



# Azaria and David Pocasangre

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**Location:** Guatemala



**What we do:** Supporting vulnerable communities, especially young people and families, through partnership with the local church

Dear lovely family and friends,

We are excited to be writing this link letter together. The last few months have been full of change and we are still adapting but we are thankful for how we have felt God's presence with us. We are especially thankful for all your support and prayers during this season. We have been encouraged through our local church community in Guatemala during these changes but also through being part of the wider Church community with you all. Our local church is very outward-focused, which has helped us become more aware of the many needs here in Guatemala and we feel privileged to be able to serve and be part of making a difference. It's a blessing to know that as you support us, you are also part of the work that we do. Thank you.



*UK marriage blessing with nephews, nieces and Azaria's younger brother, February 2024*

We would also like to say a big thank you to those who were able to come and share our marriage blessing with us in February. It was amazing to celebrate with our family and friends. It was also wonderful to visit some of our link churches and we really look forward to visiting more of our supporters and link churches next time. We are hoping that next time we can visit during less cold weather. It was a lot of fun to explore more of England together. I, Azaria, especially enjoyed showing David some of my homeland and I, David, found it fun to be experiencing so many new things, one of which was driving on the left in a manual car.

*Please join us in giving thanks for all our wonderful supporters and link churches, we are blessed to be in partnership with you all as part of God's Church.*

Since being back, we have started to settle into married life and serving together. As we have often expressed, one of our hopes has been to serve in ministry together and it is great to now be living that out. The main area in which we serve together is in the vulnerable community in Bethania with children, youth and families. Twice a week we join in with activities with the children and youth and have been really enjoying getting to know everyone and building friendships. We have already seen God's blessings as some of the youths have started to share more of their lives and stories with us. It is a real privilege that they feel comfortable with us and we can share and pray with them. We are also involved in the ministry to the wider families in Bethania and are exploring more ways we can serve and support them. Another way we are serving together is as part of our local church – we are passionate about supporting

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other members and sharing life in community with fellow Christians. Christian community and connecting with others in deeper and more vulnerable relationships is important to us.

*Please pray for the children, youth and families in Bethania, that the team can continue share God's love with them. Pray also for more local Christians in Bethania to join our team.*

I, Azaria, have continued to support the mentors and develop our mentoring programme. I just hosted our first in-person group activity for mentors; it was great to share with so many wonderful people and encourage one another. I have been working

on a formal document to present to authorities which expresses the importance of mentoring, especially for children and youth living in children's homes. This has been a real challenge for me as it has stretched my Spanish and required a lot of research, but I have enjoyed the process and learning. I am loving connecting with mentors individually and offering them the support they need to serve and grow as they connect with vulnerable children and youth. I have also loved working with the women from the families in Bethania through our monthly coffee mornings and Bible studies. I have introduced more creative activities to encourage more reflective moments and we have all been having fun and growing together.

As this is my, David's, first link letter I can say that I am still getting used to many new things, including writing this. From waking up every day in a new home to going to a new workplace each morning, it has been a little overwhelming at times, but I have seen God's hand in the smallest details. As we already mentioned, part of our plan was to serve in the same area, and we are now doing this through the ministry in Bethania. I am thankful that the team is focused less on programmes and more on growing relationships and I have seen the children and youth grow in trust. Our plan is to continue to get to know them and guide them in a more gospel-centred life. In Guatemala, Father's Day is 17 June, and we are planning to use this celebration to connect with the men in the families in Bethania through a special activity which I am looking forward to. Another area I serve in is overseeing the coordination of liturgy and worship at our local church. Our church has been growing and coordinating four bands is becoming part of learning new administrative skills. On 14 July we will be celebrating our church's ninth anniversary so we are planning an event to bring everyone together and I will be preparing and leading the worship.

*Please pray for the mentors, the Father's Day activity in Bethania and for the church celebration on 14 July.*

Thank you for your continued support, love and prayers.  
Love and blessings,

David and Azaria x



*Photos from top to bottom: Church staff, April; Mother's Day in Bethania; singing in Bethania; worship at a staff day*



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