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The call in action

Dear friends,

Love and greetings to all!

These three months since I last wrote have been very active as we went through more transition and changes at school, the chapel and also in my role as a mission partner serving in Paraguay.

However, I give thanks that I have seen God's grace and provision in so many ways as he continues to guide and lead me into a future of new opportunities in Latin America to serve in pioneer mission, and as I always say to everyone, God is in the smallest details!

That has certainly been my recent experience in both the small and great details, especially during all the recent international travels undertaken in December and January during my month of vacation in Paraguay, Ecuador and in the UK. All this travelling was during the pandemic, where I became a bit of an expert on all the COVID-19 form-filling and travel protocols for each country I visited. I was even able to give some advice to strangers, friends and colleagues!

It was also wonderful to see how faithful God is when we learn to trust and obey him, especially when we are walking in faith and have no understanding of the outcome. Even the smallest of details have become great confirmations that I am walking in his path set out before me and in his will and perfect timing!

This latest link letter brings my latest news from Latin America, including my recent travels when I went to spend an early Christmas with Johnny in Ecuador and then stayed with my children and family back in the UK.

Some highlights from Paraguay are included: events at the end of the academic year 2021 at Colegio San Andres, and the special Christmas events that were held in the chapel of St Andrew's.

St Andrew's English chapel special end-of-year services

It was a really special Christmas service this year as we were able to welcome everyone into the chapel building again. It was such a privilege to see the blessings of a completely full chapel as we all celebrated our Christmas Carols by Candlelight service.

As school exams were completed at the end of November, we moved into end-of-year activities including various graduation services and special services for Christmas for the whole school. It was wonderful to all be back together again in school to celebrate after the restrictions due to the pandemic.

We all had a wonderful time and the



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A full chapel again!

primary school teachers and students worked very hard, in partnership with the Anglican churches in Asuncion, to bring more smiles to the faces of so many children being blessed again this Christmas in the Chaco region and from the indigenous churches with the donations received from the Christmas Love in a Box appeal.

My personal news!

I spent a few weeks back in Paraguay after my travels to the UK before heading to Ecuador for a time of preparation and new beginnings for Johnny and me as we now prepare for the next six months as a married couple serving together in our mission and church ministry.

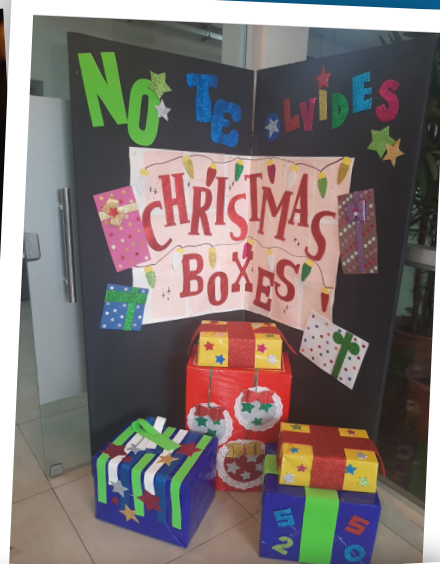
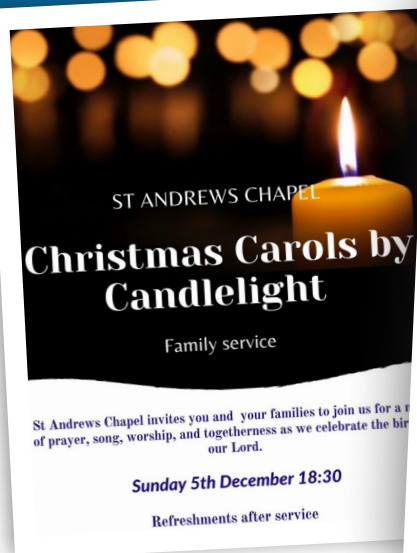
I arrived in Cuenca, Ecuador on 1 February and am now staying with Johnny's family until our wedding on 2 April, which is to be followed by a blessing in the UK on 18 September. We are both discerning with the church in Cuenca, and also with our mission leaders in Latin America at CMS, how God is calling us with a vision to continue to serve him as a married couple. We continue in prayer, trusting that God will confirm his plans for our future serving in Cuenca and Latin America.

I know that God has a perfect plan for the mission, as I wait and trust in him to make the next steps clear for me as a CMS mission partner and using my pioneer mission training for such a time as this serving in Latin America.

Prayer points

- for discernment and God's continued guidance and the Holy Spirit's leading in my mission partner role serving in Latin America
- for God's protection over me and for my children and family back in UK
- thanks for God's provision and my continued financial support for my mission
- for God's wisdom, discernment for both Johnny and me as we seek God's will as a couple serving and living in Latin America
- For our church wedding plans on 2 April in Cuenca and our UK blessing on 18 September, that God will bless us and our families

Blessings,
Bev



Photos from top to bottom: Carols by Candlelight; Colegio San Andres Love in a Box appeal; Christmas trip with Johnny in Cuenca; new plans with God leading the way

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