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What we do: Partnering with the local church to engage with the community in pioneering mission through generous, creative hospitality

¡Feliz Navidad desde Bolivia!

We hope this busy and exciting season finds you well. Reflecting on the significance of Christ's birth – it is quite amazing that God's gift to us is God with us! Join us in praying as we reflect on Jesus as God with us, that his presence would bring fresh hope and light to others as we share the good news of the gospel with great joy.

Speaking of gifts... Before we continue with our update, we have some **news to share**. As we look towards the end of 2023, **we want to thank you wholeheartedly** for supporting us – your prayers and gifts are incredibly important in helping us to serve in Bolivia. With a heavy heart, we need to share that at the moment, due to increased living costs both for us and our supporters, **there is a significant shortfall in our funding**, which puts our work at risk. And so, we 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 us close our funding gap, please go to churchmissionsociety.org/peart, call 01865 787489 or complete the enclosed form if you have received this letter through the post. (For our supporting churches, if you are able to give a further gift please contact churchrelations@churchmissionsociety.org.) We understand this might not be possible – **please know that we greatly value your support**, and thank you for letting us share our challenge with you.



Eliana's selfie to show our praying community her work; Eliana with her self-designed mobile soft drinks cart

As many of you know, a core part of our work here is supporting families through our micro- enterprise programme. By offering financial education, interest-free start-up capital for small businesses, mentoring and discipleship, we aim to support and empower families towards sustainable income, biblical stewardship and financial independence.

Meet Eliana, who with our (and your) help, started her own mobile soft drinks business earlier this year. When we met Eliana a year and a half ago she was in the midst of a crisis; a single mum of five children grieving the brutal murder of her husband. With very little confidence and in a desperate effort to provide for her family, she had turned to working on the streets at night. During this time, a local women's outreach ministry called El Jordan, connected to Fuente de Vida, a church we partner with, introduced Eliana to Jesus. Desperate to make a change and make a living, but not knowing how, she met with the pastor of Fuente de Vida and his wife, seeking help. They contacted Andrew and together, they have been walking alongside Eliana through the difficult transition of leaving behind her former way of life and embracing the life Jesus

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has for her, while supporting her to start her own small business. With her identity rooted in shame, confusion and desperation led to severe depression, until she met Jesus. Although she still has many struggles, her **identity** and **worth** are now **rooted** and established in **his love** and **truth** through the power of the **Holy Spirit**, giving her fresh and sustainable hope. **Pray** for Eliana's new business; that she would continue to grow in confidence as she steps into the space of discovering a new daily rhythm of walking with Jesus and providing for her family through her own business. We told her that you are praying for her so she took a selfie the other day for you all to see her working!

We are so thankful that we get to join in God's mission through partnering with people like Eliana.

Eliana's business is one of six we are currently working with. Pray for the three families in the pipeline, specifically for the relational aspect of these partnerships to be rooted in Christ, so that they can bear good and long-lasting fruit.

Andrew and I just finished leading the second of two Alpha courses (24 weeks!) this year in our church. Alpha, although well known in England, is not in Bolivia – here it is pioneering! Alpha is dear to us – Andrew invited me to Alpha in 2000, my first year living in London, and the rest, as they say, is “HIStory”. Recently, while attending an Alpha campaign in our city, I was asked to give an Alpha testimony. I shared that my husband (then boyfriend) invited me to an Alpha course 23 years ago. Then, the LatAm Alpha director declared how wonderful God is – Alpha gave me Jesus AND a husband! Alpha has deeply impacted our church; breathing a fresh heavenly scent of new life into our community. We've already planned next year's courses!

The girls are having a busy, fruitful year. Anayah had the opportunity to translate for the Birmingham team who were here serving in August. Recently, Liliana also had the opportunity to serve through translation for a group of American ophthalmologists performing cataract surgeries in rural Santa Cruz. Both are testament to their command of Spanish. The girls also serve in church; Anayah teaches Sunday school and is on the flag/dance ministry team. Liliana serves on the A/V team and will be painting some murals inside and outside the church in the future spot of the community garden we are planning. We consider serving as a family an amazing gift!

We are so grateful for your continued support as we journey together, in partnership for the gospel.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the year ahead.

Bendiciones en Cristo,

Andrew, Lisa, Liliana and Anayah x



Photos from top to bottom: Pearts celebrating Bolivian Independence day in Sucre, Bolivia's first capital city; Holy Spirit Alpha Day in our Church, Cristo Luz del Mundo; Liliana and fellow translators with SEE International and Consejo de Salud Rural Andino; Anayah translating to the youth of our church for the Birmingham team



Can you help?

Right now Andrew and Lisa are facing a shortfall in funding, which puts their work at risk. Will you support them today? Go to churchmissionsociety.org/peart, call 01865 787489 or complete the enclosed form. **Thank you!**



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