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What I do: Sharing the gospel contextually, drawing on my pioneer mission training in Latin America

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

Dear friends,

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

Advent is a time of preparation, with a message of joy, love, peace and hope for the future as we live our lives in Christ. As we celebrate this Christmas, we are praying that we will be a blessing to others as we share the gospel message to all those who need Jesus in their lives: the lost, the lonely, the hurt and the sick.

Church news

We continue to enjoy the location of our new church building and especially welcoming new visitors to Cuenca who come and join us at our services.

In late August we had the opportunity to take some new church members to the Island of San Gregorio off the coast of Ecuador for a fishing trip for a few days, which everyone really enjoyed! It was also a great way for us to build new relationships in the church.



Before the Sunday service at our new location

We are now busy preparing a special Carols by Candlelight evening again this year in the church and are praying that it will be a real blessing to all those who come, maybe for the first time, and for us too!

We are also preparing a special turkey supper on Christmas Eve for a few of the expats in the church who would otherwise be spending Christmas alone at home and away from their families back in the USA/Canada and Europe.

During the Christmas and New Year holiday week Johnny and I are planning a few days away at the coast, when the usual weekly church meetings and activities are suspended. The weather on the coast is usually a lot warmer in December too and many families depart from Cuenca during this holiday time.

As we also look ahead to 2026 our focus will be more on the future mission outreach of the church in Ecuador and beyond, and especially as I am preparing my retirement in July 2026 from serving as a full time mission partner with CMS.

Please do continue to support me until I retire, and consider continuing your support for CMS through some of my fellow mission partners after I have retired. I'd love to invite you to support Marcio and Noemi, mission partners working in Brazil who urgently need more funding in order to continue to serve God at the edges.

Marcio and Noemi are based in Indaiatuba, São Paulo, where they connect with people beyond the reach



of traditional church, sharing the gospel in new ways and ministering to people's physical needs. You can read more about their ministry and meet them through their video at churchmissionsociety.org/mnc

Please consider connecting with Marcio and Noemi as you continue to support mission and the coming of God's kingdom around the world together with CMS. For those of you who give regularly, our lovely Church Mission Society team will be in touch in the coming months.

We are currently in conversation with a few supporters from the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{UK}}$

who have expressed a desire to continue to have partnership with us after Bev retires and look forward to opportunities for some visitors at the church next year in Cuenca!

Family news

We were thankful in September to have the opportunity to visit Johnny's children and grandchildren, as well as a few old church friends of Johnny's, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and to spend time with them over meals and visit them all during the week we were there in the USA. We had a really blessed time and had good travels.

We hope to be able to connect online with our families back in the UK and the USA over Christmas this year. They are all doing well, and we are thankful to God for his continued protection and provision over their work and also in our family homes.

Johnny and I have been enjoying our family days planting some fruit trees and other plants on our land/property which is situated just outside Cuenca on a mountain road named via La Voluntad de Dios, which in English roughly translates to "the Way to the Will of God". We are excited at seeing these trees already growing fruit: lemons, mangoes, oranges and some Andean fruit trees that will produce local fruits. We also have a few apple and pear trees planted, which is a subtle reminder of the UK and the USA!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year, Bev Cannon de Pinos and Johnny Pinos

Prayer points

- Please pray for Cuenca Christian Church/Iglesia Cristiana de Cuenca, for God's continued provision, protection and fruitfulness for the church ministries God has given us. We give God praise for his provision, protection and guidance over the church.
- We pray for God to use us as his disciples and instruments as we reach out beyond Cuenca in mission outreach in Ecuador and beyond, proclaiming the gospel and making new disciples.
- We pray for the future of our church ministry in Cuenca and as Bev plans her retirement from being a full time mission partner in CMS and ask for God's guidance as he leads her forward into a new season serving in mission here in Cuenca.
- We give God 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 faithfully support God's work in Ecuador and beyond.







Photos from top to bottom: New church members enjoying a fishing trip; the beach on Isla San Gregorio; me on the beach; planting fruit trees on our property outside Cuenca city



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

It's so encouraging to hear news from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In the UK, CMS's Pioneer Mission Training programme is equipping people to respond creatively to the Holy Spirit beyond the boundaries of traditional church. Read more and get inspired by other stories of hope at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope