always so grateful for the support we receive from CMS and the encouragement to keep going in the good and challenging times serving overseas in mission.

It was also great to hear many of our church family members share their personal testimonies and to hear from our university students how God is working in and transforming their young lives. Paul was able to extend his visit by one day to join us for our monthly fellowship lunch and to meet the rest of the church family, which was a real blessing for all, before he travelled back to the UK later the same day.

Prayer points:

- ▶ We continue to pray for Cuenca Christian Church, for God's continued blessings and his provision, for the church ministries God has given us and pray for his ongoing protection and guidance for the church.
- ▶ We give thanks for the faithfulness, generosity and support of the UK churches and individuals for our mission work in Cuenca, and for all our supporters who have offered to support me as their mission partner, which is helping me to meet my current funding shortfall.
- ▶ We pray for the opportunity for me to be able to visit the UK in July 2025 and visit the supporting link churches, and to be able to attend the people in mission conference at All Nations College.
- ▶ We ask for prayers for the country of Ecuador, our president Daniel Noboa and his government, who are determined to tackle and beat the criminal drug gangs who cause violence and gang-related killings in certain parts of the country and on our borders.
- ▶ We ask for prayers for God's protection over the people of Ecuador and for all those who continue to fight against the crime and corruption in the country.
- ▶ We thank God for continued good health and well-being and pray for his strength and protection in our daily lives.

With love and God's blessings!

Bev Cannon de Pinos and Johnny Pinos



***Photos from top to bottom:** Visit from CMS Latin America manager Paul Tester; our trip to the USA visiting the Badlands; my Mum – we celebrated her life (11 January 1924 – 13 July 2024)*



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