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# STRATEGIC GOALS 2022 -2026





**Listen to** God, the Latin American Church, and each other, adapting our ways of doing things in response to God's action and a changing world.



**Increase our mobilization** for missions, particularly amongst Latin American (including diaspora) communities.



Strengthen Member Care and enhance members experience of community at all levels of Latin Link.

"Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers. And pray also that God's revelation would be released through me every time I preach the wonderful mystery of the hope-filled gospel"

(Ephesians 6: 18-19, The Passion Translation)

Thank you for praying with us. As members of Latin Link each of us is so very aware that we would not be able to do what we do, without the prayers of so many supporters and intercessors like you. These words from Paul both encourage and challenge. They come at the end of a passage about the armour of God, the spiritual tools that enable us to stand firm in God's calling and continue to share His hope-filled gospel with others. As the challenges and news from the world around us gets increasingly more complex and frightening, let us lean in even more to Paul's advice to pray passionately and on every occasion.

The general points included in this calendar can be used at any point in the year, and you can use the dates at the top of the page for your daily prayers throughout each month. All of our Stride (6-24 months) and Stay (2yrs+) are included.

We greatly value your prayers for us this year.

Suzanne Potter, International Team Leader



#### **HOW TO USE THE CALENDAR?**

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Thank you for praying with and for us!

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**Population** 45,773,884

Urban 92.2% Under 15 yrs: 24.6%

Official Language: Spanish

People groups: 84

#### Please pray with Latin Link Argentina:

- Argentina ranks amongst the largest producers and exporters of soya beans, wheat, corn, honey and meat. Natural resources include oil, gas and iron ore. In spite of this sadly 40% of Argentines are stuck in a long-term struggle for daily survival. 8 million children live in poverty, of which 1.2 million exist in a state of extreme deprivation. As one presidential candidate put it "Argentina has everything, the Argentines have nothing." Please pray for the Argentine people.
- •The government has enormous problems created by previous, and the current administration; in particular, a stubborn inflation rate of over 100%, and an enormous national debt. One thing that would help alleviate Argentina's woes is beyond human resolve. The country needs rain. Some of the most fertile provinces have suffered for three years with little or no rainfall. Drought has created losses in exports amounting to billions of US dollars. Please pray for the government, pray for rain.



#### Hans, Priscilla and Josh Breekveldt

Hans, Priscilla and Josh live in Salta. Rebi and Mathias live in Belgium. Hans and Priscilla serve on the pastoral team of San Andrés Church. Hans is the coordinating pastor and teaches Bible courses elsewhere. Priscilla has a wider role in the Anglican Diocese and supports member care teams and the leadership of the Perspectivas (Perspectives) course. Josh studies Music. Rebi and Mathias serve in their local church. Rebi works for the Anglican Church in Belgium. Mathias is considering next steps.

CHURCH: FAIRFIELD, NORTHWOOD HILLS EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ENGLAND



#### **Hazel and Martin Frost**

Hazel, Martin with Joni and Danny, live in San Francisco. They preach in their local church and Martin runs the tech side. Martin is involved in prison ministry and works on some Christian technology projects. Hazel works with disabled people at a riding stable. She is also involved in a homework club and a Scout group planted in challenging neighbourhoods. The Frosts also support several individuals with different needs. Hazel is part of the Southern Cone leadership team.

CHURCH: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BALDOCK, ENGLAND



#### **Tiana Lacey**

Tiana will be on Stride placement in Argentina for four months from March 2024. Her project is to be confirmed.

CHURCH: WOODGREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, WORCESTER,

ENGLAND M: TBC



#### **Daniel and Flavia Lescano**

Daniel and Flavia with Sofi, live in Salta. Daniel, in his role as Archdeacon in the Anglican Diocese of Northern Argentina, works supervising and training pastors and leaders in indigenous and urban areas in the region. Flavia is a member of the church planting team in Grand Bourg West. Flavia helps train the team and works with women and children. Daniel is the pastor of Christ the Lord Church.

CHURCH: SAN ANDRÉS ANGLICAN CHURCH, SALTA, ARGENTINA



#### **Grace Mathers**

Grace is a Strider from England who finishes her four month Stride in January 2024. She arrived in September 2023 and works at the *Anawin* Foundation in Atocha, Salta. *Anawin* aims to help vulnerable children and young people, together with their families, to develop as people, strengthening their values, with an aim to improve the society in which we live.

CHURCH: JESMOND PARISH CHURCH, NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND;

BEESTON FREE CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND

M: ANNELIEN WISSE



#### **Abel Wang**

Abel is originally from China; he became a Christian when he studied in the UK as an international student. Having been on a Step team to Argentina in summer 2022, Abel felt called to serve longer term. He plans on doing a two year Stride placement in Argentina.

CHURCH: SANDYFORD HENDERSON MEMORIAL CHURCH,

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

M: TBC



#### **Annelien Wisse**

Annelien is involved in a church plant in Salta. As a Stay member she continues to develop evangelistic and discipleship ministries with children, teenagers and young women. Annelien has the role of Mobiliser and Short-Term Coordinator in the Southern Cone Team, as well as being part of the Southern Cone leadership team.

CHURCH: GKV 'WATERPLEINKERK', ROTTERDAM CENTRUM, THE NETHERLANDS



**Population** 12,388,571

 Urban
 70.5 %

Under 15 yrs: 30.6%

Official Language: Spanish

People groups: 47

#### Please pray with Latin Link Bolivia:

- There is a great division in Bolivia, along geographic, ethnic and political lines. Please pray for unity in Bolivia.
- Corruption is widespread in the country. Please pray for the restoration of confidence within state institutions, that they be transparent and that Justice is seen to be done fairly.
- The Church in Bolivia is enthusiastic though hampered by questions of integrity and legalism. Please pray for revival within the Church.



#### **Daniel Allen**

Daniel returned to Bolivia in November 2023 to complete his Stride placement. Daniel will be working alongside a church in Cochabamba named *Mayorazgo*. He will be working with young adults and youth, whilst also supporting a church plant.

CHURCH: STRANDTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH, BELFAST, NORTHERN

IRELAND.

M: JOE STONEHAM

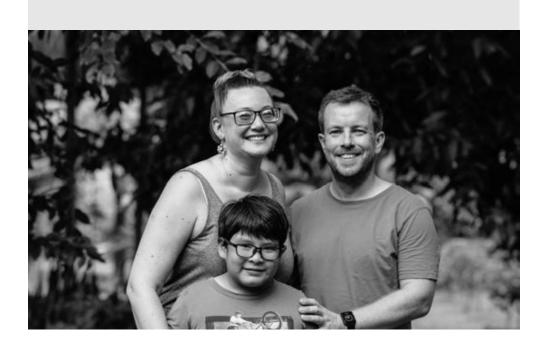


#### **Tobi Anifalaje**

Tobi arrived in late 2023 and will be serving in Oruro until April, 2024. He has a passion for basketball and wants to use his passion to serve with Prison Fellowship Oruro, working with prisoners and young offenders, and *Árbol del Ángel* (Angel Tree), which is a ministry that works with children with family members in prison. Tobi hopes to run basketball training with these various ministries.

CHURCH: HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

M: CRAIG CUNNINGHAM



#### **Craig and Amanda Cunningham**

Craig and Amanda with Sam, live in the city of Santa Cruz. Craig serves as pastor of Trinity International Church and supports the Langham Preaching programme in Santa Cruz. Amanda is Latin Link's Short-Term Coordinator in Bolivia and helps with pastoral care and children's ministry in the church.

CHURCH: SHETTLESTON NEW CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



#### Regina Grabvoski

Regina is entering her second year of Stride in Santa Cruz. She works with *Talita Cumi* Children's Home and Ruth's House. Talita Cumi focuses on showing God's love to abused and abandoned children. Ruth's House is a ministry designed to help girls age out of Talita Cumi and enter adult life. Regina is working as a tía (aunt) in the Children's Home looking after the children, and living in Ruth's House as a tutor for the girls that leave *Talita Cumi*.

CHURCH: EVANGELIUMS CHRISTEN, BAPTISTENGEMEINDE IN

**SALZKOTTEN** 

M: AMANDA CUNNINGHAM



#### Jony and Senovia Marca

Jony and Senovia with Grace and Derek, are based in Cochabamba and are in the process of raising funds with the intention of joining the Stride programme and becoming mission mobilisers for Latin Link Bolivia. They will be involved in encouraging and equipping local churches to have a greater interest in mission.

CHURCH: SAN SEBASTIAN PAGADOR

M: TBC



#### **Julie Noble**

Julie works with Prison Fellowship International in Oruro. She supports the Árbol del Ángel (Angel Tree) Centre programme, which works with prisoners' children and their families, and is part of the Restoring Hope programme, which implements discipleship and restorative justice initiatives with prisoners and young offenders. Julie works with Quechua ladies at church and serves on the *PRADOS* (drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre) board.

CHURCH: CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND



#### Juan Soza and Anouschka Putschky de Soza

Juan and Anouschka with Jonathan, work in La Paz and El Alto, where they run programmes for children, teenagers and adults who live on the streets, many of whom have drug and alcohol-related problems. They support prison ministries. They also teach values and give English classes in rural schools, as well as running evangelistic and discipleship programmes with children in rural areas.

CHURCH: IGLESIA CRISTIANA EVANGELICA OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY



#### Joe Stoneham

Joe is based in Trinidad. He is supporting the development and strengthening of the local *CCU* group (IFES) which is a student ministry focused on discipleship and evangelism. Joe also supports the local church where he helps with the young adults and youth. He also preaches and teaches at the main church and its satellite. Joe is the **Team Leader** for Bolivia.

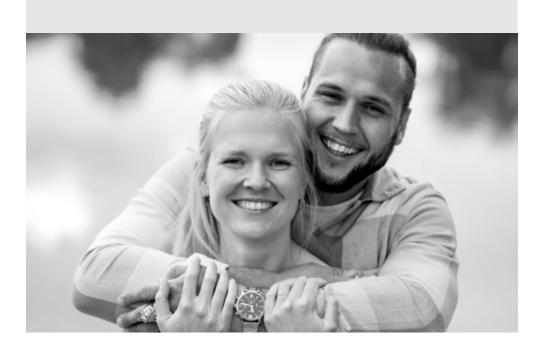
CHURCH: HOOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH, SURBITON, SURREY, ENGLAND



#### Víctor Villarroel, Sadie Grace Hammond

Víctor, Sadie and their son, Ansel, are based in the city of Santa Cruz. Víctor serves in a children's home called Talita Cumi where he offers academic assistance and workshops. He also works part-time as a photographer for his own business, Victor Frame Photography. Sadie Grace works with Asociación Nuevos Pasos (New Steps Association) accompanying the social worker with family visits. She is completing her master's degree in social work online and will graduate in May 2024.

CHURCH: EL SHADDAI, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA



#### **Katharina Wend and Michael Friesen**

Katharina and Michael will be based in Santa Cruz, for six months. Their time will be split between three ministries. They will both be supporting *El Alfarero* (The Potter), a student ministry that evangelises, disciples and counsels students; they will be supporting the café ministry. Kati will also be working with Stansberry Children's Home, while Michael will work with Novo Communities, an addiction rehabilitation centre for men.

CHURCH: CALVARY CHAPEL, MÜNSTER, GERMANY M: VÍCTOR VILLARROEL, SADIE GRACE HAMMOND



#### **Louis and Maribel Woodley**

Louis and Maribel are involved in leadership training. Louis heads up the Timothy Leadership training institute in Bolivia. Maribel is involved in pastoral care and missionary member care. They will be in the UK from February for four months.

CHURCH: WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, LONDON, ENGLAND; SAFFRON WALDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ENGLAND



**Population** 216,422,446

Urban 87.3% Under 15 yrs: 21%

Official Language: Portuguese

People groups: 310

#### Please pray with Latin Link Brazil:

- With greater capacity, there is huge potential in Brazil for Latin Link to send and receive more members. Pray that we would be able to recruit volunteers and members to assist with mobilisation, translation, communications and setting up placements including with diaspora communities, to enable us to play a greater part in facilitating mission.
- Pray that Latin Link Brazil can be an inspiring example of unity in diversity to the wider Brazilian church and that the Brazilian church can model what it means to be reconciled to one another in Christ in a divided society.
- The members of Latin Link Brazil are spread out over a massive country! Pray that we would continue to be able to develop our team life and care for one another despite living far apart.



#### Izaías and Ruth Daniel de Assis

Izaías and Ruth work in Ceará state in rural northeast Brazil. They are involved in church planting and mission ministry using music, dance, sport, discipleship and drama. Their son, Jonathan, now married to Andrea, has one more year of theological study in Australia and will be training as an assistant pastor during the next 18 months.

CHURCH: THUNDERSLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ESSEX, ENGLAND; ST GILES CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON, ENGLAND



#### **Paul Crothers**

Paul works with *Proyecto Valle/Rama* (Valley Project) in Recife. It is a Christian community-based project reaching out to children, teenagers and families. Paul will be on home leave between December 2023 and February 2024 and during that time will be getting married to fellow Brazil team member, Suz Rothwell.

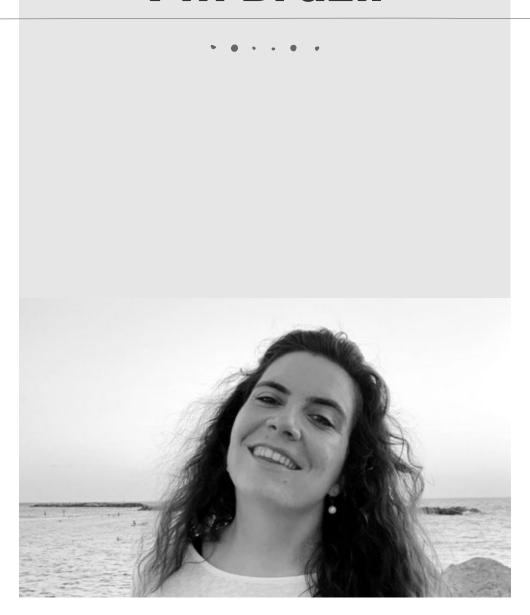
CHURCH: SLOAN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LISBURN, NORTHERN IRELAND



#### **Tim and Hannah Flatman**

Tim and Hannah with Rita and Moses, serve at Betel Brasileiro church in Custódia, Pernambuco. They lead a church plant in Serra da Torre quilombola community: a predominantly Afro-Brazilian community formed in resistance to slavery and racist oppression. They also work with the Ngok Dinka in Abyei, South Sudan, teaching, preaching, offering practical assistance, and advocating for peace and rights. Tim serves as **Team Leader** and Hannah as Short Term Coordinator (Member Care).

CHURCH: ST JOHN'S, EGHAM, ENGLAND; COSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, COSHAM, ENGLAND; WAKEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, WAKEFIELD, ENGLAND; SOUTH HAMS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, DEVON, ENGLAND; HEADINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, OXFORD, ENGLAND



#### **Dagmar Lässig**

Dagmar started a two year Stride in Recife in June 2023. She has a heart to be part of the restoration journey of those passing through difficult times, using music and language lessons. She works with *Cristolândia*, a project that seeks the social reintegration of people who use drugs and live in vulnerable and homeless situations.

CHURCH: VINEYARD CHURCH, AARAU, SWITZERLAND

M: RUTH DANIEL DE ASSIS



#### **Beth Marshall**

Beth is on Stride until October 2024, serving at a home for vulnerable children and adolescents in Anápolis. Her main responsibility is to disciple the teenage girls, helping to prepare them for adult life, but she also gives dance lessons and helps the children in their academic development, among other things.

CHURCH: MORETON BAPTIST CHURCH, WIRRAL, ENGLAND

M: CAROLINA ROUT



#### **Suz Rothwell**

Suz is working in Recife at the *Proyecto Valle/Rama* (Valley Project). This is a Christian community based project reaching out to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is supporting disadvantaged teenage girls physically, mentally and spiritually through various lessons and activities. Suz is marrying fellow Brazil team member, Paul Crothers, in February this year.

CHURCH: BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

# 7th Brazil



### **Phil and Carolina Rout**

Phil and Carolina with Benjamin, Samuel and Joanna, live on the campus of the Seminário Teológico Cristão Evangélico do Brasil (the seminary of the Igreja Cristã Evangélica do Brasil denomination) in Anápolis, central Brazil. Phil is a member of the college teaching staff. Carolina works with children's ministry and serves the Latin Link Brazil team as secretary.

CHURCH: ARGYLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, READING, ENGLAND; IGREJA EVANGÉLICA CONGREGACIONAL DE RIBEIRÃO PRETO, BRAZIL

## 7th Brazil



## **Ninger Daniel Tovar Febres**

Ninger is a Venezuelan who has been resident in Brazil for five years. He lived in Recife for five years where he served with several churches. He now works with Betel Brasileiro church in the city of Custódia, in the interior of Pernambuco, developing his ministerial work with evangelism, discipleship, preaching and teaching, as well as working with children and teenagers in a quilombola community called Carvalho.

CHURCH: COMUNIDADE CRISTÃ APOSTÓLICA BATISTA INDEPENDENTE, RECIFE, BRAZIL; MISSÃO KERIGMA VIDA, RECIFE,

**BRAZIL** 

M: TIM FLATMAN



**Population** 72,793,737

Urban 82.8% Under 15 yrs: 17.9%

Official Languages: English, Irish,

Welsh

People groups: 106

#### Please pray with Latin Link Britain and Ireland:

- Pray for us as we seek to continually hear God clearly, especially that we may follow his lead and not be swayed by other influences.
- Pray for us as we seek to raise awareness of the needs and opportunities in Latin America among the churches in Britain and Ireland.
- Pray for us as we seek to engage more effectively with more churches and to connect with people that God is calling to serve in Latin America. Pray too that more people from Latin America would feel God's calling to serve in Europe.
- Pray for political and financial stability in the country and for those suffering as a result of the rising cost of living. Pray for churches as they seek to respond to these challenges. Please also pray for God's continued provision for Latin Link in these uncertain times.



## **Bridget Bennett**

Bridget continues to serve part of her time with the Britain and Ireland Team, and she has recently taken up the role of Stride placement coordinator for those serving in Latin America. She also works as student liaison with the department in Intercultural Studies of the *ProMETA* online university, whose head office is in Costa Rica. She communicates with and supports the students studying the Masters in Intercultural Development.

CHURCH: BILTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, RUGBY, ENGLAND; IVY CHURCH, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND



## **Maribel Beyuma Chao**

Maribel is returning to serve again at St Hilda's Church, Manchester. Maribel assists with the church's programmes for young people and families and also reaching out to the Spanish-speaking community. University Academy 92 Chaplaincy is a key part of her role now.

CHURCH: FAMILIA KAIROS, SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA



## **Lelmer and Renata Campos**

Lelmer and Renata with Joshua and Bethany, are serving at Ebenezer Evangelical Church in Weymouth, Dorset where Lelmer serves as the Pastor. As well as preaching and church leadership, he is involved in family and children's work, engaging with the local community and active in pastoral care. Renata works as a Teaching Assistant at a local school and is involved in Sunday school teaching, as well as supporting Lelmer in ministry.

CHURCH: SEMINARIO SERVOS DE CRISTO, GUARAPARI, BRAZIL



### **Orlando Castro**

Orlando, together with his wife Sally-Anne, is involved in a music ministry to churches in Diss and the surrounding area. He teaches Spanish and ministers to Latin Americans he meets with regularly.

CHURCH: ALLURIQUIN BAPTIST CHURCH, ECUADOR.



## Will Catchpole

Will is our Programmes Administrator, working alongside Bridget and Simone to make sure all the admin for Step, Stride, and Stay is sorted out. Will also coordinates the recruitment of Steppers, their orientation and debrief. When he isn't working, he will probably be playing guitar or watching Cool Runnings.

CHURCH: LANSDOWNE CHURCH, BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND



## **Sadoc and Vivi Chongo**

Sadoc and Vivi along with their children Olivia and Sadoccito, moved from Scotland to Southampton in August 2023. Sadoc now serves as the Children and Youth minister at Holy Saviour, leading all existing groups from babies/toddlers to college-aged students. Vivi is exploring the possibility of joining the kid's and worship teams. As they settle into their new home and community, they ask for your prayers in discovering God's plan for their family and their new local church.

CHURCH: IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA CENTRO AMERICANA CAMINO DE VIDA, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA



## **Jhonny Corado**

Jhonny is completing a 12 month Stride placement with St. Barnabas Church, in Winchester in the south of England. He is serving as their youth and community worker, helping with their mid-week groups and outreach into the local community. He is also part of the worship band.

CHURCH: IGLESIA EL REDIL, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

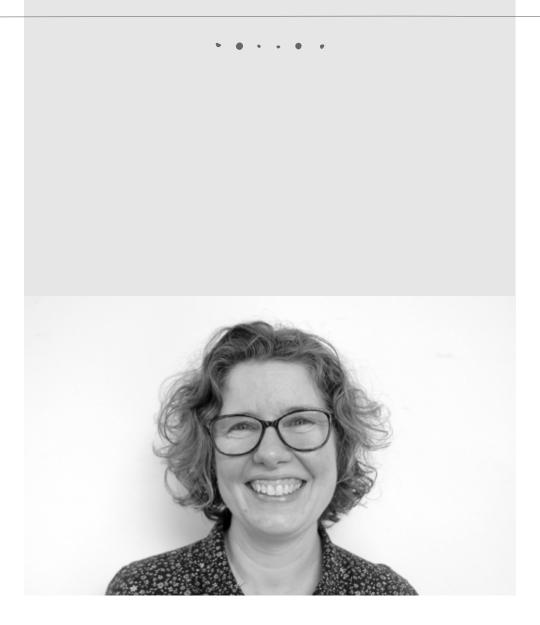
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#### Wilma and Paul Davies

Wilma and Paul are based in Bourne, Lincolnshire. Wilma researches and develops new placements for Latin Americans serving in Britain and Ireland. She also cares pastorally for new and more established mission workers. Paul is part-time pastor in Bourne Baptist Church and continues to be available as Latin Link's Theological Consultant (offering members support and frameworks to reflect theologically on their ministry).

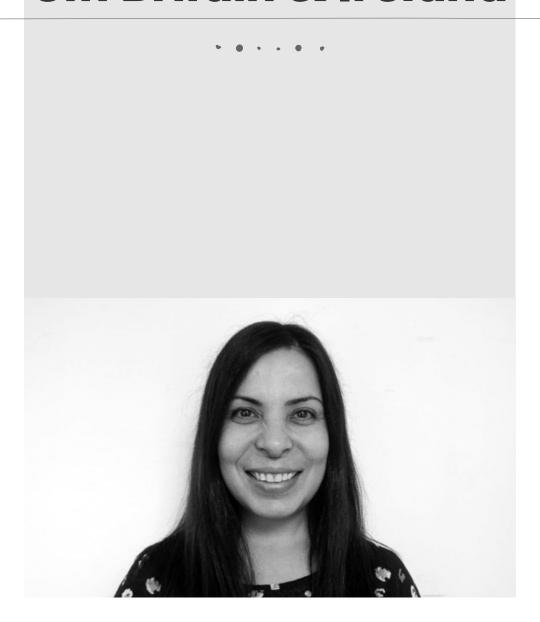
CHURCH: HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, ENGLAND; FISHPONDS BAPTIST CHURCH, BRISTOL, ENGLAND; KINGS FELLOWSHIP, BANGOR, NORTHERN IRELAND.



### **Kathie Davis-Bater**

Kathieisthe Head of Central Services and HR, overseeing the practicalities of running the Reading office and looking after the staff team. Kathie is married to Mike and mother to Robert and Zoë. She leads the prayer ministry in her church.

CHURCH: THE GATE, READING, ENGLAND



### **Emel Ozarikan**

Emel is the Finance Officer, responsible for making payments and processing payroll. She lives in Reading with her husband and son.



### **Mike Fernandez**

Mike is Scotland Coordinator. Originally from Peru, Mike is based in Edinburgh and is part of the mobilisation team, facilitating, promoting, and passionately encouraging people to engage with multidirectional mission outreach between the UK and Latin America.

CHURCH: BRUNTSFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



## Pipe and Abi Figueroa

Pipe and Abi with their daughters Chloe and Gabriela, moved from Bogotá to the United Kingdom in January 2021. They are serving as leaders to develop a youth ministry in Christ Church Barnet, a church in North London, which includes outreach and discipling teens through midweek clubs and youth groups.

CHURCH: LA CASA, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



## **Denise and David Flynn**

Denise and David work in an advisory capacity among deaf Christians and church ministries in Britain, Ireland, Bolivia and Latin America. They teach Christian discipleship and run Bible training workshops in both British and Bolivian sign language for deaf and hearing sign-language users. They also lead short-term mission teams to Bolivia to empower the deaf community through Christian ministry and practical projects.

CHURCH: MERLAND RISE CHURCH, TADWORTH, ENGLAND; IGLESIA BAUTISTA CRISTO SALVA, COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA



## **Raquel Lima**

Raquel is serving as a Youth and Community Worker at Forefront Community Church in Chard, Somerset as part of the community outreach team. She also supports Portuguese speaking youth and children in the town and encourages young people of faith to grow their relationship with God.

CHURCH: IGREJA BÍBLICA ÁGAPE, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL.



## **Terry Lockyer**

Terry is the Britain and Ireland **Team Leader**. Working closely with the other members of the leadership team, Terry takes overall responsibility for the direction and representation of Latin Link in Britain and Ireland. Terry is also an accredited Baptist Minister and trustee of the Heart of England Baptist Association. Terry is married to Simone who also serves with Latin Link.

CHURCH: SUTTON COLDFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, SUTTON COLDFIELD, ENGLAND



## **Simone Lockyer**

Simone is the Head of Programmes and oversees the Step, Stride and Stay programmes both for members we send to Latin America and those we receive in Britain and Ireland. Simone is part of the Latin Link International Member Care Team. If you need to chat with her outside of work, you will need to drag her away from a book first!

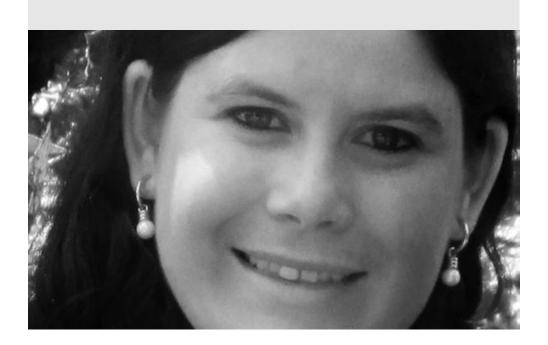
CHURCH: SUTTON COLDFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, SUTTON COLDFIELD, ENGLAND



## **Rory Malone**

Rory is our Communications Manager who helps us to tell our story across print and digital media to inspire and engage others to step into the story of God's mission in Latin America. Rory is based in Salisbury and is married to Danni, they have a joy-filled toddler called Ada.

CHURCH: ST FRANCIS CHURCH, SALISBURY, ENGLAND



## Jacqueline (Jax) McCallum

Jax is working with Scripture Union in Northern Ireland as an E3 Schools Worker for East Antrim.

CHURCH: ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ANGLICAN CHURCH, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.



## **Ray Miller**

Ray is married to **Bridget Bennett**, they returned from Costa Rica in 2022 and live in Rugby, Warwickshire. Ray serves as a member of the Latin Link International Forum and as a Trustee of Latin Link International. He also works remotely as an Academic Tutor with the interdisciplinaryteamoftheDepartmentinIntercultural Studies, specifically the Masters in Intercultural Development, of the *ProMETA* online university which trains Latin Americans in cross-cultural mission, and whose head office is in Costa Rica.

CHURCH: BILTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, RUGBY, ENGLAND; IVY CHURCH, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

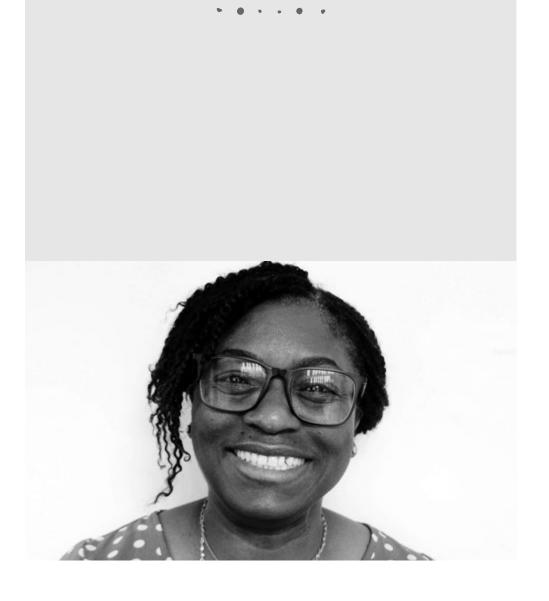


## Luis and Zulema Navarro-Vega

Luis and Zulema with Luis Alejandro, Kamila and Miguel Ángel serve as missionaries in the Caribbean. They have been accepted as Stride members and their vision is to work alongside migrants in the United Kingdom. They are currently working to improve their English and continuing to raise funds. They are considering the possibility of serving as professionals in the U.K. They are being sent by Latin Link Colombia and hope to arrive in September 2024.

CHURCH: BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALMENDARES (IBA)

M: TBC



#### **Marie Nevers**

Marie is Finance Manager, responsible for the day-to-day finances of the organisation, statutory accounts (including annual audit), budgets and overseeing payroll.

CHURCH: TYNDALE BAPTIST CHURCH, READING, ENGLAND



#### **Laura Sanlon**

Laura is responsible for Diaspora Research and Development, based in Belfast, carrying out research into diaspora churches and groups in Britain and Ireland. Laura is seeking to locate and contact leaders of churches which have been set up by different nationality groups, to evaluate how Latin Link might partner with them, to encourage them in mission mobilisation and evangelism, to offer informal cross-cultural training and encourage their engagement with other local churches.

CHURCH: NEWTOWNBREDA BAPTIST CHURCH, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND



## **Paul Savage**

Paul is Income Administrator, processing income and gifts, and ensuring they get to the members being supported. He keeps members up to date with their finances and handles Gift Aid.

CHURCH: NORCOT MISSION CHURCH, READING, ENGLAND



#### **Esther Stansfield**

Esther is Head of Mobilisation and is passionate about inspiring the UK church to engage in global mission. She oversees and supports the Area Co-ordinators in church engagement, facilitating mission mobilising events and developing a national network of volunteers to inspire people to step into the story of God's big mission. She is married to Ben, mum to Zach and Josh and enjoys regular dips in the not-so-tropical sea in Devon.

CHURCH: RIVER CHURCH, AXMINSTER, DEVON, ENGLAND



## **Jenny Stewart**

Jenny is Ireland Coordinator and oversees those sent from Ireland, organises mission mobilisation events, speaks at churches and gatherings, and supports a community of volunteers across the island. She is married to Neil, and they have two young children, Grace and Jonah.

CHURCH: HAMILTON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BANGOR, NORTHERN IRELAND



### **Catharine Turton**

Catharine is the Supporter Care Coordinator, looking after all those who pray for or give to Latin Link and its members. She's involved with the PCC and youth work in her local church and loves spending time with a good boxset or book and a cup of tea (preferably accompanied by a slice of cake!).

CHURCH: ST JAMES CHURCH, WOODLEY, READING, ENGLAND



## **Edith Vilamajó**

Edith is a teacher and the Dean of Students at the online Evangelical School of Theology in Spain (www. escuelafieide.net). She is now also very involved in the design and implementation of a new programme. She is married to Peter and they have a son, Alex.

CHURCH: EMMANUEL CHURCH, OXFORD, ENGLAND

Latin Link Britain and Ireland
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as they provide wisdom and
legal oversight: Jo Jowett
(chair), Noreen Bennett,
James Butler, Charlie Douglas,
Nicole Gleghorne, John Harris,
Iván Neira, Richard Stainton
and Evan Winter.

# 13th Chile



**Population** 19,629,590

Urban 87.8% Under 15 yrs: 19.5%

Official Languages: Spanish

(but Mapudungun

increasingly recognised)

People groups: 28

#### Please pray with Latin Link Chile:

- Please pray about the continuing migration crisis in the north of Chile as many immigrants (many from Venezuela) continue to make the hazardous illegal crossing from Bolivia to Chile walking miles through the desert hoping for a "better life". Those who cross successfully often live in precarious and difficult conditions and may not be welcomed by their Chilean neighbours. Pray that the church will step up with practical, emotional and spiritual help for those in need.
- Give thanks for the growing number of Chilean missionaries working in the country and also overseas. Please pray that Chilean churches will grow in their understanding of mission and especially for the need to support missionaries both financially and through member care structures which have not always been a priority in the past. Pray that God will continue to call Chileans to be involved in mission both in Chile and overseas.

## 13th Chile



## Benjamín and Ruth Curín

Benjamín and Ruth with Abigail and Matías, are planting a church in the north of Temuco which is part of the Anglican Church in Chile. Benjamín is in charge of evangelism and pastoring the church through preaching, discipleship and Christian counselling. Ruth is dedicated to preparing and teaching the children's class at the church and leading the women's ministry. She is also part of the Southern Cone leadership team.

CHURCH: NITON BAPTIST CHURCH, ISLE OF WIGHT, ENGLAND

# 14th Colombia



**Population** 52,085,168

Urban 81.7% Under 15 yrs: 22.6%

Official Language: Spanish

People groups: 111

#### Please pray with Latin Link Colombia:

- The spread of the gospel in Colombia: that the church can transmit the love and compassion of Christ amongst indigenous peoples, and amongst urban and rural groups in challenging or violent contexts.
- Wisdom for the government in the face of many social, economic and environmental challenges. Let us pray also for the initiatives of the current government to reduce inequality and poverty, to help the most needy sectors of society, and to protect the environment and the Amazon rainforest.
- For millions of Venezuelan migrants living in Colombia, and also for migrants from Venezuela and from other countries who make the risky journey through the Darién jungle area, with the hope of getting to the United States. Let us pray for a compassionate and loving response of the church toward these people.

## 14th Colombia



#### **Diana Lucia Andrade**

Diana is a Strider and supports the *AIBEC* (Association of Evangelical Baptist Churches of the Caribbean) through the Bible School of Leadership *Formémonos* (Let's Train), contributing to the training and strengthening of church leadership, especially in the area of biblical education for children in post-conflict areas. She is also involved in the creation of toy libraries in indigenous reserves. In addition, she leads the children's ministry in her local church and supports short-term missions.

CHURCH: IGLESIA BÍBLICA REFORMADA ESCRITO ESTÁ, IBAGUÉ,

**COLOMBIA** 

M: CARMEN GALLEGO

## 14th Colombia



### Patricia Cuéllar de Reaño and Manuel Reaño

Patty is a family therapist and mainly works with leaders and pastors linked to Koinonós. She is married to Manuel who serves with *Cristo para la Ciudad* (Christ for the City) and directs the *Koinonós* ministry, dedicated to providing pastoral care for pastors, Christian leaders and their families. Manuel is also a consultant, teacher, preacher and travelling lecturer for churches. Patty, together with Manuel, have served in Colombia since 1999.

CHURCH: BUCCLEUCH AND GREYFRIARS FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



#### Miriam Hernández

Miriam works as a teacher and counsellor in the organisation *Apoyo* (Support) and in a local church in the centre of Cuba. She trains leaders and the wives of church planters to act as multipliers. She leads the *Sanando las heridas del corazón* (Healing the Wounds of the Heart) training for youth and women. She partners in evangelism and ministries in the local church. Latin Link does not have a team in Cuba yet, so she forms part of the Latin Link Colombia team.

CHURCH: IGLESIA NAZARET CENTRAL, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA



#### Ian and Juliana Horne

lan and Juliana with their sons Andreas and Daniel, live in Bogotá. Ian serves with the Mennonite Church in outreach to Venezuelan migrants, and in preaching, as well as supporting initiatives for healthy nutrition and food security. Juliana promotes care for creation amongst churches and church networks, both locally and internationally.

CHURCH: GUILDFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, GUILDFORD, ENGLAND



#### **Paola Innocente**

Paola lives in Bogotá. She works in *Hogar Feliz* (Happy Home), a programme that accompanies and empowers families with deaf, deaf-blind children and deaf children with multiple disabilities. She mentors deaf teachers who teach sign language to families. She is part of a team that develops and teaches materials for the prevention of abuse to deaf students. She is a facilitator of a Bible translation project in Cuban sign language and short-term coordinator for Cuba.

CHURCH: FEG, WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND



### William and Nadia with Kenya

William and Nadia with Kenya live in Chía, very close to Bogotá. They work with several churches in the *Discípulos de Cristo* (Disciples of Christ) denomination in pastoral accompaniment, training, leadership development and strategic management. They also encourage churches towards mobilisation. Their son Jeremy studies in Germany.

CHURCH: EGW GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND

# 16th Costa Rica



**Population:** 5,212,173 Urban: 81.4%

Under 15 yrs: 21.1%

Official Languages: Spanish; English

and Mekitelyu

spoken on

Caribbean Coast

People groups: 21

#### Please pray with Latin Link Costa Rica:

- To most visitors Costa Rica matches up to its image of being safe and ecofriendly, but amongst other challenges the country faces:
  - A sharp rise in violent crime
  - Drug related money laundering
  - Corruption in many sectors
  - High levels of domestic violence
- There are many churches of all stripes in Costa Rica but all too frequently they preach a prosperity gospel or proffer self-help tips, giving scant attention to the Bible, and so do little to impact society. Pray for the strengthening of churches that preach faithfully and which transform communities, and for those ministries that support and encourage preachers, and which encourage the development of integral mission.

### 16th Costa Rica



### **Kayla Chandler**

Kayla is the Short Term Coordinator for Costa Rica. She receives and encourages short term volunteers and promotes mission, while developing contacts with local churches/organisations to find mutually beneficial placements for Step teams and Striders. Additionally, she is a member of the leadership team, serves in her local church, teaches English, and walks alongside others through informal counselling and mentorship.

CHURCH: CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, VANCOUVER, CANADA M: VIKKI DELOSSANTOS MAYA

### **16th Costa Rica**



#### Ian and Brenda Darke

lan and Brenda live in San José. Ian supports the development of biblical and relevant Christian publishing in Latin America. He coordinates the Letra Viva network of Christian publishers in Latin America and works with the CBC (Latin America Bible Commentary), Ediciones PUMA and Certeza UNIDA. Brenda promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities through written materials, teaching at the ESEPA seminary, collaborating with the Viva network for at risk children, mentoring and through the Uno en Cristo (One in Christ) church-based support group for families.

CHURCH: THE TERRACE CHURCH, RUGBY, ENGLAND



**Population:** 18,190,484

Urban: 64.4% Under 15 yrs: 27.7%

Official Language: Spanish

People groups: 33

#### Please pray with Latin Link Ecuador:

- In 2023, there was further civil and political unrest, leading to new parliamentary and presidential elections; economic instability; and a significant rise in crime, particularly in the larger cities and in the coastal provinces, much of this being related to gangs involved in the drugs trade. We pray that in the midst of much insecurity, people would seek the Lord, and that the evangelical church would be seen as a place of safety and acceptance, seeking to play a relevant role in today's society.
- Pray for wisdom for the Latin Link team in Ecuador as we seek to get more involved in mobilising the church for mission, that we would understand what our particular role should be, and be inspired by the Holy Spirit to move forward with this.



### Jaap and Linda Bezemer

Jaap and Linda with Corné, Helen, Arianne, Jacoline, Richard and Erik, live in Sacha Runa, Shell. Jaap works as a Tropical Medicine specialist with *Fundación Misión Cristiana de Salud* (Christian Health Mission Foundation). Jaap is one of the leaders of the *Diospa Ñanpi* church and preaches weekly. Linda leads the youth group and teaches in the Sunday School. The family travels regularly to jungle communities to provide health care and strengthen the local churches.

CHURCH: GEREFORMEERDE GEMEENTE RILLAND-BATH, NETHERLANDS



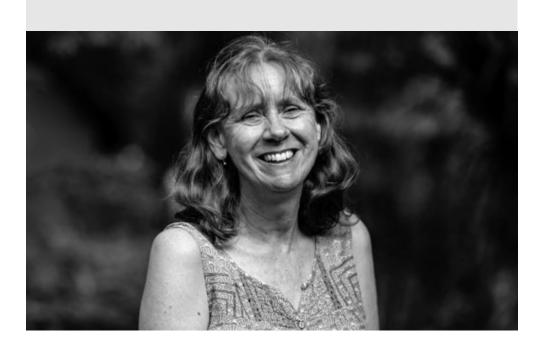
### **Joy Brixey**

Joy is on a Stride placement until the end of May. She is based in Santo Domingo, using her studies and experience in art to support and develop materials for two projects: La Orquídea (The Orchid), which works with adults with disabilities, to help them to develop skills to live more independently; and Vida en Abundancia (Life in Abundance) project, 'skills for life', working with children with learning disabilities.

CHURCH: HOLLEYWELL CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH, ENGLAND;

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, GLOUCESTER, ENGLAND

M: ABBY MURPHY



### **Katy Griggs**

Katy is the Latin Link Ecuador **Team Leader**, based in Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas. Katy is involved with two local projects: Orphaids, where she supports children and teenagers living in the children's home; and *Vida en Abundancia* (Life in Abundance), which runs a project for children and young people with learning disabilities and supports women in or at risk of abuse.

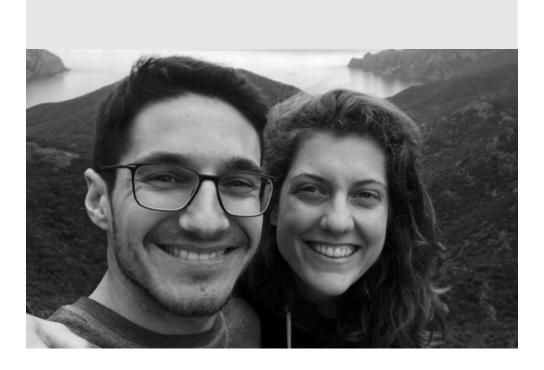
CHURCH: MERTON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON, ENGLAND



### **Abby Murphy**

Abbyistheshort-termcoordinatorforLatinLinkEcuador. She is based in Santo Domingo and also supports various local ministries: the *Vida en Abundancia* (Life in Abundance) project for children and young people with learning disabilities, the Orphaids children's home and different activities in the First Baptist Church, particularly the evangelism and student ministries.

CHURCH: CHRISTCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, ENGLAND; ST THOMAS CROOKES, SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND



### Serge and Sandra Wernli

Serge and Sandra are on a two-year Stride placement based in Shell, on the edge of the jungle. Working with a project *Voz y Manos* (Voice and Hands) they will be using their professions to support jungle communities, meeting practical needs and sharing the gospel: Serge in a project that teaches communities how to sustainably grow and sell cocoa; Sandra will be supporting communities who have moved out of the jungle and are seeking to integrate into town life.

CHURCH: BEWEGUNG PLUS, BERNA, SWITZERLAND

M: ANNA-CLAIRE AND STEWART CUSICK



#### **Liv Widmer**

Liv is on a Stride placement until mid-May. Using her love of floorball, Liv will be based in *El Valle de los Chillos* to serve with Scripture Union's floorball ministry seeking to connect with children and young people in different neighbourhoods through sport. As well as training the floorball teams, Liv is involved in leading the devotional time at each session and connecting with the families of the children who come along.

CHURCH: CHURCH ALIVE, AARAU, SWITZERLAND

M: ALINE REBER



**Population:** 18,092,026

Urban: 52.2% Under 15 yrs: 33.9%

Official Languages: Spanish;

23 recognised Amerindian

languages

People groups: 60

#### Please pray with Latin Link Guatemala:

- Give thanks for local mobilisers, mobilisation coordinator and Guatemalans who have expressed interest in missions. Pray for wisdom and provision to be able to support more Latin Americans in mission service.
- That God would raise up many more Guatemalans to serve crossculturally within Guatemala, as well as in other countries, and that churches would be willing to support them long term.
- For wisdom and guidance for the leadership team in discerning how God wants us to serve in Guatemala and support Guatemalans in their service of the Lord.
- For God's protection over the Guatemala team members, as they live, work and travel in a country with a high incidence of violence.
- For good Christian community between our members as they live and serve in distinct parts of the country. For wisdom for the member care coordinator, to be sensitive towards team members needs and be able to support them holistically.



#### **Geoff Baines and Cesia Pascual**

Geoff and Cesia together with their daughter Sofía (2 years old), live in Guatemala City. Geoff serves in the Central American Theological Seminary, teaching Hebrew, Old Testament and integral mission to pastors and young people. Geoff is also the **Team Leader** of the Guatemala-Mexico team. Cesia serves among women prisoners with her team *Corazones Conectados* (Connected Hearts), while she finishes her masters in Christian Counselling.

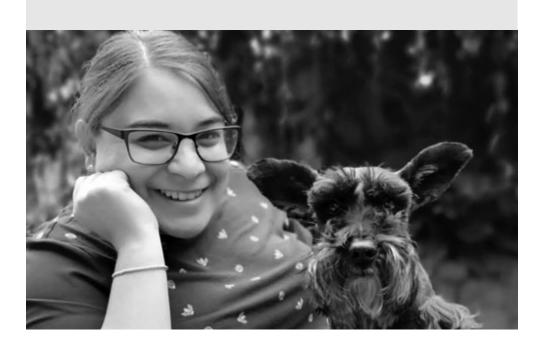
CHURCH: LANGLEY FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, LANGLEY, ENGLAND; ST. ANDREW'S & ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHOEBURYNESS, ENGLAND



#### **Murielle Beer**

Murielle completed her two-year Stride placement in September last year. She returns as a long-term member in January this year where she will continue to serve with the ministry *Asociación Esperanza de Vida* (Hope of Life Asociation) The association provides primary education to children from low-resource families. Murielle will be focusing on children and young people with additional needs and/or who are still unable to read and write, preventing them from progressing in their studies.

CHURCH: NEUES LAND REGION GANTRISCH, SCHWARZENBURG, SWITZERLAND



#### **Maddie Buchanan**

Maddie is the Coordinator for Short Term Programmes and Mobilisation for the Guatemala team. She is responsible for the receiving of new members in country, as well as overseeing their care whilst in the country. She also oversees the sending of Guatemalan members to serve overseas and within Guatemala itself. With the team's volunteer members, she oversees the team's work in the area of mobilisation.

CHURCH: ST MATTHEW'S AND ST LUKE'S CHURCHES, OXFORD, ENGLAND



### Jaime López and Ingrid de López

Jaime and Ingrid are preparing to serve in Spain as part of the Stride programme. They hope to arrive sometime this year.

CHURCH: IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA CRISTIANA VIDA NUEVA, LA ESPERANZA, QUETZALTENANGO, GUATEMALA



#### **Kate and Jacobo Moreno**

Kate and Jacobo are long term members and live in San Lucas Sacatepéquez. Kate is a social worker with a focus on safeguarding and trauma-informed care. She promotes best practice through training and policies to transform the care and protection provided in children's homes, community projects and churches. Jacobo serves at *Galilea Church* with young adults' discipleship and worship. He also runs his construction business and serves as treasurer on the Guatemala Mexico leadership team.

CHURCH: SOUL SURVIVOR, WATFORD, ENGLAND



#### **Rhiannon Stanford**

Rhiannon is in her final year at Moorlands Bible College studying Applied Theology. She will be completing a Bible College placement as part of the Stride programme in February of this year, based in Guatemala.

CHURCH: LANSDOWNE CHURCH, BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND

M: TBC



#### **Rose Wade**

Rose lives in Guatemala City where she serves through youth work leadership, mentoring and discipleship, supporting locals in their ministry to young people through *Juventud para Cristo* (Youth for Christ), Guatemala. She is also involved in her local church and serves on the Latin Link Guatemala-Mexico leadership team as Member Care Coordinator.

CHURCH: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAINTFIELD, NORTHERN IRELAND



### **Vicky Valladares**

Vicky is working alongside the International Core Team in the development of communication resources and is coordinating an international communications team to increase Latin Link's public relations presence in Latin America and unify the communication efforts of our different teams. She also collaborates with the School of Theology team at *FIEIDE* (Federation of Evangelical Churches Independents of Spain) to promote their new online theology programme. She is currently raising funds to support her upcoming part-time role with FIEIDE in Spain next year.

CHURCH: IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA CENTRO AMERICANA CAMINO DE VIDA, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA.

M: BARBARA MINDER



#### Jordan and Zoe Williamson

Jordan and Zoe are completing an 18-month Stride placement, based in the town of San Lucas. Jordan is serving with Revive, a ministry which focuses on discipleship and the support of rural communities in developing sustainable agricultural practices. Zoe is serving with Kids Alive Guatemala, a ministry which supports female survivors of sexual violence, through the seeking of justice and the restoration and reconciliation of families.

CHURCH: SLOAN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHUCRH, LISBURN,

**NORTHERN IRELAND** 

M: JONNIE WELFORD AND KATE MORENO

Coronado are volunteers for the Guatemala team, serving in the area of mobilisation.
Estelita helps with media and communication. Karla is a mobiliser, providing training opportunities for Guatemalans interested in mission and accompanying members sent from Guatemala.

# 21st Mexico



**Population:** 128,455,567

Urban: 81% Under 15 yrs: 26.2%

Official Language: Spanish.

People groups: 330

#### Please pray with Latin Link Mexico:

- General elections will happen on 2nd June 2024. Pray for wisdom and results that will honour God and provide human dignity for many people in Mexico.
- An opening with the local authorities to provide more ministries in partnership with Latin Link and local churches to offer future placements and mobilizing missionaries to and from Mexico to work with immigrants, victims of violence and orphans. Pray for missionaries to work in church planting and lecturing Bible and Theology, so Mexican church leaders could be better equipped to make disciples of Christ.
- For the church planting, San Pablo, their local leaders, and for a continuos evangelisation in the area; and for more churches to be planted in this year by local leaders from the group of Pastors ACNA.

### 21st Mexico



### Joel González and Mayra Gómez de González

Joel and Mayra with son Joel Fernando, will focus on the editing of teaching booklets and books written by Joel in previous years; the preparation of two new courses (Mission and Discipleship) and the transmission of vision and mission for the Mexican leadership in Mexico, especially in Puebla. The church planting project and church planted San Pablo are now in Mexican hands, we are encouraged by that. The Gonzalez family will continue lecturing at Vanguardia and the Bible Institute for Unreached Peoples. Pray for discernment and wisdom for us as we seek God's will for our family after nine years of ministry in Puebla, Mexico.

CHURCH: PARTICK TRINITY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND; RIVERSIDE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, AYR, SCOTLAND

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# 22nd Netherlands



**Population**: 17,618,299

 Urban:
 92.6%

 Under 15 yrs:
 15.9%

Official Languages: Dutch

(Nederlands), Frisian. Many also speak English.

People groups: 101

#### Please pray with Latin Link Netherlands:

- For our team in the Netherlands as they are in a time of significant change.
- For ongoing discussions with other Dutch organisations as we consider closer partnerships that would better facilitate our sending and support of our present Dutch members, and give broader possibilities for recruitment in the future.
- We would also like to develop connections with the Latin American community in the Netherlands.

# 23rd Nicaragua



 Population:
 7,046,310

 Urban:
 59.3%

 Under 15 yrs:
 29.9%

Official Language: Spanish,

English-speaking communities on

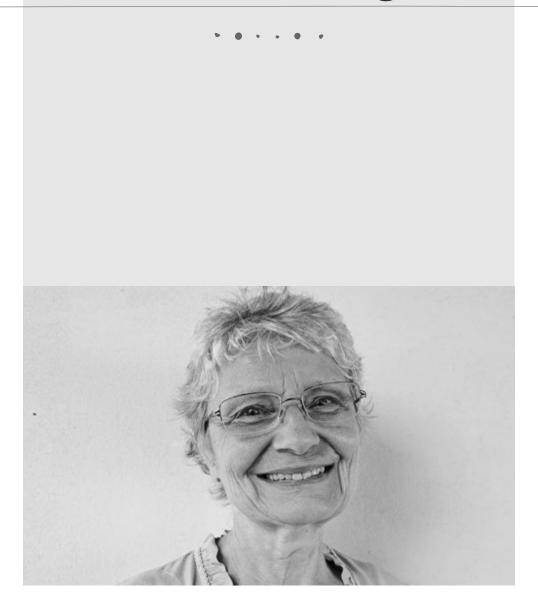
east coast

People groups: 18

#### Please pray with Latin Link Nicaragua:

- That the church takes its' place as salt and light in the nation in the fulfillment of the command of the Great Commission in the midst of the adverse circumstances that the country is going through at this time.
- That God brings revival to our nation.
  - May God bring renewal and transformation to our nation's leadership, in all areas committed to God and his values.
  - May he raise up a new generation of leaders in all areas of our country, committed to God and his kingdom values.
- That God comforts and strengthens all families who suffer with family members who are excluded or persecuted in any way. For those who are immersed in poverty, may God provide for them.

# 23rd Nicaragua



#### Lotti Rindlisbacher

Lotti lives and works in León. She is supporting the *Fe Mueve Montañas* (Faith Moves Mountains) ministry in intercession and biblical teaching; this ministry has several churches under its umbrella. She particularly likes to be in touch with the intercessors daily and to accompany them in their continued training so that they can develop and grow their own intercession groups.

CHURCH: STIFTUNG SCHLEIFE, WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND



**Population**: 34,352,719

 Urban:
 78.5%

 Under 15 yrs:
 25.3%

Official Languages: Spanish, Quechua.

Spanish-speakers 80.3%. Most Amerindians are Spanish-speaking or bilingual; 16.5% of the total population speak Quechua

People groups: 104

#### Please pray with Latin Link Peru:

- Pray for new members of the mobilisation team (led by María Huamanchumo) for the Lord's guidance in development of this ministry and to find new strategies.
- Pray for the change in leadership of Latin Link Peru in February and pray for the process to define the new strategic goals for the next stage.
- In February (18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>) we have our first regular conference after the pandemic. May it be a time to strengthen relationships with each other and to put into practice what we have learned from the course *How to improve interpersonal relationships* during the year.



### **Henry Charca**

Henry works at the International School of Arequipa. He leads Bible studies for staff. Together with the head of the Spiritual Area, he supervises and supports Christian ministries within the school, represents the school in the city, leads development of new projects for the school, and works closely with the school's head teacher.

CHURCH: ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, AREQUIPA, PERU



### **Sarah Clay**

Sarah is an active member of the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project and her local Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Huaraz. She is a member of the Latin Link Peru legal association. She mainly works discipling in group and one-to-one Bible studies, with a desire to see God's love change lives. Sarah will be on sending country assignment from April 2024.

CHURCH: PRETTYGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLCHESTER, ENGLAND



### Angela Durand de Silva

Angela coordinates the work of the Latin Link Peru (LLP) office, providing support to the LLP Leadership Team and the Association (legal side of LLP). At her church, she and her husband serve in the counseling ministry. Both continue to train at the ICPI to better serve the Lord in their ministry.

CHURCH: IGLESIA ALIANZA CRISTIANA Y MISIONERA DE EL AGUSTINO, LIMA, PERU



### Jerson and Rahel Guimas,

Jerson and Rahel with Sophie and Asser, work at the International School in Arequipa. They are part of the Christian Outreach team of the school, they lead Bible studies, devotionals and other activities to help the spiritual growth of the students, parents and teaching staff. They also help in the Shalom Centre at the school, for children with additional needs.

CHURCH: CHRISCHONA GEMEINDE, MARTHALEN, SWITZERLAND



### Mirjam and Jürg Hofer

Mirjam and Jürg support the work of *Corazones Unidos* (United Hearts), a Christian organization that promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities. They are also involved in various ministries in their local church, particularly for the elderly and families with children who have disabilities. Jürg is part of the pastoral team of the local church and president of the Latin Link Peru association.

CHURCH: EGW, SCHÖNBÜHL, SWITZERLAND; KIRCHE SPALEN (ETG), BASEL, SWITZERLAND



## **Eduardo and Margo Huamán**

Eduardo and Margo are working in Lima in the areas of evangelism and discipleship. They are supporting the local church through Bible courses to encourage spiritual growth and future leaders. Margo also works in the women's prison.

CHURCH: WINDSOR BAPTIST CHURCH, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND



#### María Huamanchumo

María has completed her two years of Stride and is in the process of becoming a long-term member. She will be responsible for Mission Mobilisation and the sending of Peruvians with Latin Link. This involves accompanying and supporting Peruvians wishing to serve cross-culturally within Peru or elsewhere, being involved in mission networks, attending events promoting Latin Link and supporting local churches to become involved and participate in God's mission.

CHURCH: IGLESIA ALIANZA CRISTIANA Y MISIONERA DE MIRAFLORES, LIMA, PERU



### **Sharon Jones**

Sharon coordinates the *Buena Tierra* (Good Soil) ministry. She is involved in creating and publishing biblical teaching materials for children and teenagers. *Buena Tierra* also has a variety of training courses for those involved in children's ministry, which Sharon and a team of Peruvians deliver.

CHURCH: GREAT ASHBY COMMUNITY CHURCH, STEVENAGE, ENGLAND; LADYGROVE CHURCH, DIDCOT, ENGLAND; LONG LANE CHURCH, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND; TOXTETH TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND



### **Mayte Lanero**

Mayte works with the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project in Huaraz as a Social Educator, both at the children's home and in a network for the protection of children and teenagers at risk, aiming to improve their whole situation, including their reintegration into a healthy family (biological family, foster care or adoption). In the midst of this work, the team looks for opportunities to share the gospel.

CHURCH: IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA BAUTISTA DE GRACIA, BARCELONA, SPAIN



### **Efraín and Livia Lara**

Efraín and Livia with Nathanael and Matthias, are working together with the IEP Israel church in Arequipa. Efraín is in his second year of Stride and works in the church's missions ministry supporting a new, predominantly Quechua-speaking church plant. Livia is involved with the children's and women's ministries at the new church plant.

CHURCH: GEMEINDEZENTRUM ESSEN-ALTENDORF, GERMANY;

ZELTWEG EVANGELICAL CHURCH, AUSTRIA

M (EFRAÍN): HENRY CHARCA



## Hannah Larco (nee Wilkinson)

Hannah lives in Lima with her husband, Carlos. They will be based in the UK from March to June on Sending Country Assignment. On their return to Peru, Hannah will continue to be a part of the Peru leadership team and the Peru member care team. She will also be exploring creation care ministry options based in Lima.

CHURCH: ST PAUL'S AND ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



### **Ruth McKee**

Ruth works in the Shalom Centre - part of the International School in Arequipa which helps children with additional needs and their families. She provides physiotherapy for the children and young adults and has the opportunity to share with them and their families about God. She also runs a physiotherapy group for children in a church building on the city outskirts.

CHURCH: RANDALSTOWN OLD CONGREGATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RANDALSTOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND



#### Fredi and Emma Rivero

Fredi and Emma with Jake, William, Sam and Amy, hope to start their two-year stride placement in February. At the time of writing, they and the Latin Link Peru team are exploring options and seeking God's guidance for their future ministry. They have a desire and heart to work and use their skills to help prevent trauma in children and to teach churches and projects on how to identify and deal with children who have experienced trauma.

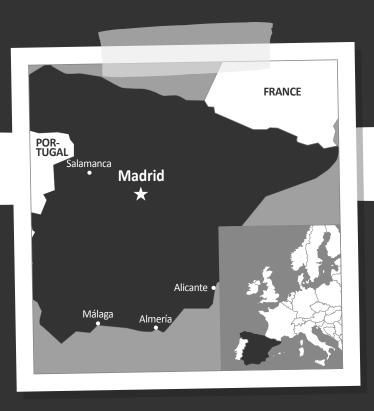
CHURCH: ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROSETTA ROAD, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND



#### **Paul and Ruth Turner**

Paul and Ruth are based in Lima. Paul is involved in developing Christian leaders in Peru through the Arrow leadership programme. He also works closely with the leaderships of the International School in Arequipa and the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project in Huaraz. Ruth serves on the International Core Team where she coordinates the area of member care. She also works alongside churches and mission agencies in Peru to develop member care resources and training for mission workers sent from Peru. They will be on sending country assignment from April for five months.

CHURCH: CHRISTCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, ENGLAND; RASHARKIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BALLYMENA, NORTHERN IRELAND



**Population:** 47,519,628

Urban: 81.1% Under 15 yrs: 14.6%

Official Languages: Catalán, Galician and Basque are

official languages in the

respective autonomous regions.
Castilian (Spanish) is the only

official language for all the Spanish

territory. Spanish is the first language of over 340 million people; the world's third most

widely used language

People groups: 106

#### Please pray with Latin Link Spain:

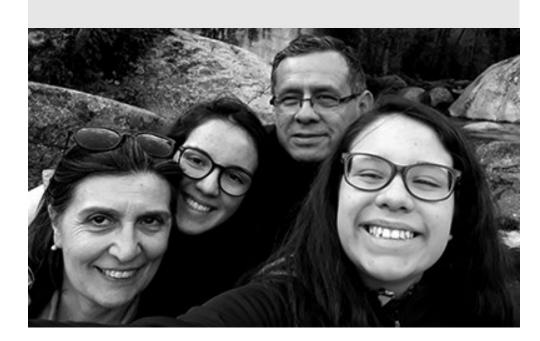
- For the testimony of the evangelical church and the inclusion of the many Latin American Christians who reside in Spain.
- For greater mission mobilisation within today's multicultural Spain and overseas.
- For the many local, national and international initiatives of the evangelical community in Spain seeking to aid those living in economic and other precarious situations. Give thanks for the impact these initiatives have had and pray for the ministry to those seeking help.
- For the ongoing political situation with a social coalition government in place until elections at the end of 2023 and for understanding amongst politicians to seek ways to deal with the long-term challenges in Catalonia.



## **Douglas and María Augusta Cowan**

Douglas and María work with media and local church ministries, currently based close to Alicante. Douglas is also Spain **Team Leader.** 

CHURCH: FINDLAY CHURCH, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND; HILLVIEW, GLOUCESTER, ENGLAND



## Jesús Espinola and María Jesús Hernández,

Jesús and María with Elisa and Laura, live in Madrid. They serve in the Evangelical Church in Suanzes in discipleship and missions, as well as in the development of Latin Link Spain as local members.

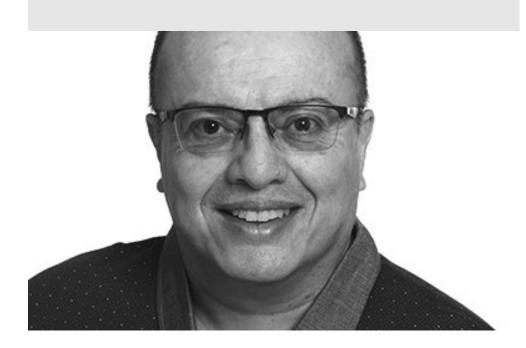
CHURCH: IGLESIA NUEVA VIDA, SANTANDER, SPAIN



### **Elvira Lezameta**

Elvira is serving with the *Paseo de la Estación* (Station Passage) Church in Salamanca. As part of the church team, she is involved in a church planting project, disciplingwomen, practisinghospitality and community outreach.

CHURCH: IGLESIA ALIANZA CRISTIANA Y MISIONERA DE MIRAFLORES, LIMA, PERU



## Ramiro Mejía

Ramiro lives in Almería, where he serves in the Evangelical church in Vícar. He oversees discipleship for the church, teaches God's word, develops home prayer groups and collaborates in the social work of the church.

CHURCH: IGLESIA CRISTIANA CONFRATERNIDAD DE UNICENTRO, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



## **Matias and Paula Rigau**

Matias and Paula with Santiago and Malena are serving in Málaga among refugees and migrants, teaching Spanish and English and giving practical and administrative support at cultural centre *La Luz* (The Light). They are members of Maranata Baptist church where Paula forms part of the Sunday school team teaching the preteen group; while Matias is working together with the pastor and helping with various church ministries.

CHURCH:SOUTHCOURT BAPTIST CHURCH, AYLESBURY, ENGLAND; ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW MILTON, ENGLAND; SAN ANDRÉS ANGLICAN CHURCH, SALTA, ARGENTINA



## **Jill Spink**

Jill coordinates the work of *Cascadas* (Waterfalls) in the Madrid mountains. *Cascadas* is a study retreat centre, focused on hospitality, care for creation, and biblical reflection on how the gospel relates to all areas of life (especially issues of social justice and culture), all in the context of a small community.

CHURCH: HOPE CHURCH, GREATHAM, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND



**Population**: 8,796,669

Urban: 74% Under 15 yrs: 14.9%

Official Languages: German,

French, Italian, Romansh

People groups: 40

### Please pray with Latin Link Switzerland:

- For new staff with a calling to strengthen the team.
- For wisdom and creativity in how to reach the young generation and encourage them to go on mission.
- For wisdom for the board of trustees as they give strategic direction.
- For wisdom to support our members individually in the different stages of their lives. Pray specifically for families and individuals in transition.



### **Zoé Bailat**

Zoé works in the French-speaking part of Switzerland and is involved in the process of selecting Striders. She represents Latin Link in several events taking place in the western part of Switzerland. Zoé is also developing a team that engages in the area of public relations.

CHURCH: EEP24-ÉGLISE PROVENCE 24, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND



## **Etienne and Jessica Freiburghaus**

with Timéa, Yann and Joana. After completing their twoyear Stride assignment last year, both are now working in Switzerland.

**Etienne** is studying part time in further theological training and **Jessica** is responsible for the care of Striders and for debriefing returned Short Termers.

CHURCH: FEG MURTEN, SWITZERLAND



### **Thomas and Manuela Weber**

Thomas and Manuela with Timo, Elina and Leana, are based in Winterthur. **As Team Leader,** Thomas is responsible for development; he heads up the office team in Winterthur and is Head of People Resources. He is also part of the International Core Team. Manuela is taking over the responsibility for the Swiss sent Stay members in January 2024. Her desire is to support and encourage people, especially for good self-care. She is also involved in the process of selecting mission candidates and preparing them for Latin America.

CHURCH: FCG, WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND

### **Board of trustees:**

Erna Walser (Chairman),
Hugo Baumer,
Stefanie Mühlemann
and Thomas Weber.

# 30th International



### **Suzanne Potter**

As International Team Leader, **Suzanne Potter** is based in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from where she provides visionary direction for the Latin Link community and supports our different country teams, and new initiatives as we respond to the changing face of missions. She is a member of the Guatemala México team and is involved in local mission mobilisation initiatives in Guatemala.

CHURCHES: TOTNES UNITED FREE CHURCH, DEVON, ENGLAND; RESTORE COMMUNITY CHURCH, LOUGHTON, ENGLAND.

## 30th International



#### The International Core Team

shapes the direction of Latin Link and supports country teams in their development. They also engage in and promote cross-team collaboration in order to better fulfil our purposes in a number of strategic areas. The Core team are **Suzanne Potter** (International Team Leader, and Team life), **Tim Flatman** (Consultation and New Initiatives), **Ruth Turner** (Member Care), **Mike Fernandez** (Mobilisation), **Vicky Valladares** (Communications) and **Thomas Weber** (Leadership transitions/Technology and Digital Development). Pray for wisdom and creativity as they lead and facilitate.

The Core team is supported by a team of volunteers: Alex Ortiz, Efrén Cuenca, Juan Orihuela, Lis Maldonado, Paola Cardona, Paola Hernández and Víctor Villoroel; helping Vicky in International Communications, and by Trish King, providing some bookkeeping support.

The International Forum is a group of experienced Latin Link members comprising of Katy Griggs (chair), Ray Miller, and Sadoc Chongo. They oversee the work of the International Team Leader and International Core Team. Pray that they would be wise advisors. Katy Griggs also serves as our Safeguarding officer for Latin Link International.

# 31st Step (Short-term teams)



Step is our short-term programme designed for teams of all ages. It offers a supported, hands-on introduction to serving God in another country and culture. Steppers live and work alongside the local church, often assisting with community projects and participating in outreach initiatives.

For the upcoming year, we have the following teams planned:

#### Spring (March - June):

Two teams from Britain and Ireland will be heading to Latin America. One team is bound for Guatemala, while the other will be travelling to Ecuador and Bolivia.

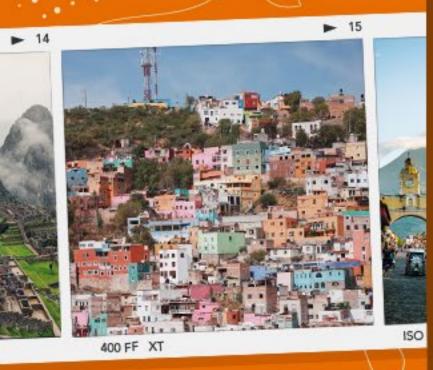
### Summer (July):

A team from Britain and Ireland will serve in Latin America.

#### **Connecting Step:**

Following the successful launch of our Connecting Step team in 2023, we are looking forward to sending another multicultural team to support the Latin American church in late 2024. We aim to form this team with individuals from various regions of Latin America and Europe.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. 1 Chronicles 16:11



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Latin Link aims to see vibrant, Bible-believing Christian communities in every part of Latin America, impacting their neighbours, their societies and the wider world.

We work in partnership with churches to send and receive individuals, families and teams to or from Latin American communities, to share the love of God.

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