

Missionary Reports.

Melissa Newell, from Dungannon Methodist Church, our latest Missionary has been serving in Ecuador since February 2022. Her calling is to Youth Discipleship. During the summer she had a youth event which was attended by over 100 young people. It was her first time to address so many people in Spanish. It was also the first time these young people had attended a Christian Youth event and got to meet neighboring Christians.

Melissa has started giving 2 English classes, one in a small village and the other in a larger church which is involved in a child sponsorship programme.

Some of you will have met Sandra Lopez, the Latin American co-ordinator of the Methodist Church in Britain. Sandra has visited Melissa, seen the work there and is supporting it.

Prayer points –

For all the young people attending the English classes.

For the Church in Latin America and it's leaders as they plan for the months ahead.

For Melissa as she settles in a new environment and makes new friends.

For safe travel.

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Stephen McCann

Stephen has been serving for 5 years in Ibiza and has set up an outreach in the West end of San Antonio. It is a 24-7 operation and exists to care for the emotional, and physical needs of the community. Stephen raises his own financial support to be able to carry out this work. It might be something we could think about.

The work in Ibiza has changed greatly in the last few years. Initially it was mainly helping vulnerable young holiday makers with drink and drug problems. Now it provides the homeless with food, washing facilities and a listening ear. Stephen also works with the prisons. This work is carried out alone by Stephen with occasional summer help from volunteers. He has started Alpha courses.

Prayer points

For Stephen's safety

That God would speak into the hearts of the those Stephen is helping.

That more help becomes available.

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Barry & Gillian Sloan

Barry & Gillian have been serving in East Germany since 1999. They are helping to restore Chemnitz to the beautiful peaceful city it once was. The area got very delipated and was affected by racism. 85% of the area is atheist however they are making an impact on the locals with their hospitality. People who

previously rejected an thoughts of church are now befriending them. Barry works 50% as director of Evangelism for Methodist church in Germany and the remainder for MCI. His work in some ways is similar to the work of the Home Mission Dept. as it includes church planting, evangelism and church planting. The way of doing things at Inspire in Germany is very different to here and we would have difficulty accepting the way it is done. It works for them and the gospel message is the same.

Gillian works at Inspire on Ecumenical Expressions.

Prayer Points

For health and safety for Gillian and Barry.

For church growth

That God would open more doors for them.

Traveling mercies.

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Our prayers may be awkward, our attempts feeble, but since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. Max Lucado.

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Heavenly Father,

We lift up to you Melissa, Stephen, Barry and Gillian. You called them to leave their homes and families to follow your purpose in their lives and the lives of those you come in contact with. They have answered the call to venture beyond what they have known to share You with others.

Father we pray protection over them and safety as they travel. We pray that the hearts that they come into contact with would be open to hear and receive the truth of your son Jesus Christ.

We pray for victory in your name and that doors that have remained closed will swing open wide to hear the message.

In Jesus name. Amen.