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

Dear friends and family,

We hope this link letter finds you well, many having endured the heat waves that visited both the UK and USA this summer. We continue to hold you all in our thoughts and prayers, and it is an honour to once again share our news with you.

This year at Proyecto Alas we have been discussing how to include the voices of the children and young people themselves in what we do and how we evaluate the impact. As a first step towards this, in April we held the first elections of a Proyecto Alas student council. Two mixed groups of children and young people ran for election, first deciding and promoting their platforms with help from the Alas staff. On election day, the Alas building was transformed into a voting centre with areas for waiting, signing in and voting, just like in real elections. The following day the Inauguration was held, and the elected group promised to lead with integrity and responsibility. The group has met with the Alas staff over the last few months to coordinate the implementation of some of their promised activities, including an initiative where the teenagers regularly read to the younger kids.

If you have been around to read our link letters over the years you may remember Jose Daniel, one of the young men in the Transition to Adulthood programme. Jose Daniel made the courageous choice to leave his low-level affiliation with the local gang at the end of 2022, and we have been walking alongside him ever since. He has been working to complete his secondary education (going back to year 7 as a 19-year-old) and has experimented with training in different trades, including welding and carpentry, but had yet to find his passion. This year he was accepted into a two-year nursing programme, and has surprised all of us with how well he is doing; halfway through the year he held a 97 per cent average in his grades! He has continued to work on his secondary education alongside and is set to graduate this November. We are so proud of his hard work and excited for his future opportunities. Please continue to pray that Jose Daniel will continue to make choices that will help him reach his goals and come closer to Jesus.

One of the highlights from the summer was welcoming several mission teams from churches in the USA who each came for a week. The teams completed various work projects around the Alas building, planned activities for the kids and young people in the afternoon sessions, and celebrated Proyecto Alas's ninth anniversary with our community. Visiting groups are also always a huge blessing to our staff team; not only



The elected Alas Student Council president and her cabinet pose after their inauguration

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To the edges**



do our staff get a bit of a break from their planning and enjoy activities outside their normal routines, but invaluable connections are made and often sustained over many years.

The depth of connection with visiting teams was highlighted at the end of July when we got the news that the leader of one of the groups had been in a gardening accident and sadly passed away. Kim had become a dear friend of Proyecto Alas through her many years of visiting and supporting; her humility and joy drew people to her, and she intentionally surpassed the language barrier to build a genuine friendship with each of our staff members. We would appreciate your prayers not only for us but for Kim's family and friends as we all continue to process her loss while honouring her legacy.

In August Proyecto Alas hosted the annual CMS pioneer mission hub gathering. Leaders from the five hub centres across Latin America spent a week encouraging one another, developing structure and plans for the coming year, and of course experiencing Honduran

culture and food! Being around the project for the week meant the Alas staff benefitted from getting to know/learning from people from different countries (Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Brazil, Argentina and Chile) who are also engaging in *sharing the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church*. The pioneer mission group coordinated a "cultural afternoon", where community members of Talanga were invited to enjoy music, dance and games unique to each country represented, as well as add to a mural painted on one side of the Proyecto Alas building. The event naturally encouraged conversations and opportunities to pray with and encourage people who attended. Please pray for the continued development and unity of the pioneer hub in Latin America.

Our family continues to seek balance between work and rest in each changing season, especially as Elizabeth continues to grow. As of writing this we find ourselves fairly worn out from several months of visitors and a handful of difficult situations we have faced; we are looking forward to some much-needed time of refuelling during the last 10 days of August. We officially have a toddler who is walking and talking more! In a huge answer to prayer, we have found a Spanish-speaking part-time caregiver for Elizabeth, which has helped develop her Spanish alongside the English Steve and I speak with her. We are constantly amazed by her ability to respond to both languages and find it interesting which words she uses in each one (*agua*, juice, *gracias*, please, up, *otro*). Please continue to pray for us as we navigate the unique blend of family and mission life. We also appreciate your prayers for our upcoming travels to the USA in November and December to visit supporting churches and friends and be with family over Christmas.

Thank you, as always, for accompanying us through these link letters. We look forward to sending one more before the end of the year.

Until then,

Steve, Lindsey and Elizabeth Poulson



Photos from top to bottom: Jose Daniel practises a procedure in his nursing class; Kim demonstrated Jesus' love to each child and staff member and she will be greatly missed; perhaps we are biased, but we think the pioneer mission hub is the most fun CMS hub!; we had the honour of being the witnesses for Carlos (former manager of Café Alas) and his now-wife Carolina at their marriage ceremony in July, and it has been an honour to accompany them on their journey of faith



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We love to hear from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to church. Read Andy Roberts's reflection on his time with the charity ReVive in Brazil and hear his thoughts on how mission needs to keep creatively changing. And be challenged by a thought-provoking piece on the role of migration in mission. Read and learn more about creative mission at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope

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