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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



Nancy's Newsletter

Nancy's latest news and prayer letter covers July and August. It's short but packed with requests to pray which rather indicates that she is busy and life is hectic in Colombia.

The children who have been away during the school holidays are back safe and sound except for Andres who returned with a dose of chicken pox and couldn't go to school for a fortnight. All the other children have been well.

Nancy asks for prayer for Anita and Benjamin and Nancy adds, "God alone knows what the future holds for these children who have lost their family through drugs". These children need a foster family, especially Benjamin, where they can build good and stable relationships.

Edwar, an orphan, also needs a family to support him after he finishes his time with IMiC.

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Julian, Nicolas, Alberto and Santiago all have mothers who are in prison. Pray for an early release so they can be with their children. Pray that the contacts made through the care of their children in the programme will lead to the mothers being able to create secure and stable homes with their children.

In Fusa cookery classes have started again at the Dining Room.



A library project for the local community has been set up and is growing.

A proposal has been submitted to the Fusa Town Council seeking financial support to improve and expand the work that is currently going on with children at risk in the town.

A camp has been planned for all the children, and hopefully by the time you are reading this will have taken place, provided the resources have been found to fund it.

At the farm there have been some tearful goodbyes. The Guzman family, who have been seeking a smallholding of their own for some months now, left recently. Luz Maria had been the cook for several years, and her daughters, Aleja and Angi looked after the animals and





taught the boys how to do the milking and other farm work. Also Pastor Oliverio, a friend to all at the farm and much loved by the boys left a few weeks ago for the United States. So as you can imagine it has been a sad time for the boys.

With the Guzman family leaving Nancy had the difficult task of finding replacements and there were some anxious times. Initially a couple were selected but during the period of notice for the Guzmans this couple found alternative work. Thankfully two new workers have been found. Nelson and Ana Isabel have recently started working on the farm.

Military service is a factor in the lives of young men in Colombia and on graduating high school they have to register. There is an obligation to serve for 18 months between age 18 and 24.



The brothers Alex and Deivi, and Joshua are currently doing their service. Gabriel has recently completed and is not in a good area at the moment. Nancy has been to see him and he is not in contact with his family and is feeling very alone. His twin brother Over has disappeared.

William will be doing his service soon and is helping on the farm just now.

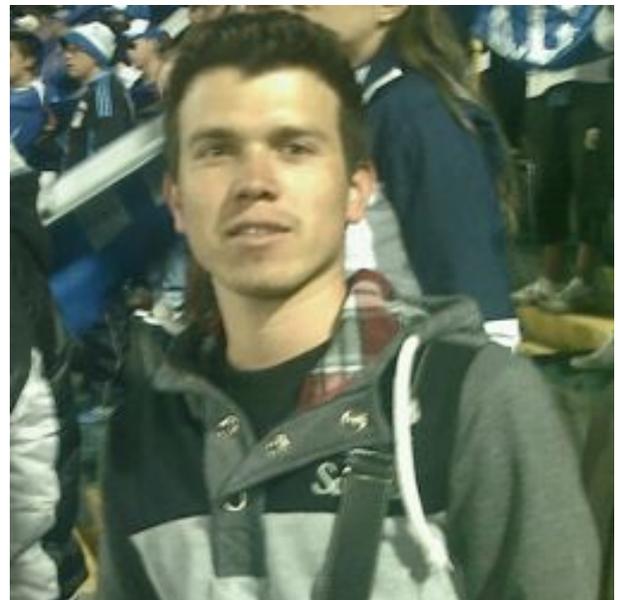
Please pray for suitable foster families for the children who need them. Pray for the boys whose mothers are in prison that they may be reunited soon and build strong families.

Give thanks for the new couple who work on the farm that they will settle in and build good relationships with the boys. Pray for the Guzman family as they establish their new life away from the farm.

Pray for a positive result from the Fusa Town Council to support the work.

Pray for protection of the young men doing their military service. Pray for Gabriel as he builds his adult life that he will be able to find employment and good relationships.

Carlos Moreno



Carlos has just completed his university degree and graduates in a couple of months with a BSc in Mathematics. He is now working as a teacher in a school in Bogotá and is temporarily living in the apartment attached to the IMiC office.



Carlos was one of the children who came to the early feeding programme in Blanca's house in Fusa. He was cared for most by his grandmother, a very caring person, but their living conditions were very poor.

Terry and Joan Thraves (IMC–UK founders) first met him when he was about eight years old and remember him as a happy child.

Through IMC he was able to attend school and more recently he helped out at the feeding programme.

Joan commented “without the help and input of IMC his life would have been very different, in fact hard to know how he would have ended up.”

It is clear from the photo below that Carlos' granny had much to do with providing a stable relationship that helped in his development.



Carlos and Grandmother

Carlos' story epitomises what IMC seeks to achieve in the lives of children.

To build good relationships and provide support to combat the deprivations of poverty so that children can grow into well developed contributors to their society.

Please pray for Carlos as he embarks on his career that he will be successful and be able to contribute much from what he has learnt through his own personal experiences in the lives of the children he will teach. Give thanks for his granny and pray for caring families who struggle to give their children the best in the midst of difficulties.

Links

IMC has numerous links but one of particular importance is with Links International who manage our accounts and book-keeping. Links International manage and administer a number of projects around the world and their expertise in this respect helps to keep IMC's administration costs down.

This is why we ask (and occasionally remind) that cheques should be made out to **“Links International (IMC)”**. This helps to keep everything flowing smoothly.

Summer Team 2014

We are planning to send a work team out to Colombia in the summer of 2014 and are inviting applications.

If you think this could be something for you then email info@inministrytochildren.org (or write to the office) to request application and reference forms.

The cost will be around £1150 for a nine day venture (including air fare, travel on location, accommodation and hosting, but excluding travel insurance).

As we've not run a team for a few years we anticipate this might be popular so it is not too early to apply.

Roadshows

The IMC Roadshows were launched at the last AGM in Petersfield and have visited Newick in Sussex and the Isle of Skye. A visit to Four Marks in Hampshire is coming soon. Plus our first ever visit to a church in Barcelona!



If your church, house group, or community group want to have a Roadshow visit and hear about the work from one of the trustees, contact the IMC office and ask us to get in touch.

It is a great opportunity to see some more pictures and video and have the opportunity to ask questions, something that the newsletter cannot manage to do.

You Lose Some, IMC Gains Sum

Three ladies at Curves in Petersfield set about a weighty challenge.

Marcia got things rolling with Lisa and Julie for a sponsored slim to exchange unwanted pounds for pounds to support IMC. Sort of killing two birds with one stone (or two or three) so to speak. These Curves ladies got unswervingly straight down to the challenge over two months and gained the sum of £770.

Not sure if it is polite to say how many pounds were lost.



Lisa

Julie

Marcia

Thank you Lisa, Julie and Marcia, you are worth your weight (including the bit you lost) in gold.

Not only that but the charity demi-john jar that they have at Curves for loose change was

emptied and added another £109 to the total. So thank you everyone at Curves.

And Finally...

Some thoughts on the quotation at the start of this newsletter.

A plan only comes to fruition when the planner and the participants work together to fulfil the objective and realise the intention of the planner.

When the outcome is dependent on how the participants choose to be part of the plan it is little wonder that as we look around the world things aren't quite as perfect as they could be.

Failure in the execution of the plan does not invalidate the plan or the intention of the planner.

Amid the chaos we do see things working out, we do see hope and a future for children in Colombia. Children are being released from harm and they are prospering as we can see in the life of Carlos and other young men who have come through the programmes run by Nancy, the workers and friends in Colombia.

This is only possible, as Nancy always points out, and gives thanks in her newsletters, because of your faithfulness in supporting this work.

Thank you for participating in the plan.

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