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

Dear friends,

We trust you had a glorious Easter celebrating the risen Christ!

Holy week in our church, Cristo Luz del Mundo, started with Palm Sunday singing Hosanna El Rey “parade style” in the streets, reflecting with prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, Maundy Thursday foot-washing, a community meal in the garden, Good Friday service, a quiet Saturday, a joyous early (but not quite) sunrise, Easter Sunday resurrection service and breakfast.

We really enjoy and value the services that take place inside our church, however, we also love taking the gospel beyond the church walls. We believe hope is not confined to buildings or traditions – hope is alive and active, reaching into the everyday lives of those who may never step inside a church. Together with CMS, we are discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people who feel unconnected or distant from faith communities in the most surprising of places!

We support and attend a Bible study led by our microfinance partners and friends Jenny and Richard that takes place on the property of their public toilets which we helped finance through our ministry. This is a space where people come together to pause, reflect, read the Bible and be present. In the unlikely setting of public toilets, the hope of Jesus is becoming real. Miriam, who started attending a few months ago, told us she wanted to “come back to the Lord” after years of keeping him at a distance. Looking for a safe space to belong, feel welcome, connect with and return to her father God, she accepted an invitation to the Bible study from long-time friend Vero. Miriam started attending, then invited her adult son too. Open about her struggles, she felt drawn back to Jesus after years of pushing him away. Andrew and I were unaware she had severe health issues and sadly after only a few months of coming, she passed away unexpectedly due to complications from diabetes. **Please pray for her son Ale who was attending the study but has now stopped.** He stays in contact but says that right now he’s too sad to come – may he sense the Lord’s comforting presence amid his deep pain. **Pray for our community as we grieve losing Miriam.** Knowing that her death is not the end of her story; the Lord was always near her, loved her, and has now welcomed her home. Her story is being shared with others who come to the Bible study. We are truly grateful to have known Miriam – she has taught us that it’s never too late to go to our merciful God. He’s there waiting to welcome us again, with open arms. We’re also thankful that the Bible



Palm Sunday singing Hosanna El Rey; Bible study in the public toilets

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With each other
To the edges**



study in the toilets challenges our assumptions about where faith belongs and reminds us that God’s Word and love is for all spaces and all people.

Outside on our church grounds, our community garden is a place to cultivate and grow hope together. As we work in the garden, planting, weeding and watering, we sense the God of all creation. We use these simple garden tasks to open up space for meaningful conversations about faith and life with the local community. We’ve had two “planting together” days so far this year and have a third day planned for the end of the month. Encouraging those who come

to invite others, we’re hopeful that working together as the body of Christ, we can offer a safe and welcoming space for others to join in, feel valued and get rooted in community. The space is fertile ground for sharing the transforming love of Jesus.

We’re really grateful that our LOGOS English class, led by Lisa and a team of university students, which takes place in our church building, has been so much more than just learning words and verb conjugations – it’s a growing multigenerational community of learners who are now also friends. It’s been a real privilege to share our lives through stories and conversations that spark meaning and generate connection over the last eight months with 25 students aged from 15 to 60, with the majority attending from outside of our church! **Pray that we would finish strong and remain friends, that the biblical connections shared in our lessons and the community built will give way to deeper reflection and a curiosity to hear more about and know Jesus.** The course ends this month – we look forward to seeing what the Lord has next for LOGOS English.

As many of you may know, our Bishop, Rev Walter Toro, recently passed away.

We ask prayers for his family – his wife Adela, daughters Brisa (husband Fabian and their boys) and Cielo, as well as for the diocese, pastors, local leadership and churches as we grieve this great loss. He was very dear to us personally; we appreciated and learned much from his prayerful, patient leadership and heart’s desire for mission and community. **Join us as we pray for unity and grace in leadership across the diocese.**

Please pray for big changes and important happenings on the horizon for our family: Anayah graduates from high school this month and plans to take a gap year getting equine experience before studying Equine Assisted Therapy in 2027. She’s excited for the future and overwhelmed by the goodbyes that often come with graduating! Liliana starts final exams at Southampton University at the end of May, her last exam takes place after Anayah’s graduation, meaning she can’t attend – it’s been a challenging year for her and for us – we’ve missed her dearly. We’ll be traveling to the US and UK (home leave) this summer – it’s a busy time arranging family, friends and church visits.

We are so thankful for your continued support which allows us to reach people like Miriam and her son with the love of Jesus.

Bendiciones,

Andrew, Lisa, Liliana and Anayah xx



Photos from top to bottom: Reflecting with prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane; Easter Sunday; community garden, before and after; LOGOS English class



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 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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