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“May your ways be known throughout the earth,

your saving power among people everywhere.

May the nations praise you, O God.  
Yes, may all the nations praise you.  
Let the whole world sing for joy.”

(Psalm 67: 2-4 NLT)

This is our prayer - that all the nations of the world would know God’s saving power and respond with praise. It’s the ultimate purpose of all our work and ministry, as we support the Latin American church in its mission in the world. Our members are involved in a variety of ministries both in Latin America and in Europe. Some of our teams are also increasing the work they do to mobilise and send Latin Americans in mission, as we open up opportunities for them to serve with partner agencies in ministries in the rest of the world. We pray that through these efforts, many more nations and people groups will come to know God and his saving power.

Thank you for joining us in praying for our members – and in praying to God for more of them. You can use this calendar at any point in the year, and can use the dates at the top of the page for your daily prayers throughout each month. All of our Stride (6 -24 month placements) and Stay (2yrs+) members are included.

Blessings,

**Suzanne Potter**, International Team Leader

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# 1st Argentina

<b>Population</b>	45,851,378
Urban	92.7%
Under 15 yrs:	25%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>People groups:</b>	85

## Please pray with Latin Link Argentina:

- ACIERA, Argentina's evangelical umbrella group, estimates nearly 20% of the population is evangelical. Pray this growing movement produces faithful disciples and true servants of Jesus.
- Last year, President Milei granted Protestant churches legal status, ending decades of discrimination and putting them on equal footing with the Roman Catholic Church. With decree 486/2025 issued, they ceased to be civic associations like any neighbourhood soccer club. Give thanks for this recognition and intercede that churches use it wisely to impact society for Christ.
- The current government has been polarising yet transformative. It claims poverty dropped 20 points through reduced corruption and more efficient social spending. Austerity brought inflation below 2% for three months running, the first time since 2017, while foreign currency controls were lifted. The number of ministries was downsized from 18 to 8. Pray for those hurt by the sharp shift toward libertarian principles or left vulnerable by the changes.



**Eden Andrews** is in the second year of her two-year Stride programme. She works with children, adolescents, and young adults at two Anglican churches and helps in the kitchen of *Proyecto Compartir* (a soup kitchen for homeless people), among other things.

CHURCH: AUDACIOUS CHURCH, CHESTER, ENGLAND AND ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESTER, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: FLAVIA LESCANO



**Hans, Priscilla and Josh Breekveldt**, live in Salta. Rebi and Mathias live in Belgium. Hans is the coordinating pastor of San Andrés Church and teaches Bible courses elsewhere. Priscilla supports two pastoral teams in Salta and has a wider role in the Anglican Diocese of Northern Argentina. She is part of member care teams and the leadership of the *Perspectivas* course. Josh has completed his Music degree and is considering next steps. Rebi and Mathias both work in the context of the Anglican Church in Belgium.

CHURCH: FAIRFIELD, NORTHWOOD HILLS EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ENGLAND



**Hazel and Martin Frost**, with Joni and Danny, live in San Francisco. They preach and teach in their local church, and Martin runs the tech side. Hazel has some teaching hours in a challenging school in a deprived neighbourhood and works with disabled people at a riding stable. She is also involved in a homework club and a Scout group. Martin works on some Christian technology projects and mentors some individuals. The Frosts also support several people with different needs. Hazel is part of the Southern Cone **leadership team**.

CHURCH: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BALDOCK, ENGLAND

**Daniel and Flavia Lescano, with Sofi**, live in Salta. Daniel, in his role as Vicar General of the Anglican Diocese of Argentina North, supervises and trains pastors and leaders from indigenous and urban areas in the region. Flavia is part of a church planting project in an area outside the city of Salta and, as a doctor, provides healthcare to indigenous people. Flavia is also part of the Southern Cone **leadership team**.



CHURCH: CRISTO EL SEÑOR ANGLICAN CHURCH, SALTA, ARGENTINA

**Hannah Wilson**, a recent Sociology graduate, will do Stride at San Andrés Church, in Salta, from January to July, combining her passion for people and cultures with sharing God's love with others. She will lead a kids' club, facilitate women's gym classes, and help with midweek gatherings; and assist with a twice-weekly food programme for the homeless, preparing and serving meals. During July, Hannah will support short-term mission work in rural indigenous communities assisting with the children's programme and itinerant training seminars.



CHURCH: G2 (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), YORK, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: TBC

Retired members **Mike and Esther Terry** continue to serve the local church in Mar del Plata. They are involved in a variety of speaking engagements, men's and women's fellowship groups and supporting young leaders. They are also facilitators for a Latin Link connect group on grief.



## 3rd Bolivia

<b>Population</b>	12,581,843
Urban	71.9 %
Under 15 yrs:	31%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>People groups:</b>	48

### **Please pray with Latin Link Bolivia:**

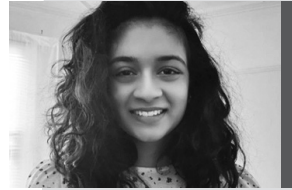
- Please pray that the new government would be more open to working with the evangelical church and Christian institutions.
- The evangelical church in Bolivia is enthusiastic in its evangelism but is hampered by questions of integrity, legalism and a lack of unity. Please pray for revival in Bolivia.
- As the Bolivian church matures, denominations are starting to see that they have a role to play in mission. Please pray that more churches would be awoken to this reality and seek to play their role.

**Daniel Allen** is based in Cochabamba. He works in the area of mission mobilisation within the Latin Link Bolivia team, promoting mission in local churches and local pastors. He also is involved in *Carachipampa* Christian School in the areas of discipleship and Bible teaching. Daniel will be getting married to Micaela, a Bolivian national, in April 2026.



CHURCH: STRANDTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH, BELFAST,  
NORTHERN IRELAND

**Caity Mathews** returned to Trinidad in July last year. This year, she is supporting student ministry through the work of *Comunidad Cristiana Universitaria* (IFES movement) until July. She will be coming alongside the different small groups and discipling students. Caity will also be involved in a local church.



CHURCH: JESMOND PARISH CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON  
TYNE, ENGLAND.  
MENTOR: SADIE GRACE HAMMOND

**Julie Noble** 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



**Joe Stoneham** works with a church in Trinidad that has opened a number of smaller satellites in the outskirts of the city. Joe is involved in preaching, the young adults' work and also trains lay people in preaching. Joe works part time with the IFES movement, *Comunidad Cristiana Universitaria*. He disciples student leaders and supports them with their small groups and evangelistic activities. Joe is **Team Leader** for Latin Link Bolivia.

CHURCH: HOOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH, SURBITON, SURREY, ENGLAND



**Víctor Villarroel, Sadie Grace Hammond** and their sons Ansel and Gideon, serve at *Asociación Nuevos Pasos* supporting various ministries. Víctor also works as a photographer for his own business, Víctor Frame Photography. Sadie Grace serves in member care and child protection for the Bolivia team and counsels university students through *El Alfarero*. The family are due to go on sending country assignment during the second half of 2026.

CHURCH: ARISE CHURCHES, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES



## 5th Brazil

<b>Population</b>	212,812,405
Urban	88.2%
Under 15 yrs:	21%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Portuguese
<b>People groups:</b>	323

### Please pray with Latin Link Brazil:

- Praise God for how he has led many Brazilians into intercultural mission over the last decades. Pray for wisdom for the Latin Link Brazil team to discern their role in partnering with the Brazilian church in mobilisation in the years ahead.
- In 2026 there will be presidential elections in Brazil. Pray that the Brazilian church may demonstrate Christian unity amidst a sharply polarised society, and that Latin Link Brazil may encourage this and exemplify Christ's power to reconcile.
- Members of Latin Link Brazil are spread out over a massive country! Pray that our attempts to foster community may be effective, helping us to encourage and care for one another in spite of the distance.



**Paul and Suzanne Crothers** work with the *Vale do Senhor/Ramá* (Valley) Project in Recife. It is a Christian community-based project, reaching out to children, teenagers and families. Paul's main focus is a football ministry with teenage boys whilst Suz's project supports disadvantaged teenage girls.

CHURCH: SLOAN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LISBURN, NORTHERN IRELAND; BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, RADCLIFFE, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND



**Izaías and Ruth Daniel de Assis** work in Ceará state in rural northeast Brazil. They are committed to expanding God's kingdom through church planting using life groups and sports projects for children and adolescents. They also work with social mission/business as mission, construction of long-term care homes and of houses for at-risk families, and receiving and sending tentmaking missionaries.

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



**Tim and Hannah Flatman**, 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. Hannah serves 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, KINGSBRIDGE, ENGLAND; HEADINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, OXFORD, ENGLAND

**Ethan Lawrence** is on Stride until autumn 2026, working with *De Braços Abertos* (With Open Arms) in a semi-rural area on the edge of Recife. The ministry serves young people through education, sports and music, seeking to reach them with the gospel and provide them with a safe space to grow and develop, a quality education, and opportunities for the future. Ethan is involved in football and music ministries, community outreach and family visits.

CHURCH: BRAVE CHURCH, OSWALDTWISTLE, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: PAUL CROTHERS



**Gwyn Roberts** arrived in Cariré in October 2025 to serve alongside long-term members Ruth and Izaías until April 2026. His main focus is football ministry and the discipleship of teenage boys, but he is also involved in the local church, Paz Church, and its Life Groups. He has a big passion for getting alongside young people and sharing the gospel with them, especially by using sports.

CHURCH: CHRIST CHURCH FULWOOD, SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: THALES DAMASCENO DE ANDRADE



**Phil and Carolina Rout**, with Benjamin, Samuel and Joanna, live on the campus of the *Seminário Teológico Cristão Evangélico do Brasil* in Anápolis, central Brazil. Phil is a member of the college teaching staff and Carolina is involved in teaching and discipling women. Carolina also works with children's ministry and serves in member care for Latin Link families with children. Phil and Carolina are both on the Brazil **leadership team**.

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





**Marisa Schwarz** arrives in January to serve for six months with *Projeto Semente* in Recife, Pernambuco. The project is part of the *Instituto Robinson Cavalcante*, connected to the Anglican church in Recife. She will be involved in music lessons, language lessons, homework club, and Bible studies, reaching Venezuelan and Brazilian children who live in nearby communities, as well as helping the local church in reaching and walking alongside refugees and other migrants, including Afghans.

CHURCH: EVANGELISCH-METHODISTISCHE KIRCHE, AARAU, AG,  
SWITZERLAND  
MENTOR: SUZ CROTHERS



## 7th Britain & Ireland

**Population** 74,859,371  
**Urban** 83.68%

**Under 15 yrs:** 18.21%

**Official Languages:** English, Irish, Welsh

**People groups:** 106

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

- Please pray that we would faithfully seek God's guidance and direction throughout the coming year whether it be in major strategy decisions or in our day-to-day interactions and decisions.
- Pray that the church in Britain and Ireland would respond to God's call to step into his global mission in fresh ways through prayer, giving, going, and receiving.
- Pray that the Britain and Ireland team could be effective in communicating the opportunities for mission in Latin America and Europe and in mobilising people to serve through the Step, Stride and Stay programmes.
- Pray that our country would continue to be a place of welcome for 'the stranger'. At a time of increasing national tension and political division around the issue of immigration, would the love and compassion of Jesus continue to flow through his church.



**Diego Abril** is from Bogotá, Colombia and has come to the UK on a Stride placement. With fellow Strider Lucía, Diego is doing an internship at Christ Church Barnet until September, and when he isn't serving the church, he is studying on the New Wine Discipleship programme.

CHURCH: LA CASA, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA  
MENTOR: PIPE FIGUEROA



**Bridget Bennett** continues to serve with the Britain and Ireland Team in the role of Stride Placement Coordinator for those serving in Latin America. This includes selection, orientation and communication with volunteers and the country teams. She serves in her local church in various ministries.

CHURCH: BILTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, RUGBY, ENGLAND



**Maribel Beyuma Chao** is serving at St Hilda's Church, Manchester where she is supporting with pastoral care through mentoring, counselling and discipleship. She is also in charge of the Christian chaplaincy at the University Academy 92 (UA92).

CHURCH: FAMILIA KAIROS, SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA

**Lelmer and Renata Campos**, along with their children Joshua and Bethany, serve at Cornerstone Church in Weymouth, Dorset, where Lelmer is the pastor. In addition to teaching and leading the elders, Lelmer is involved in family and children's ministry, community outreach, and providing pastoral care. Renata works as a Teaching Assistant at a local Christian school, actively supports Lelmer in family ministry, and is part of the Sunday school teaching team.



CHURCH: SEMINARIO SERVOS DE CRISTO, GUARAPARI, BRAZIL

**Heather Cochrane** is Ireland Coordinator and is based in Belfast. She maintains contact with the community of supporters across Ireland, promotes Latin Link at local church gatherings and other events, supports members sent from Ireland and seeks to mobilise individuals and church groups for global mission. Heather served overseas in Brazil and Portugal for over 22 years with her husband, James, who is now the pastor of their local church in Belfast. They have two adult daughters.



CHURCH: RAVENHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

**Wilma and Paul Davies** 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: FISHPONDS BAPTIST CHURCH, BRISTOL, ENGLAND;  
KINGS CHURCH, BANGOR, NORTHERN IRELAND



**Kathie Davis-Bater** is the 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



**Damy Duarte de Souza Silva** is from Custódia, in the northeast of Brazil. Until September 2026 he is serving on a Stride placement at St Barnabas Church in Winchester assisting small groups, leading worship, doing community work - to name just a few things! On days off he may be found playing guitar or having passionate discussions about philosophy.

CHURCH: IGREJA BETEL BRASILEIRO DE CUSTÓDIA  
MENTOR: TIM HARRISON



**Mike Fernandez** 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**, with their daughters Chloe and Gabriela, are serving as leaders of a youth ministry at Christ Church Barnet, North London, which includes outreach and discipling teens through midweek clubs and youth groups.

CHURCH: LA CASA, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



**Jemima Firman** is our Step Coordinator, responsible for organising short-term mission teams sent from the UK to Spain and Latin America. Having previously done Stride in Brazil and Bolivia, she is now based in Winchester. She has recently become hooked on crochet.

CHURCH: ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, HERNE HILL, ENGLAND



**Denise and David Flynn** work in an advisory capacity among the Deaf community and church ministries in the UK, Bolivia and across Latin America teaching Christian discipleship and running Bible-training workshops in British and Bolivian sign languages 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 social projects, including a church building construction.

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





**Sharon Jones** is our new Communications Manager. She 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. In May 2025 Sharon returned from nearly 19 years serving with Latin Link in Peru, and now lives in Liverpool.

CHURCH: TOXTETH TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND; LONG LANE CHURCH, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND



**Raquel Lima** 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 CAMINHO DA SALVAÇÃO E, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL



**Terry Lockyer** 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** is Head of Programmes. Simone works alongside a dedicated team to oversee the Step, Stride and Stay programmes—supporting those being sent to Latin America from Britain and Ireland, as well as those arriving to serve here. It’s a role full of coordination, planning, and partnership, no two days are the same. For Simone, one of the best parts of the job is meeting new people and hearing their stories. Outside of work, you’ll likely find her happily lost in a book or spending time with her family and friends, where laughter and love are never in short supply.



CHURCH: SUTTON COLDFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, SUTTON COLDFIELD, ENGLAND

**Ray Miller** is married to Bridget Bennett, and they live in Rugby, Warwickshire. Ray is stepping down as a member of the Latin Link International Forum and as a Trustee of Latin Link International at the International Assembly in January 2026. He will continue to work remotely as an Academic Tutor with the interdisciplinary team of the Department in Intercultural Studies, specifically the Masters in Intercultural Studies, 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

**Marie Nevers** serves as the Finance Manager, overseeing the organisation’s day-to-day financial operations. Her responsibilities include the preparation of management accounts, statutory accounts and coordination of the annual audit, budget management, and supervision of payroll processes.



CHURCH: TYNDALE BAPTIST CHURCH, READING, ENGLAND



**Emel Ozarikan** is the Finance Officer, responsible for making payments and processing payroll.



**Lucía Rodríguez**, is from Bogotá, Colombia. She is serving a year's Stride placement until September at Christ Church Barnet. Whilst serving in various ministries across the community, Lucía is also studying on the New Wine Discipleship programme.

CHURCH: LA CASA, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA  
MENTOR: ABI FIGUEROA



**Laura Sanlon** is based in Belfast, and is responsible for Diaspora Research and Development, 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: NEWTOWNBRED A BAPTIST CHURCH, BELFAST,  
NORTHERN IRELAND

**Paul Savage** 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** is Head of Mobilisation and is passionate about inspiring the UK church to engage in global mission. She oversees and supports the Area Coordinators 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: ST MARY'S CHURCH (THE MINSTER), AXMINSTER, ENGLAND.



**Catharine Turton** 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 youth work in her local church and loves spending time walking, sewing, reading, and eating cake!

CHURCH: ST JAMES CHURCH, WOODLEY, READING, ENGLAND





**Edith Vilamajó** is embarking on a new phase in her ministry, during which she will devote herself to producing resources in Spanish with *Editorial Andamio* and others. She also continues to mentor women. She is married to Peter, and they have a son, Alex.

CHURCH: EMMANUEL CHURCH, OXFORD, ENGLAND



**Abel Wang** is originally from China, and became a Christian while studying in the UK as an international student. He has visited Argentina twice—first as part of a Step Team, and more recently during the summer as a Stride member. Abel is currently serving at St Andrew’s Chelsea Church in London and is preparing to return to Argentina for a longer-term Stride placement in the future.

CHURCH: SANDYFORD HENDERSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

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## 12th Chile

**Population** 19,859,921  
 Urban 88.2%  
 Under 15 yrs: 19%

**Official Languages:** Spanish  
 (but Mapudungun increasingly recognised)

**People groups:** 29

### Please pray with Latin Link Chile:

- After last year's elections, a new president will be installed in March 2026. Pray for him/her to govern wisely for the next four years.
- Chile, once deeply rooted in Catholic tradition, is now shifting toward a mindset where everyone defines their own truth. Few engage with any church, evangelical or Catholic, unless raised in it. Pray that the Church remains relevant, sharing the gospel with clarity and love amid this profound cultural shift.
- Economically, Chile was once considered a model country in Latin America. However, today, due to various factors, poverty has increased rapidly and there are many people living on the streets. Those who suffer the most are the children. Please pray that the Church may be a source of support for those most in need.



**Benjamín and Ruth Curín**, with Abigail and Matías, are planting a church in Temuco which is part of the Anglican Church in Chile. Benjamín oversees pastoring the church through preaching, discipleship and Christian counselling. He is also completing a master's course in Christian Leadership. Ruth frequently helps with the children's work at the church and is involved in *Parakaleo*, a ministry for women in church planting. She is also part of the Southern Cone **leadership team**.

CHURCH: NITON BAPTIST CHURCH, ISLE OF WIGHT, ENGLAND



## 13th Colombia

<b>Population</b>	53,425,636
Urban	82.9%
Under 15 yrs:	23%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>People groups:</b>	121

### Please pray with Latin Link Colombia:

- Pray for the upcoming elections in Colombia in 2026. In May, the next president and new senators will be elected. Pray that there will be no outbreaks of violence and that the lives of all candidates will be preserved. Pray that the next political leaders will be men and women who truly care about the needs of all Colombians and that their political agendas will truly provide solutions.
- Pray for the Church in Colombia. The church needs a spiritual awakening so that it can be a positive influence throughout society. Pray that the church may find its place in God's mission and be relevant to the different challenges and needs where it is established.
- Pray that God will raise up a generation of young mobilisers within the churches; a harvest of young people with a missionary vision who can take the gospel of the kingdom not only to their community, but also to other places/cities/nations.

**Diana Lucia Andrade** is a Stay member, serving part-time as Short-Term Coordinator for the Colombia team. She also helps coordinate mixed short-term mission teams (foreign and national) in partnership with churches and partner organisations. She supports the training of missionaries and youth groups in vulnerable communities.



CHURCH: IGLESIA BÍBLICA REFORMADA ESCRITO ESTÁ, IBAGUÉ, COLOMBIA

**Patricia Cuéllar de Reaño and Manuel Reaño.** Patty is a family therapist and works primarily with leaders, pastors and pastors' wives both doing counselling and mentoring in groups linked to Koinonos. She is married to Manuel, who serves with Christ for the City (CFCl), but ministers mainly through MentorLink International (MLI), Pastors Mentors International Network (PMin), and also serves as teacher, preacher and consultant for several churches within and without the country. Patty and Manuel have served in Colombia since 1999.



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

**Miriam Hernández** 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 as multipliers. She leads the 'Healing the Wounds of the Heart' training for youth and women. She partners in evangelisation and ministers in the local church. Latin Link does not have a team in Cuba yet, so she is part of the Latin Link Colombia team.



CHURCH: IGLESIA NAZARET CENTRAL, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA



**Ian and Juliana Horne**, 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** lives in Bogotá. She works in *Hogar Feliz*, a programme of accompaniment and empowerment of families with Deaf, Deaf-blind children and Deaf children with multiple disabilities. She mentors a Deaf teacher who teaches sign language to families. She is part of a team that develops and teaches material on holistic health and life skills for Deaf students. She is also part of a pilot project to develop a mentoring service for Deaf youth.

CHURCH: FEG, WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND



**Lois Macaulay** is a Strider from the UK arriving in Colombia in March for six months. She will be supporting *Funda Sion*, which is dedicated to tutoring, evangelism, and discipleship of children and young people in the municipality of Piedras, in the department of Tolima.

CHURCH: ALL SAINTS PRESTON, PRESTON, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: MAGNOLIA CHARRY



**Lotti Rindlisbacher** lives and works in western Venezuela (Táchira State) and supports the 'Comprehensive Strategic Operations Centres' project. She mainly serves in evangelism and discipleship, teaches women in low-income neighbourhoods, and has a heart for intercession. Latin Link does not have a team in Venezuela, so Lotti is part of the Latin Link Colombia team.

CHURCH: STIFTUNG SCHLEIFE, WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND

**Katie Rowell** returned to Colombia at the start of 2026. She lives in Bogotá and serves with *Iglesia Verdad y Gracia* (Truth and Grace Church). The church has various ministries, including a mission to the Wayuu indigenous group living in northern Colombia. Katie is supporting several aspects of the church's work, including assisting with discipleship, counselling, and teaching English at the *Casa Crea* children's project. After completing her Stride placement, Katie will transition to the Stay programme.



CHURCH: HILLFIELDS CHURCH, COVENTRY, ENGLAND

**Louis and Maribel Woodley**, are based near Bogotá. Louis is involved in leadership training including the Timothy Institute in Colombia and local Bible school, he also preaches in local churches. Maribel is involved in mentoring, counselling, and visiting rehabilitation centres with the local church. She also helps in a children's club in a vulnerable area. She is part of Latin Link's international member care team.



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

**William Zapata, his wife Nadia Hirsig**, and daughter Kenya, live in Chía, very close to Bogotá. They work with several churches in the Disciples of Christ denomination in pastoral accompaniment, training, leadership development and strategic management. They also encourage churches to mobilise. Their son Jeremy studies in Germany.



CHURCH: EGW GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND



## 16th Costa Rica

<b>Population</b>	5,152,950
Urban	83.7%
Under 15 yrs:	21%
<b>Official Languages:</b>	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 and 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.

**Ian and Brenda Darke** 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 American 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.





## 17th Ecuador

<b>Population</b>	18,289,896
Urban	65.3%
Under 15 yrs:	28%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>People groups:</b>	36

### Please pray with Latin Link Ecuador:

- President Daniel Noboa's government continues to face several challenges, including economic instability; a high rate of corruption within many public authorities; and the significant increase in crime, especially in major cities and coastal provinces, much of which appears to be related to gangs linked to drug trafficking. Pray for wisdom, integrity and courage for all who serve the Ecuadorian people.
- In the midst of these challenges, pray that the evangelical church would be a light in the darkness and stand firm on the truth of God's word.
- Pray too for Christian entrepreneurs who can provide employment opportunities for the many who desperately need work, combining this with a lifestyle and leadership which draw people to know the Lord.



**Jaap and Linda Bezemer**, 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



**David Gregg** is a Strider based in Sangolquí, just outside of Quito. He is serving with the *Niños con Destino* (Children with a Destiny) project, which seeks to eradicate child labour. David's focus is on the spiritual input and the daily devotional times that the children and young people who attend the programme receive, as well as joining in with other activities going on – homework help, sports sessions and music classes. David finishes his placement in February.

CHURCH: BLOOMFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELFAST,  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
MENTOR: ERIK VASQUEZ



**Katy Griggs** is the Latin Link Ecuador **Team Leader**, based in Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas. Katy is involved with two local projects: Orphahids, 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

**Priska Hofer** is a Strider using her nursing profession to serve in a medical centre that forms part of a wider foundation reaching out to the city of Cayambe and the indigenous communities in the surrounding countryside. The medical centre aims to share the love of God through providing high quality affordable and accessible medical care. Priska finishes her placement in mid-May.



CHURCH: BEWEGUNG PLUS (CBZ) EN LANGNAU IM  
EMMENTAL, SWITZERLAND  
MENTOR: ALINE REBER

**Abby Murphy** is the Short-Term Coordinator for Latin Link Ecuador. She is based in Santo Domingo where she supports the Orphaid's 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

**Charlotte Small** is a Strider serving in Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas. Part of the week, she supports the Orchid Project, equipping adults who have disabilities with skills for life to live more independently. The rest of the week, Charlotte is based with the rural Tsáchila communities, supporting an Ecuadorian missionary couple who are evangelising and discipling in the communities. Charlotte finishes her placement in June.



CHURCH: CHRIST CHURCH GREENBANK, NORTHWICH,  
ENGLAND  
MENTOR: ABBY MURPHY



**Andrin and Johanna Zurbuchen**, are serving in several Kichwa communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon, together with a Finnish missionary, Hanna Eriksson. They are undertaking a two-year placement as Striders. They offer educational support to the children, are connecting with the young people, discipling the families and practically supporting the construction of a new centre for the ministry.

CHURCH: FEG KEHLHOF, BERG TG, SWITZERLAND  
MENTORS: TO BE CONFIRMED



## 19th Guatemala

<b>Population</b>	18,687,882
Urban	54%
Under 15 yrs:	34%
<b>Official Languages:</b>	Spanish; 23 recognised Amerindian languages
<b>People groups:</b>	59

### Please pray with Latin Link Guatemala:

- Give thanks for local mobilisers, mobilisation coordinator and Guatemalans who have expressed interest in mission. 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 cross-culturally 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 them to serve in Guatemala and how to effectively support all members and volunteers and create healthy Christian community.
- 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 the development of Latin Link Guatemala as a legal entity, giving thanks for an excellent group who are willing to be trustees.



**Geoff Baines** and his wife, **Cesia Pascual**, together with their daughter **Sofia**, are currently on long-term sabbatical in Wilmore Kentucky. Geoff is studying his PhD in Biblical Studies in Asbury Theological Seminary, while Cesia is continuing to work with “Connected Hearts”, offering counselling online to women prisoners. They will return to Guatemala upon completion of Geoff’s studies.

CHURCH: LANGLEY FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, LANGLEY, ENGLAND; ST. MARY’S CHURCH, WYKE, ENGLAND; ST. ANDREW’S & ST. PETER’S CHURCH, SHOEBURYNNESS, ENGLAND



**Murielle Beer** lives in San Juan Alotenango and she serves with the ministry *Asociación Esperanza de Vida*. The association provides primary education to children from low-resource families. Murielle is focusing on children and young people with additional needs and/or who are still unable to read and write, which prevents them from progressing in their studies.

CHURCH: NEUES LAND REGION GANTRISCH, SCHWARZENBURG, SWITZERLAND



In June 2025, **Sadoc and Vivi Chongo**, with Olivia, and Sadoccito moved to Guatemala City for a sabbatical year. This special time is dedicated to personal growth, service, and discerning their future. While Sadoc and Vivi study Pastoral Studies and Counselling at SETECA, Olivia and Sadoccito continue their education through homeschooling. Their mission is to serve the local church and explore the path God has for them as a family.

CHURCH: UNION CHURCH OF GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

**Leni Cullen** will be serving as a Strider from February to September at the Oasis children's home, San Lucas Sacatepéquez. The home provides holistic care and support for girls who have suffered sexual violence. Leni will be providing administrative support for the legal department and helping with the devotionals and everyday activities in the project.



CHURCH: KINGSGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND.

MENTOR: KATE MORENO

**Kate and Jacobo Moreno** live in San Lucas Sacatepéquez. Kate is a social worker with a focus on safeguarding. She promotes best practice through training and policies to transform the care and protection provided in children's homes, community projects and churches. Kate is also the **Team Leader**. As a civil engineer with his own business, Jacobo uses best practices in the construction field, giving decent employment and by being light in the midst of workplace injustice.



CHURCH: SOUL SURVIVOR, WATFORD, ENGLAND

**Vicky Valladares** has been working with the Core Team for the past seven years, developing communication resources through graphic design and, over the last four years, supporting Latin Link's international communications on a part-time basis. Her placement will come to an end in February. Later that month, she will celebrate her wedding to Owen, from Chile, in Guatemala, and afterward they will begin their new life together in Chile.



CHURCH: IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA C.A. CAMINO DE VIDA, GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA.



**Rose Wade** will return to Guatemala in February 2026, after Sending Country Assignment and the International Assembly. She is currently discerning next steps in ministry.

CHURCH: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAINTFIELD, NORTHERN IRELAND

**Karla Coronado** is a volunteer for the Guatemala team, serving in the area of mobilisation. Karla is a mobiliser, providing training opportunities for Guatemalans interested in mission and accompanying members sent from Guatemala.



## 21st Nicaragua

<b>Population</b>	7,007,502
Urban	60.5%
Under 15 yrs:	30%
<b>Official Language:</b>	Spanish, English-speaking communities on the east coast
<b>People groups:</b>	18

### Please pray with Latin Link Nicaragua:

We give thanks for Lotti Rindlisbacher, who served with Latin Link in Nicaragua for many years. Lotti continues to serve with Latin Link, but now in Venezuela (you can find her in the Colombia team pages). We continue to pray for the church in Nicaragua, and for discernment as we listen to God about Latin Link's involvement there in the future. Latin Link does not have a team in Venezuela, so Lotti is part of the Latin Link Colombia team.



## 22nd Peru

**Population** 34,576,665  
**Urban** 79.4%  
**Under 15 yrs:** 25%

**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:

- General elections are taking place in April 2026. Pray for a peaceful process and that Peru's new leaders can put the country's interests before their own, and fear God.
- The number of victims of extortion and general insecurity continues to rise. Pray for a reversal of this situation.
- May God continue to use the Church in Peru to be salt and light, not only in Peru, but around the world through its sent missionaries.

**Henry Charca** works at the International School in Arequipa. He leads Bible studies for teachers at the school and parents at the Shalom Centre. Together with the Head of the Spiritual Area, he supervises and supports the Christian ministries within the school, represents the school in the city, leads the development of new projects for the school and works closely with the school principal.



CHURCH: ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, AREQUIPA, PERU

**Sarah Clay** is an active member of the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project and her local church in Huaraz. She is a member of the Latin Link Peru legal association. She mainly works in groups and one-to-one Bible studies, with a desire to see God’s love change lives. Sarah longs to make disciples who make disciples, and who want to have a daily encounter with God in his word, and apply it in their life.



CHURCH: PRETTYGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLCHESTER, ENGLAND

**Angela Durand de Silva** coordinates the work of the Latin Link Peru (LLP) office, providing support to the LLP Leadership and the Association (legal face of LLP). She and her husband, Carlos, serve in the counseling ministry. Since 2025 they have been involved in online groups which encourage people to read books on spiritual growth.



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



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

CHURCH: CHRISCHONA GEMEINDE, MARTHALEN, SWITZERLAND



**Jürg and Mirjam Hofer** support the work of *Corazones Unidos*, a Christian organisation that promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities. They also serve in various ministries in their local church, particularly for the elderly and families with children with disabilities. Jürg is part of the pastoral team of the local church and president of the legal association of Latin Link Peru.

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



**Eduardo and Margo Huamán** are working in Lima in the areas of evangelism and discipleship. They are supporting the House of God church (Huaycan) 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** is a Stay member. She is responsible for the area of mobilisation and helping send Peruvians with Latin Link. This involves accompanying and supporting Peruvians who wish to serve cross-culturally within Peru or abroad, participating in missionary networks, attending events promoting Latin Link, and supporting local churches to become involved and participate in God’s mission.



CHURCH: CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH OF MIRAFLORES, LIMA, PERU

**Mayte Lanero** works with the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project in Huaraz as a Social Educator, both at the children’s home and promoting foster care and adoption at the church and in society. 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** with their children, Nathanael, Matthias and Timotheo, live in Arequipa. They work with the church IEP Israel, supporting the church’s missions ministry in the new church plant in Huacsapata. Efraín is focusing on discipleship, prayer, and evangelisation. Livia will continue her involvement with women. She also works on developing the Sunday school, focusing on teacher training.



CHURCH: GEMEINDEZENTRUM ESSEN-ALTENDORF, GERMANY; FREIKIRCHE MURTAL, AUSTRIA



**Hannah Larco (née Wilkinson)** lives in Lima with her husband, Carlos. Hannah works alongside A Rocha Peru as the 'Green Church' coordinator, teaching and engaging churches and Christian institutions in the biblical principle of creation care as well as supporting them in their practical responses. Carlos works as a lawyer in the public sector and is an associate for the Latin Link Peru legal association. They both serve on the *Matriminos Jovenes* (newly married) ministry team at their local church.

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



**Ruth McKee** 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 on the city outskirts.

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



**Grace Nuth** serves with the *San Lucas* Association's children's orchestra, using her musical talents to teach violin, viola, and cello. She works with Latin Link members Fredi and Emma Rivero at the local university, helping to establish a Christian youth group and support a young adults ministry.

CHURCH: BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DEVON, ENGLAND  
MENTOR: TBC

**Fredi and Emma Rivero**, with Jake, William, Sam and Amy, are transitioning from Stride to Stay in Moyobamba. They are training leaders in music ministry. They are involved with the *San Lucas* Association and Youth Orchestra. Through Mission 610, they are involved in missions/evangelism in the hard to reach villages in the region. They continue to work in safeguarding, protecting children and vulnerable people and educating about trauma in childhood. They are fostering a baby, and their desire is to promote fostering in the local church and the region.



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

MENTORS: JERSON AND RAHEL GUIMAS

**Paul and Ruth Turner** are based in Lima. Paul is involved in developing Christian leaders in Peru through the Arrow Leadership Programme. He works closely with the leaderships of the International School in Arequipa and the *Turmanyé* (Rainbow) project in Huaraz. He is also a part of the Lausanne Peru leadership. Ruth serves on the International Core Team where she coordinates the area of member care across Latin Link. She also works alongside churches and mission agencies in Peru to develop member care resources and training, as well as to support sending churches and mission workers sent from Peru.



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

### **Latin Link Peru associates:**

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Henry Charca

Sarah Clay

Mirjam Hofer

Jürg Hofer

Margo Huamán

Juan Inocencio Silva

Carlos Larco Espinoza

Luis Lopez Del Águila

Mario Pérez Rojas

Gustavo Yábar Farfán



## 25th Spain

**Population** 47,889,958  
Urban 82.1%  
Under 15 yrs: 15%

**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.

**People groups:** 104

### 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.

**Douglas Cowan** is the **Team Leader** of the Spain Team.

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



**Joel González and Mayra Gómez de González**, with their son Joel Fernando, are on secondment to the European Christian Mission and are currently serving as hosts for a guest house in Camarma de Esteruelas, Madrid. They also conduct Bible studies, prayer meetings, discipleship programmes, and networking with local churches and civil organisations for evangelistic and missional purposes.

CHURCH: PARTICK TRINITY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND; RIVERSIDE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, AYR, SCOTLAND; ST. CLEMENT ANGLICAN CHURCH, TEXAS, UNITED STATES



**Jesús Espinola, María Jesús Hernández** and their daughter Laura live in Madrid. They work with the Evangelical Church in Suanzes in discipleship and missions, as well as in the development of Latin Link Spain as local members. Once a month they set up a book table in a village in Zamora, where there is no church, hoping to form a Bible study group.

CHURCH: IGLESIA NUEVA VIDA, SANTANDER, SPAIN



**Elvira Lezameta** lives in Ciudad Rodrigo, where she is serving in the church planting project, which is run by the Paseo de la Estación Church in Salamanca. In January 2025, a Bible study group was started with two Spanish couples.

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





**Ramiro Mejía**, lives in Almería, where he serves at Life Point Church. He is involved in discipling people both inside and outside the church, teaching God's Word during Sunday services and in small groups (both in homes and at the church).

CHURCH: IGLESIA CRISTIANA CONFRATERNIDAD DE UNICENTRO, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



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

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



**Jill Spink** 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, ENGLAND



## 27th Switzerland

<b>Population</b>	8,967,408
Urban	74.5%
Under 15 yrs:	15%
<b>Official Languages:</b>	German, French, Italian, Romansh
<b>People groups:</b>	48

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

CHURCH: EEP24-ÉGLISE PROVENCE 24, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND



**Eva Blatter** is a short-term coordinator and responsible for organising the Stride projects. She is also involved in the selection process of the Striders and in mission preparation. Additionally, Eva manages Latin Link Switzerland's various social media platforms and works in public relations.

CHURCH: FEG STEFFISBURG, SWITZERLAND



**Etienne and Jessica Freiburghaus** with their children Timéa, Yann and Joana. Jessica is responsible for the care of Striders and for debriefing returned short-termers. She is also involved in preparing the Striders.

CHURCH: FEG MURTEN, SWITZERLAND

**Thomas and Manuela Weber**, 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 responsible for the Swiss sent Stay members. 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:**

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Stefanie Mühlemann

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Thomas Weber

## ..... 29th International .....



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

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



The **International Core Team** support Suzanne in the work of Latin Link International, providing strategic direction, and support to teams and members. They also 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). They will complete their term of service at the International Assembly in February 2026 and a new Core Team will be proposed during that event. Pray for a healthy transition, and for creativity and wisdom in their leadership.

The Core Team is supported by a team of volunteers: **Alex Ortiz**, **Juan Orihuela**, **Lis Maldonado**, **Paola Cardona**, **Paola Hernández**, **Silvia García** and **Víctor Villarroel** 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. They will also complete their term of service at the International Assembly in February 2026, when a new International Forum will be elected.

## Step – Short-term teams



**Step is our short-term programme** designed for teams of individuals who are passionate about seeing God's kingdom come globally. It's a hands-on introduction to cross-cultural mission immersed in life on the ground in local communities. Alongside churches, Steppers participate in a wide range of ministries; from the personal, such as Christian outreach and children's work, to the practical, such as church construction and meeting the basic needs of the local communities.

In 2026, we have the following teams planned:

### **Spring (March - July):**

The Britain and Ireland team will be sending two Step teams to Latin America for four months. While one team serves in the north of Colombia, another will be travelling to Ecuador and then Argentina to work alongside local churches. Please keep the Steppers in your prayers as they prepare to depart in March and serve in Latin America.

### **Summer (July/August):**

Britain and Ireland will also be sending shorter 4-week teams in July and August. They will be partnering with various projects and churches across Latin America and Spain.

**Pray that our 2026 Step teams, although short-term, would have a positive long-term impact, and share God's love to the communities that they serve.**

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## STEP INTO THE STORY



Our prayer is that 2026 will be a year of wholehearted living - inspired by the call of Colossians 3:23,

**‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.’**

No matter how God is calling us to step into his mission story this year - whether it's by praying, giving, going or mobilising others, may we do it all for Jesus - the audience of one. It is amazing to see how God can use one wholehearted person – no matter how ordinary - to make a whole lot of difference, simply by giving him their yes!

We are incredibly grateful for the growing network of people praying, whether as individuals, families or prayer groups, and those volunteering their time and talents to share their mission stories and mobilise others. If you would like to offer your time as a volunteer to help stir others' hearts to step into God's mission then we would love to hear from you!



To get wholeheartedly involved in fundraising for Latin Link, go to [www.latinlink.org.uk/fundraising-ideas](http://www.latinlink.org.uk/fundraising-ideas) to meet our champion Lorenzo the Llama and discover our range of Llamazing resources to inspire you! Whether it's a sponsored Llamathon challenge event such as a sponsored walk, silence or salsathon; a Latin Llamerican get together over coffee and empanadas, or something Llamazingly original – he is itching to step into your fundraising story so together you can encourage others to step into it too!

If you would like to Step into the Story of God's global mission through giving directly, simply go to [www.latinlink.org.uk/donate](http://www.latinlink.org.uk/donate) or scan the QR code. Giving and fundraising in this way makes such a difference. It means that you can help us to continue to fulfil Latin Link's mission of partnering with the local church to share the love and hope of Jesus across Latin America and Europe.

***Interested in wholeheartedly stepping into the story? Contact us at [info@latinlink.org.uk](mailto:info@latinlink.org.uk)***

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



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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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