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Dear Friends,

Love and greetings to all from a beautiful sunny day in Cuenca, Ecuador!

These few months since I last wrote have been mostly a time of personal preparation and new beginnings, as I settle into life as a newly married woman, pastor's wife and local missionary supporting my husband in the leadership of the church and community in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Johnny and I are currently going through a discernment process with CMS for his selection as a mission associate and for me renewing my mission partner role in my new context here in Cuenca. As part of CMS vision and strategic plans for Latin America, we are discerning with them how we may partner with the church and use my pioneer mission training to be part of CMS's focus areas developing across Latin America now and in the near future.

This is an exciting vision, and we are in regular contact online with other CMS mission partners across the Latin America region, including my friends in Paraguay, to pray, support and share resources and ideas. I will keep you posted about local developments and have included some prayer points for the coming months, as we travel to the UK, plan to travel to the US in late October to visit Johnny's children, and to Argentina in January for our CMS Latin America team conference.

We will be in the UK for three weeks in mid-September – we will be having a small informal family blessing of our marriage and visiting family and friends in the first two weeks, then staying in Oxford for a week until 5 October to continue the process for selection and training. We are also attending the CMS Adelante conference (30 September and 1 October) so we hope to see as many of you as can come to Oxford and for me to be able to introduce my husband, Johnny!

There has been much to do here in Ecuador, and we have been taking one step at a time in making all the necessary preparations since I arrived in February to Cuenca. In the photographs you can see some of the highlights of ministry at Cuenca Christian Church and the community, and also some personal photos of our church and civil wedding in Cuenca in April and June. Some of you may have seen the church wedding



Our Cuenca church wedding on 2 April.

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on video and we were delighted that my home church, St Luke's in Sway, even joined in with a special wedding reception with cakes and bubbly to celebrate along with us!

The CMS mission selection process began online in August and will continue when we arrive in the UK, so we would really welcome your prayers during this time. Please pray especially that God will clearly show his perfect will for us now as a married couple to continue serving in mission and ministry for the future with CMS Latin America and Iglesia Cristiana de Cuenca, Cuenca Christian Church (a bilingual congregation), where Johnny is the pastor, preaching in English and Spanish to Ecuadorians, Venezuelans and North Americans and where I hope to partner with them as missionary to the church.

We are really looking forward to seeing my family and friends back in UK. The last time I was there, in December last year, I spent 14 of the 28 days in quarantine, although did get to spend Christmas with my children despite them having COVID-19, so hopefully this time we will have more time to

visit everyone. We both caught COVID-19 in early July after travelling to Guayaquil, Ecuador, for Johnny's UK visa. We are praying that this will arrive before we travel on 14 September, as UK visas are delayed due to the Ukraine crisis.

Prayer points:

- ▶ for discernment, God's continued guidance and the Holy Spirit's leading in the process with CMS for renewing my mission partner role and Johnny's mission associate role serving in Cuenca, Ecuador.
- ▶ for God's wisdom and discernment for both Johnny and I as we seek God's will to be done as a married couple serving and living in South America.
- ▶ for safe travel to the UK in September, and plans for travels to the US in late October, and Argentina in January for a CMS conference.
- ▶ for the arrival of Johnny's UK visa before we travel in September.
- ▶ for God's protection over my children and family back in the UK, Canada and Italy.
- ▶ give thanks for God's provision and continued financial support to sustain and grow the church in Cuenca and for my mission in Ecuador.
- ▶ give thanks for God's blessing and provision for our Cuenca wedding and for my permanent residence visa received recently.
- ▶ give thanks for the Holy Spirit guiding Johnny and the church leaders as we seek his plans and vision for the future.

Blessings,

Bev



Photos from top to bottom: Our civil wedding in Cuenca; Cuenca Christian Church ladies' breakfast in the community; Cuenca Christian Church held a jewellery workshop with Venezuelan women; Father's Day church fellowship lunch



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