



# Azaria and David Pocasangre

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**What we do:** Supporting vulnerable communities, especially young people and families, through partnership with the local church



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

Dear family and friends,

We're excited to be writing to you all again from Guatemala, having just returned from England. We would like to take this opportunity to share a little about our time there.

Some of you already know that this time in England was three months of constant movement from place to place – we visited churches from Devon to Durham and our final bed count by the time we got home was 27. You can imagine that we have many stories to share and have faced various challenges along the way but above all we saw God's hand over us and enjoyed this extraordinary adventure with God guiding us.

There were many highlights but let's start with the most British one: the weather! We got to really enjoy the best of British spring and summertime, something that was completely new for David and we realised Azaria had not experienced since she moved to Guatemala eight years ago. We thoroughly enjoyed all the colours and scents that spring had to offer and the rich display of greens and warmth of summer.

One of the biggest blessings from our time in England was the time spent with our link churches and supporters. We visited 13 of our link churches and many supporters. Each visit was distinct and special but one overarching theme was the extravagant hospitality of everyone who received us in their homes, churches and lives. We were constantly surprised and encouraged by people's generosity and love towards us and are extremely grateful for the connections and relationships made and deepened. We experienced God's goodness, faithfulness and care through his people, his church. It is humbling to know that all of us together are part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

***Join us in giving thanks for our wonderful link churches and supporters and for God's goodness and provision.***

There were challenges along the way but they only made our adventure that little bit more colourful and exciting. Azaria took on the logistical challenge of planning the visits and all that entailed and David took on the challenge of driving a manual car (he's been driving an automatic car for the last 10+ years) and on the other side of the road. He did extremely well as he drove all over the country and Azaria learned how to navigate. David is still struggling to understand why, and how, some narrow and windy countryside roads are two-way, with a speed limit of 60mph! Azaria also got to show David more of Yorkshire, where she grew



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up, and together we explored many beautiful places in England along the way.

Of course, another highlight was spending quality time with family and friends. We were able to visit Azaria's parents, siblings and their families and spend snippets of time doing life together. We spent long summer days catching up with special friends, sharing life's stories, struggles and sadnesses and hopes and dreams. It's always bittersweet because each hello meant another goodbye and as time advanced the goodbyes felt harder. It got more difficult to process the reality of the feeling that we only just got to be together again before we had to part ways, not knowing how long it will be before the next time we find ourselves in each other's company.

***Pray for us in the reality of the challenges of mission partner life and as we process everything from our time in England.***

While sharing about family we want to thank you all again for your prayers for Zeph, Azaria's brother. He is receiving ongoing treatments and medications that sometimes make him poorly and is now rocking a bald head. God has been faithful and overall Zeph is doing well, praise God!

***Please continue to keep Zeph and Azaria's parents in your prayers.***

We returned to Guatemala physically and emotionally drained but at the same time feeling refreshed and encouraged by all the amazing connections and moments shared with so many people. God continues to surprise us with his plans and purposes.

We started back with a bang as we served at a Latin American orphan care conference. Azaria was invited to share on a panel about disability from the perspective of having a brother with Down syndrome and she also hosted a mentoring coaching table. David led the worship in the main sessions during the two-day conference. It was a great time where we could learn, grow and share together with hundreds of people from across Latin America who serve God by serving the most vulnerable, seeking to live our "pure religion" (James 1:27).

We are very excited that in a couple of weeks we will be starting back with the children and young people in Bethania. We can't wait to see them all and share with them about our time in England. As part of the transition we mentioned in our last link letter, the activities will now be in the building of the local church with whom we are partnering in the community. It's a new chapter for us all and we are excitedly anxious to see what God is going to do.

***Please pray for the children, youth and their families and our team's partnership with the local church in Bethania as we move forwards together.***

We are both easing our way back into our other roles and starting to get back into a more "normal" routine. David is looking forward to continuing his leadership of and discipleship in connection with the worship ministry in our church and Azaria is planning her next group activity with the community of mentors.

Thank you for your continued support, love and prayers.

Love and blessings, David and Azaria x



**Photos from top to bottom:** North Yorkshire during link church visits; David and Azaria at Bolton Abbey; Azaria sharing on a panel about disability at a Latin American orphan care conference; David leading worship at a Latin American orphan care conference



## Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

**It's so encouraging** to hear stories from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In England, Fiona is pioneering creative ways of connecting with people who aren't in church. And Andy's story about prisoners in Brazil finding Jesus is incredible. Read more and get inspired by more stories of hope at [churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope](http://churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope)

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