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What we do: Nick was until recently Primate of the Province of South America and Bishop of Northern Argentina. Catherine coordinated the AMARE women's organisation across the Province.

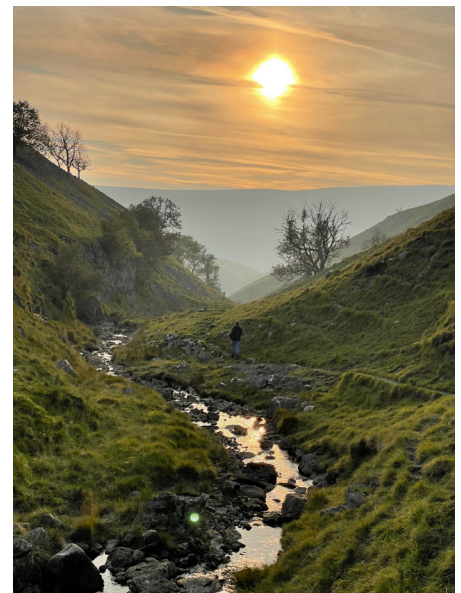
Dear Friends,

It is that time of year called Advent, which someone described as “the moment of anticipation when the lights go down and before the curtain rises”, which heralds Christmas and beyond, and which this year will once again be different for us as we adapt away from hot, late nights and last-minute nativities, to the colder, more commercialised Yuletide celebrated in the UK.

We say the UK, but it has now been confirmed that from Advent we will be officially based in Guernsey, where Nick is to be part-time rector of Castel Parish Church (full name Sainte Marie du Castel, and the s is silent, as in Câtel) for the next couple of years. This is a house for duty arrangement, which allows us to live on the island in exchange for several hours a week of parish ministry. So, by the time you get this we should be settling in and learning the ropes. It is good to have family nearby, so we won't be complete outsiders!

The church is strategically built on ancient foundations in the centre of the island, and commands great views from its high vantage point. It has a small, ageing congregation, and lots of history, but we are reminded that we are not called to be curators of a monument, but rather guardians of a vision... The Five Marks of Mission are applicable in every context, including Castel.

It is now six months since we returned to the UK (and 10 since Nick had heart surgery). We are so grateful for time to rest and adapt, as well as gradually signing off with some of the many friends and churches that have supported us through CMS over many years. We have enjoyed the summer weather in Guernsey and Jersey, as well as some parts of England – especially the Yorkshire Dales.



The beautiful Yorkshire Dales have been a place to rest and prepare for our next chapter.

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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**



Nick is much stronger now, but still has some frustrating and debilitating undiagnosed symptoms that we are working with the doctors to identify and treat. Catherine has continued facilitating an online course of Church and Community Transformation, jointly hosted by Tearfund and the Anglican Church of South America, as well as working with AMARE at a distance to enable their next stage of growth.

In God's grace, the ministry we have been privileged to share in in South America continues, and we are pleased that CMS are thoroughly involved with the ongoing development of Indigenous Mission and Pioneering Ministry as areas of focus in Latin America. We hope many of you will continue to support these areas and the individuals developing them.

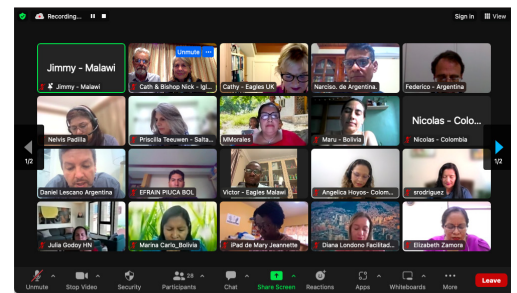
If you have been supporting us financially and in prayer, THANK YOU. The fundraising team should be in touch with you about what to do next. If you have not heard and would like to continue supporting mission through CMS, please contact them on churchrelations@churchmissionsociety.org

So here's wishing you a very blessed Christmas, with peace and joy on whatever is your frontline,

Nick and Catherine

PS To keep up with the next chapter of our journey, you can find our blogs at catleti.wordpress.com (Catherine) and ampey.wordpress.com (Nick)

Please get in touch if you would like our new postal address.



Photos from top to bottom: Walking in the Dales; Catherine facilitated an online course in South America with Tearfund; Castel Parish Church, Guernsey – our next home; View over Guernsey from Castel Church.



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