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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, Ecuador!

Church news

We have just celebrated Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, in our church and we had a wonderful service with many visitors joining us for the special day.

The church is enjoying a time of growth, with visitors and new families attending our different ministries, especially our weekly Bible study groups in English and Spanish and our bilingual weekly prayer meetings. We give God thanks.

Bev continues to minister to the ladies and families in the church. At our ladies' breakfast on Easter weekend, we hosted 19 ladies for a wonderful time of fellowship. Johnny also led the men's breakfast in town at a local café and had a great time of fellowship with the men too.

Our church discipleship programme continues to go well and Johnny is discipling a couple of the expat men, while Bev is discipling two young single Ecuadorian women, Veronica and Melissa. We are witnessing transformation in these people's lives.

Please pray for Veronica and Melissa, who are both witnessing to their families and serving the Lord, Veronica in Cuenca and Melissa in Santa Elena, where she is attending a local church which is very active and full of young people serving Jesus! Both Veronica and Melissa are bilingual and are teaching in their local communities and sharing the gospel with their peers!

Our weekly prayer meetings on Wednesdays are keeping us busy! Every week we get different families and individuals, with great needs, and we are seeing answers to our prayers and healing of cancer and other sicknesses among those we are praying for.

We have been praying for a couple of families who recently arrived from the coastal area of El Pasaje who had come to Cuenca to live and work and to escape the violent crimes that are going on in some of the coastal areas due to rival drug gangs operating between Colombia and Peru.

Please be praying with us for Diego, who was shot in the arm in El Pasaje a few weeks ago and will be receiving treatment this week in Cuenca. He had lost the use of his left arm, but is now beginning to recover some feeling and use after prayers. His wife Valentina, who is 20 weeks pregnant, is also asking for prayer after her recent ultrasound showed a blood clot outside of the placenta. **We pray for the health of Valentina and the baby in the womb.**



A visit from Bev's friend Rocio from CSA Paraguay

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With each other
To the edges**



Their cousin Joselyn is a member of our church and last week her three-year-old son, Dariel, was badly bitten in the face and mouth by a neighbour's dog. He was in intensive care for a week as he had also inhaled blood, but thanks be to God, he has recovered, and much to our joy and surprise, he came to church with his mum yesterday! He is quite anxious at the moment but we are praying and supporting him and Joselyn and the rest of the family and also sharing the gospel with the cousins!

Dariel is having his first two surgeries this week and will need plastic surgery in three months' time – we pray that this will go well for him. **Please remember him in your prayers.**

Family news

We give thanks for our children and families in the UK and the USA. We are witnessing many answers to prayers in our families for healing from cancer and God's hand is on their lives.

Bev asks for special prayers for her son Chris, his wife Robyn and two granddaughters Eva and Sienna, after Chris suffered an injury last week in his work as a firefighter. He has ruptured his Achilles and will need to be off work for several months and then on light duties for some time. He will see the specialist today to determine if he will also need surgery or recuperation. We give thanks that the injury happened at work, as the emergency fire services offer great support to their firefighters and their charity helps families when they are unable to work. We are also grateful that Chris is still able to get around with some help!

Prayer points

- ▶ we give God praise for his ongoing provision, protection and guidance over the church
- ▶ we pray for God's wisdom and discernment to allow us to minister well to all those who are in need
- ▶ we pray for God to continue to use us as his disciples and his instruments as we reach out in Ecuador in mission and discipleship, proclaiming the gospel and making new disciples
- ▶ we ask God to raise up mature leaders for our local church; who are called to serve in his mission here in Cuenca, mature in the Word, of sound Biblical doctrine, bilingual in Spanish and English and have a pastoral heart to serve alongside Pastor Johnny and Bev in the local church here in Cuenca
- ▶ we give thanks to God and pray for all our faithful supporters, both individuals and churches, for their generosity in supporting us spiritually in prayer, practically and financially and over many years

In my previous link letter, I invited you to explore continuing to support mission through Marcio and Noemi, mission partners who are connecting with people beyond the reach of traditional church in São Paulo, Brazil. To read more about how they're seeing God move through their open-air church, and to find out more about supporting them, go to churchmissionsociety.org/mnc

Blessings to all!

Bev Cannon de Pinos and Johnny Pinos



Photos from top to bottom:
Fellowship meal with some members of CCC; ladies' prayer breakfast fellowship meeting; Bev's son Chris getting around after his injury; a Woman of Worth teaching resource gifted to CCC ladies' ministries



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It's so encouraging to hear news from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In Honduras, mission partners are providing mentoring for children who are likely to drop out of school, or not receive any education. They are introducing them to education and to the love of Jesus. Read more and get inspired by other stories of hope at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope

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