



### Life in Abundance (Ecuador) Trust

Fighting Poverty with Social Care & Education in Ecuador & beyond  
Bringing Christ's love to the disabled, disadvantaged and abused  
Reg. Charity No. 1106851



**Church Mission Society**  
Supporting the ministry of Jill Ball in Ecuador  
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. The charity Vida en Abundancia in Ecuador is growing and developing in exciting ways, and the sister charity Life in Abundance (Ecuador)Trust (LIAT) in the UK is alive and well, and keeping on top of many changes in our world.

I retired as a mission partner from CMS this March, but I am an associate mission partner, which means I carry on, though in a different way.

#### NEW DIRECTOR

At the beginning of February a new director was appointed for one year, Luz Celli Pamba, a psychologist who directs the British based charity Orphaidis, also in Santo Domingo. She is overseeing and developing all our work: the education of children with physical and learning disabilities and the ministry with abused women. She is instigating a great deal of positive change and development ...of which more later.

#### MISSION PARTNERS

During my last visit, in January and February, it was good to see Sharon Wilcox, CMS MP, working with our older children and instigating cookery classes with them.



Sharon is writing a programme for teaching Life Skills to disabled young people. It was lovely to get to know Dorothea with Latin Link (LL) from Germany. It is always

good to catch up with Katy Griggs, leader of LL Ecuador, and our Administrator. A few weeks ago, Irina from the UK went out with CMS to work as a physiotherapist.

#### VISIT BY TRUSTEE MEMBER

Jennifer Bailey, and her husband Stephen, who is a retired vicar, came for a visit to Ecuador. Jennifer who is on the Board of Trustees of LIAT had come out to give an informal inspection of the school in particular, though she looked at all aspects of the charity's work. Jennifer is a retired deputy head of a special school in



Essex and remains involved at the cutting edge of education in the UK as a school governor. She was therefore more than qualified to comment on the performance of the teachers and every aspect of the school. She said we were doing well...Phew!!

Jennifer gave some teacher training sessions, one of which took place in the house of one of our teachers who had just had a baby. This is what we call a "This is Ecuador" moment. We managed to get a lot done as well as admiring the new baby.

Well, that was February.....

#### BACK IN THE UK

I had rather an unceremonious exit from Ecuador, dodging landslides and almost missing the flight, so no goodbyes said, but I have relocated for nine months of the year to Leigh on Sea, where I attend an Anglican church, St. Michael and All Angels. The work in Ecuador however, goes from strength to strength. I am in regular contact with Ecuador through email and Skype.

#### THE SCHOOL

At the beginning of June, the school relocated to another premises, joining with a mainstream Christian school, Pablo Palacios. For some time our own building had been overcrowded, so this is a realistic solution.

In the new school the children will continue with the same uniforms, and the same identity, but will benefit from more space and better recreational facilities. Also the transition from Special School to Mainstream, for those who can, will be much easier, as administratively it will be simpler and the children will be able to stay within the same building complex. This school year 28 children were registered. We continue with the same three teachers, Ruth, Maria and Natty, with the addition of a new one, who I have yet to meet.

Luz Celli organised a seminar for all interested parties on how to work with disabled children, and 39 people attended.

#### WOMENS WORK

There are now twice daily broadcasts on Christian Radio, telling women how to get help if they are suffering from Domestic Violence.

There are women's



conferences in different parts of the city, bringing awareness and the hope of a better life to many. Up to 56 at a time attend these conferences, which are reaching women of all backgrounds. Such is the amount of work that Johanna Robles from Orphaidis is assisting from time to time.



In addition there are skills training workshops in various locations and a counselling service.

Blanca continues to give the skills training workshops, and she and her husband Pastor Rodrigo give homework classes in the community we began working in over ten years ago, Laura Flores.



They also continue with the church there. In February we had the chance to attend a Sunday service, and Stephen preached to the delight of the congregation. This community has no running water, but Rodrigo and Blanca manage to get everyone turned out in their Sunday best with crisp ironed shirts, neat hair and smiling washed faces.



Rodrigo and Blanca have recently suffered a motor bike accident. Much prayer has been going up for them and I am pleased to report that Rodrigo is now back preaching in his beloved Laura Flores and Blanca is well on the way to recovery. Praise the Lord.

**THANK YOU**

I want to thank everyone who has so loyally supported the work of CMS in Ecuador over so many years. Really,

without your prayers and giving, the on- going work would not have been possible. Many lives have been changed, and many people have benefitted from opportunities given to them. Many more continue to be offered these opportunities, and with God’s help the ministries will continue and expand into the future to meet people’s needs.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked voluntarily for LIAT in the UK and also all the volunteers who have come from many parts of the world to work in Ecuador. Nor will I ever forget the unique contribution to God’s work being given by the Oklahoma Baptist Church – thank you guys! I also want to thank SAMS and now CMS for their faithfulness in supporting this work.

Looking back, it is clear to see it is all of God, from Him, through Him and for Him, and I give thanks and praise to Him.

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

I am keen to promote the work of CMS, while continuing to support the work in Ecuador through regular visits and speaking about the charity wherever possible. There is still much to do.

This August, I am returning to Ecuador for a month with my son Daniel, his wife Aparna and their three children.

**WEB NEWS**

We have a renewed web site [www.liat-ecuador.org](http://www.liat-ecuador.org) which I hope you will enjoy – thank you Amy and John! I will continue to send reports and updates. If you do not wish to receive these, please let us know. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1 For Luz celli as she works with Vida en Abundancia and Orphaidis
- 2 For all the mission partners, that they are able to do all that God has called them to do
- 3 That all who come into contact with the charity may experience God’s love and know him through Jesus Christ.

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever”.*  
Hebrews 13:8

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