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What we do: Working with ReVive, a safe house for girls at risk, Sarah as a dance therapist and Daniel as an advocate for at-risk children.

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! We enjoyed celebrating New Year in the most incredible location this year, Ushuaia, the most southern point of Argentina, known as “the end of the world”. Sarah and Daniel were part of shaping the first CMS Latin American conference in Ushuaia, called Refresh (based on the verses in Matthew 11:28,29) and it really was a time of great blessing. CMS mission partners, local partners and mission associates serving in Latin America came together to seek refreshment and inspiration in the Lord.

Daniel and Sophie were involved in leading worship. Sarah led a couple of seminars on dance and soaking prayer, where, by coming to Jesus, we are truly refreshed. We also set up a 24/7 prayer room. It was wonderful to be so involved as a family. We also took some holiday time to see penguins in the wild, hike to a glacier, and go to the local museum which features the story of the first SAMS missionaries (now CMS) coming to Ushuaia 170 years ago, when only indigenous peoples lived there. Eventually missionaries founded a farm and lived alongside the indigenous people. Now there is a vibrant and growing indigenous church throughout Latin America, so it was very inspiring to visit the place where it all started.



In Ushuaia, enjoying the beautiful scenery at the first CMS Latin American conference

In September 2022 Dança Água Viva started in the community Aguazinha. Thirty women registered and there are about 15 ladies who come twice a week. God is meeting the women with his presence and setting them free to worship him in spirit and in truth. There is a mix of Christians, non-Christians, Christians who have stopped going to church and pastors coming to the sessions! We always have a time at the end of the sessions to minister to each other with the flags and rest in God's presence. Often the women share that they have experienced God's peace. For example, one lady said she had big problems at home and didn't want to come to dance but her granddaughter encouraged her to go. She said her heart had been full of anguish but after spending time meeting with Jesus through dance, she was leaving full of peace. The women are sharing on a deeper level and learning to receive from God and enjoy his presence as the Holy Spirit ministers to their hearts.

On Christmas Day, Sarah was overwhelmed when she was given a beautiful work of *fuxico* textile art that some of the women had handmade for her. It signified how the women are valuing what they are receiving

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from God through dance. Pray for Sarah as she considers offering sessions to the children in the community this year.

Daniel has been busy networking with local leaders and pastors. He was invited to a pastors' breakfast once a month and has had opportunities there to build relationships and advocate for ReVive and the fostering service. At the last Shine network meeting of 2022, we had two new ministries visiting (Christ for All Nations and Agape Love Ministries) who shared a vision of revival coming to Recife. It was very encouraging, as what they shared confirmed words and visions that we have heard over many years. They have started a new ministry called Revive Recife (completely separate from

ReVive) and Daniel and Sarah will be involved by leading a weekly prayer meeting in their area with local leaders to seek God's face together in unity, repent and pray for revival. Daniel's many connections with leaders across the city have helped in getting pastors involved. He has always had a heart for unity so it is great to see churches across the denominations coming on board to pray for revival and the evangelistic event that is being planned for in Recife in January 2024.

Daniel has also been supporting the different ReVive ministries, including the food market while Rosie and Stu have been in the UK. During the school holidays he has had the pleasure of Sophie and Ana accompanying him; Sophie even joined him on the early morning run to collect food for the food market at 5am!

Please pray for Daniel as he continues as an assistant counsellor for Journey UK, helping men on their inner healing journey through a course called A Journey of Grace and for the development of this ministry in Brazil.

As a family we have moved from River Church (Igreja Rio) to be part of the congregation of Living Waters Church (Igreja Anglicana Agua Viva) in Aguazinha. Although it was hard to leave Rio church, we sensed it was the right time to move churches. We were warmly welcomed and Daniel and Sophie have been helping out a lot with the children's work and Sarah and Ana have had various opportunities to dance in the church. It would be great to build a dance ministry team in the church so please pray for that!

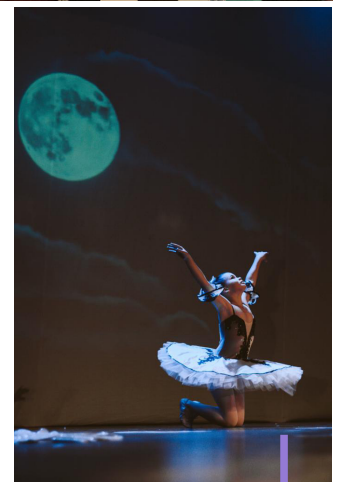
Ana continues to love her ballet and gymnastics at school. She won the gold medal in her first gymnastics competition and she shone in her ballet show last term. Sophie is a great singer and is concerned with caring for the environment. Please pray for them as they start school on 1 February and for the continuation of the Conscience Club at ReVive that Sophie started.

In November we also had Sarah's brother come to stay for a week which was wonderful and Sarah's parents are now booked to come in April. It is the first time they have visited us since we moved to Brazil so we would really value your prayers for their visit.

Thank you so much! May God bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and give you his peace.

With every blessing,

Sarah, Daniel, Sophie and Ana



Photos from top to bottom: Sophie leading worship at the conference; Dança Agua Viva started in September 2022 in Aguazinha; Sarah receiving a beautiful handmade piece of art from some of the ladies who come to dance; Ana dancing in her gymnastics competition



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