



# Beverley Cannon de Pinos

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Dear Friends,

Sending our Love and Greetings this Christmas season to all from us both and from Cuenca Christian Church, Ecuador!

At this special time of year and before we get further into our latest news in our Christmas letter, I have some **news to share**. As we look towards the end of 2023, **I want to thank you wholeheartedly** for supporting me – your prayers and gifts are incredibly important in helping me to serve here in Cuenca, Ecuador. With a heavy heart, I need to share that now, due to increased living costs both for me personally and my faithful supporters, **there is now a significant shortfall in my funding**, which puts my mission work at risk. And so, I come to you for further help. If you are not currently giving, would you be able to start a regular gift? And if you are giving, would you consider increasing your gift? **If everyone reading this letter gave an extra £15 per month, that would make a huge difference**. If you can help me close this funding gap, please go to [churchmissionsociety.org/cannon](https://churchmissionsociety.org/cannon), call 01865 787489 or complete the enclosed form if you have received this letter through the post. (For any of my supporting churches that I haven't already shared this news with, if you are able to give a further gift please contact [churchrelations@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:churchrelations@churchmissionsociety.org).) I understand however that this might not be possible for some of you – **please know that I greatly value your support** and thank you for letting me share this challenge with you.



Learning life skills at the Orchid Project.

## Church news: seeing transformed lives in Christ!

We have just launched the Orchid Project (La Orquidea) at our church – as we mentioned in our last letter, fellow mission partner Sharon Wilcox leads this project offering life skills training classes to young adults (16+) with learning disabilities in Santo Domingo, and has helped us to launch the project here in Cuenca. We'd like to introduce you to two of those we have been supporting and discipling over recent months and to share the joy of seeing their lives and their families being transformed in Christ through the project.

**Berny** first came to our church just a few months ago. We can never forget how sad she was when she arrived – she was constantly crying during her first day in church. We took her to lunch after the service and listened to her story of the many challenges she was facing at home and with her family due to domestic violence in her marriage. We prayed for her and counselled her, and gradually over the following weeks we saw a visible transformation in her as she rededicated her life to God and began the process of allowing God to change her personal life in Christ.

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With each other  
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Berny was in church when we talked about the Orchid Project and the training of volunteers. She was keen to be involved and brought her youngest brother Pedro, who has autism, to church the next Sunday. He started attending our prayer meetings and after a few weeks he joined as a student on the Orchid Project.

Berny now attends our ladies' ministries and joined the youth group; she has made many friends and she recently hosted one of our ladies' breakfast prayer meetings in her new apartment and invited her mum. We are excited to see her transformation and the whole church just celebrated her birthday with her last week. We give thanks for God's intervention in Berny's and Pedro's lives.

**Linda** has been coming weekly to our home for several months as we have been helping her with the church discipleship programme. Linda lives with her mum as she is unable to live independently, mainly due to bipolar disorder and other learning disabilities. Linda is also one of our students in the Orchid Project and is learning new life skills to be more independent. Linda shared that she will be cooking pancakes for her mum at home, which she recently learned in the project. Now Linda has completed her discipleship programme she is also keen to be baptised this month. We have really seen Linda's life transformation; she has become more confident and less anxious, and the church really shows their love and support for her.

Linda is now also serving in church and arrives early every Sunday to help set up the coffee for fellowship before the Sunday services. Linda is also attending the weekly Bible studies and the ladies' breakfast meetings as well as Orchid Project classes three days a week. She is now busy preparing items to sell for Christmas.

Jo Anthony from CMS, Bev's personnel officer, spent a few days with us in October on her trip to South America to visit a few of us serving as mission partners. We were very blessed to have her stay with us for a few days and to meet the youth and attend our Sunday service before returning to the UK. Jo was a great encouragement to all those who met her.

#### Prayer points:

- ▶ We give thanks for the Orchid Project, offering life-skill classes to young adults (16+) with learning disabilities. We also pray for the four volunteers and participants.
- ▶ We pray for our church, for God's continued provision, for all the ministries God is blessing us with in Cuenca and for his ongoing protection over the church.
- ▶ We pray for safe travels to the UK on 10 January for the CMS People in Mission conference, visiting family and for Johnny's CMS training as a mission associate.
- ▶ With love and best wishes to everyone for a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas celebrating with your family, church and friends this special time of year when we remember our Saviour Jesus Christ's birth into the World. Merry Christmas!

Bev and Johnny Cannon de Pinos



*Photos from top to bottom: Pedro and Linda with crafts made at the Orchid Project; Berny (centre back) with the youth; Jo Anthony speaking at Cuenca Christian Church.*



### Can you help?

**Right now** Beverley is facing a shortfall in funding, which puts her work at risk. Will you support her today? Go to [churchmissionsociety.org/cannon](https://churchmissionsociety.org/cannon), call 01865 787489 or complete the enclosed form. **Thank you!**



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