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Bringing hope where people have given up on God and the church

Dear friends,

Sending love and greetings during this Christmas season from us both and from Cuenca Christian Church, Ecuador!

The latest news from Cuenca Christian Church/Iglesia Cristiana de Cuenca

We are busy planning for our Christmas season here in Cuenca Christian Church. We are looking forward to celebrating with all our church family at our annual Christmas turkey lunch on the final Sunday before Christmas Day and also with Johnny's Cuenca family the same weekend before we travel to the coast and stay for a few days' rest and relaxation in Salinas and to celebrate Christmas Day together.

Our church discipleship programme with young adults from the Cuenca universities is continuing to see spiritual growth and lives transformed. We are excited by how the students are reaching their peers, discipling others and bringing their friends and families to the Lord through sharing the gospel with them. We are seeing how these students' family members are being touched, being healed and overcoming personal struggles in their lives and we give thanks to God for all that he is doing in their lives.

We are thankful for all those who regularly attend our weekly English and Spanish Bible study groups, our weekly bilingual prayer meetings, our monthly ladies' breakfast group and our monthly fellowship lunches at CCC.

We have been busy preparing our Christmas gifts to sell, all made by the students and volunteers from the Orchid Project. We were delighted to receive Sharon Wilcox, my CMS colleague from Santo Domingo, Ecuador in October, when she came to visit and evaluate the project after our first year in Cuenca. We celebrated our first anniversary with lunch for all those involved in the project. Our new volunteers have now completed their training to help with the weekly classes and are bringing their gifts and talents to the project, for which we are really grateful.

Our families are all doing well back in the UK and the USA and we were able to join in (from Ecuador) with a surprise celebration for my son Chris's 40th birthday in late September, which was a great success and enjoyed by him and the whole family.

My son Chris and my daughter Serena are both settling in well in their new jobs, Chris as a firefighter with the emergency services and Serena in the Ministry of Defence. We are very proud of their achievements and their hard work to secure good positions in their careers. We hope to get some personal time to catch up with



Preparing gifts for Christmas from Orchid Project

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our children and grandchildren in July 2025 when Bev visits the UK and Johnny visits the USA. We are both looking forward to visiting our supporting churches and individuals, and we are truly grateful to God for his faithful provision.

You may remember that last year we shared that there was a significant shortfall in our funding. Thank you so much to those who have given sacrificially to help us with this. Although the situation has improved, our funding situation is not fully sustainable yet. Please pray with us for our God who provides to meet that gap. If you are able to increase your regular giving or to give an additional gift this year we would really appreciate you prayerfully considering it. You can give online at churchmissionsociety.org/Cannon, by calling 01865 787489 or by completing the enclosed form if you received this letter through the post. Thank you so much for walking on this mission journey with us.

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 for his ongoing protection and guidance. We give thanks for the support we receive to sustain the ministries of the church and for us to be able to continue serving in Cuenca.
- ▶ We pray for the planning and travel arrangements needed for Bev to visit the UK in July 2025 to visit supporting churches and attend CMS's summer conference at All Nations College as well as have some time with children and grandchildren in the UK. We also pray for Johnny's travel arrangements as he plans to visit his children and family in USA in July when Bev is in the UK.
- ▶ We ask for prayers for the country of Ecuador and President Daniel Noboa and his government as they try to manage the extreme drought and energy crisis in Ecuador. We give thanks for the provision of new energy contracts with Colombia and private investments to help meet the energy requirements of the country and pray that these contracts will be finalised by December.
- ▶ We pray for the forthcoming presidential elections in February 2025, for God's hand to be on future leaders of this country and for an end to political corruption.
- ▶ We ask for prayers for God's protection over the people of Ecuador and for all those who continue to fight against the violent drug gang crimes and corruption in the country. Pray for protection for President Daniel Noboa, the police and military, who are continuing to protect the citizens of Ecuador.
- ▶ We thank God for our continued good health and wellbeing and pray for God's strength and protection in our daily lives and for his abundant blessings and provision.

With love and God's blessings to all,

Wishing you a wonderful, peaceful and joyful Christmas!

Bev Cannon de Pinos and Johnny Pinos



Photos from top to bottom: An Orchid Project student making cards; university students and church leaders' discipleship group; Christmas gifts from Orchid Project; Chris's 40th birthday surprise treat from the family!



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I've loved hearing recent mission stories from others in my area of work. Jonathan in Ecuador has grown spiritually and got his first job as he's gained life skills, and a Breakfast Club in Hull celebrated 25 years of food, community and steps of faith. Read more at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope