



Fiona Christie - Colombia. Pray for the ongoing production of lessons to help transform children's lives. Fiona and colleagues are currently visiting one of the pilot schemes on the coast. Remember Fiona too in her monthly leading of the all-age Sunday School in her church.



Latin Link Scotland: the 'Just Checking it Out' enquirers meetings have helped to double the number of Step & Stride applicants. Praise God that He has still a purpose for us, giving hope amidst extreme economic challenge. Also we really thank God for the generous support from many of you, helping fund our work from Scotland.

Strider - Cecily MacLagan has settled well in Arequipa, Peru, thanking God for overcoming a potentially awkward visa situation, provision of a flat ideally located on the road out to Ciudad de Dios where she helps with a women's ministry, and for a generous donation enabling her to buy a wee car. Pray for her work among the Quechua community at Ciudad de Dios and satellite villages as well as caring for the mums coping with disabled children who come along to the Shalom day care centre.



Christine Matthews - Peru. Give thanks for the vision and passion that God has given Christine for the student work, leading her to stay a further year. Pray for ongoing training of student groups, individual follow ups, visiting students' churches. Pray for God-given discernment when advising and for Christine settling into a small church fellowship.

5 New Striders: please pray for the working out of placements for 5 Striders. Pray too for new Strider: **Sarah Younge** doing a 5 week nursing elective Stride in Salta, Argentina starting this June.



Strider **Hannah Wilkinson**, Lima, Peru. Hannah was really glad to be able to celebrate a special birthday back home with her dad. Pray as Hannah prepares lesson materials for clubs and schools dealing with environmental issues. She's thankful for the growing interest in churches and asks prayer for God's guidance in what to implement out of many ideas.

Douglas & Maria Augusta Cowan - Ecuador - Thanks for praying for the surgery on Maria Augusta's throat. She can now swallow freely and without pain. She still undergoes physio. Pray for finalising papers for their daughter - Cristina - as she plans to study at Strathclyde.



Home Assignments: pray for **Pete & Linda Lugtigheid, Bolivia** as they leave Apolo on 9/5 and on to Canada 23/5 and later to visit churches in the UK (Scotland end Aug/beg Sept) & **Manuel Reano, Colombia** coming to Scotland on 18/5. Pray for Manuel's wife Patty as she counsels in a family therapy practice and for divine breakthroughs in very difficult cases.

Some Forthcoming Events:
The Big Send Off - 21st June, Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh, dedicating new workers.
Imagine Christian youth event 17-21 July where Latin Link will be represented.
Inspire - annual Scottish Conference - 26-28 Oct - Larbert.

Many thanks for your interest and prayers,
Martin Haworth

- Testimony of the Month:

Maria Augusta Cowan writes from Quito, Ecuador

“ I met Monica from Spain in the Quito women’s prison 4 years ago.

She was difficult to talk to, often raising her voice, and very upset about being in prison. Most of foreigners within the El Inca rehabilitation centre are there because of a drug related crime and will remain there for at least 8 years.

Monica started coming to our weekly Bible studies. After several weeks she made a personal commitment and she started studying Scripture regularly. Her attitude has changed. We can communicate in a very loving and clear way now. Monica has also forgiven her mother back in Spain, as she did not care for her and had put her in an orphanage at a very young age.

It has been a privilege to get to know Monica. The Lord is working in her life in an amazing way. Her heart had been so hardened by a difficult and sad upbringing, but now her heart has been softened and she is willing to serve Jesus in the place she is. She needs our prayers as she still has to deal with past issues. The prison is not an ideal place to grow in faith and understanding but the light of Christ can bring healing as Monica continues studying Scripture at the weekly Bible studies. “