



# Rosie and Stu Bayford

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Dear friends,

We do hope you're doing well. Since we last wrote, we've been navigating working and doing life with our precious daughter Ottelie. We absolutely love being a family of three and can't quite believe that she's already six months old! Every week we are learning something new – including functioning on less sleep – but her smiles and giggles make it all worth it!

Ottelie is a sociable little lady and loves being with people, which is wonderful as she joins us at work through the week! We do ask for prayer for wisdom and guidance to know when she needs home time too. Life is busy and we don't want to overdo it for her, as we know she is still so very little. Sometimes by the evening she is overtired from the day's events, and we struggle to always know how to manage this, but for the most part it's lovely doing more work together again as a three. She is loved incredibly well here; at ReVive, in Aguazinha and in our neighbourhood! We feel very grateful for this, and it helps us to feel part of our community too.

We had some time back in the UK in September to see family and friends, and had a special time not just seeing people but going to two weddings too! One was that of Stu's best friend, to whom he was best man, and the other was Stu's sister's – so both very special and we were delighted to be able to be a part of these celebrations!

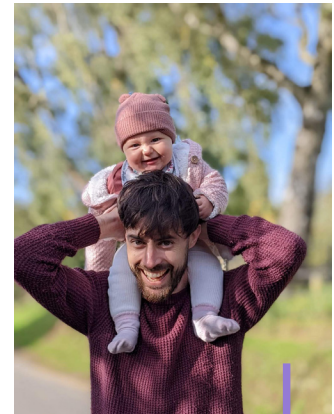
## Community market

The community market continues each week with our regular families coming to get their food with their children. We have a number of mums who have babies born within a few months of Ottelie – so that's been fun to experience together.

A huge thank you to those who have been praying for the links with Quitandaria, as we have been getting more surplus food from them again. It's still not quite as reliable as it once was but it's meant that each week we've had some fresh fruit and veg again, which makes a huge difference. We continue to have the bakery, another little minimarket and the food warehouse CEASA on board, but since returning from the UK Stu has also been taking "community market packs" to many more supermarkets and minimarkets. We're hoping that we will have some more suppliers by the time we next write!

The market room is finally starting to come together with better furniture and more paint! We also have a fridge, which is wonderful and really helps with storing fruit and veg when necessary. It's taken a while getting the room together as there is always something else to do, but we're getting there.

The community market has a limited number of spaces and in the New Year, we will be asking some families



*Enjoying the UK countryside*

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to give their spaces to some new families who are more in need. Please pray for these conversations – for peace and understanding and that we will have the right words.

### ReVive

ReVive continues to do fabulous work with the children in its care. Our focus is increasingly on foster care, so we are stepping back from taking in the youngest children/babies, and encouraging and supporting foster families to take them in instead. The second ReVive home, with the girls five and up, is

full though, and there's always lots going on!

The children enjoyed the “winter” holidays, which involved some trips out – their favourite was going to a huge arts and crafts festival called FeneArte where hundreds of artists from across South America come to sell their work.

Thankfully with the end of rainy season usually comes the end of the respiratory illnesses, so all the children who were in and out of hospital are well and happily back at ReVive now.

A few more of our babies have been adopted, and children reintegrated with their families. It has been encouraging to see a good number of children going back to family or being adopted in this last year. Thank God they are all well and settling in okay.

ReVive have had the little pop-up shop at the local shopping centre again in October and November so that's another exciting opportunity. Please pray that it will run smoothly and the artisanal items made by the staff and girls can be sold to raise funds. Most of all we are hoping that it will raise awareness among locals – and encourage giving closer to home!

Please do pray for ReVive as we come to the end of one year and enter the next. Pray that the girls especially will know the love and peace of our Saviour God with them, through all the ups and the downs.

If you don't already follow our monthly updates, please do get in touch with us at [hello@thebayfords.com](mailto:hello@thebayfords.com) and we'll happily add you to our mailing list for more regular news.

We send so much love to you all and hope and pray that you are well, wherever you are. Thank you as ever for your interest, encouragement and support. It means such a lot.

All our love, Rosie, Stu and Ottelie x

### Prayer points:

- ▶ Thanks for Ottelie, who is six months old! Continued prayers for protection over her and that we won't overdo it with her joining us in our work every day.
- ▶ Give thanks for our time back in the UK seeing friends and family.
- ▶ For continued and more partnerships for the community market
- ▶ For the refurb and making the space inviting
- ▶ For conversations as we invite new families to take spaces of families who will move on
- ▶ For the ReVive children to be part of a loving family
- ▶ For the ReVive fostering service as it starts to work with more foster families
- ▶ For the ReVive pop-up shop



*Photos from top to bottom: Spending time together as the market community; community market room taking shape; some of the ReVive girls at the Art Festival; Ottelie helping at the ReVive shop*



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