

September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

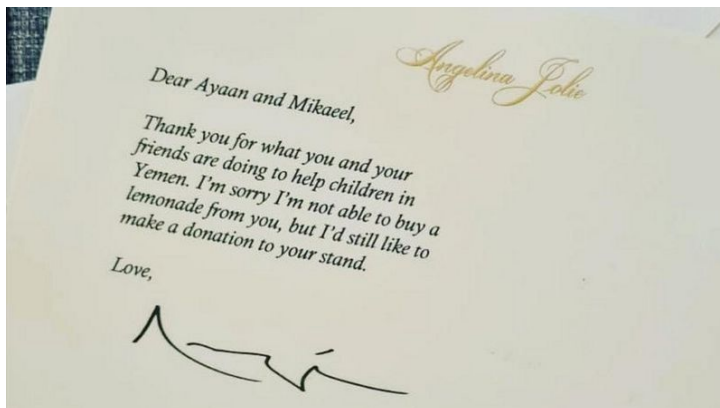
**Greetings in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
In this time of uncertainty,  
we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

### **If life gives you lemons...**

Reading the news can be a depressing experience at the moment, with stories of the impact of Covid around the globe, of economic loss, and humanitarian crises. So I was heartened to read a positive story a few days ago which some of you may have seen.

Two six-year old best friends from East London, Ayaan Moosa and Mikaeel Ishaq heard about the terrible situation in Yemen, where tens of thousands of people have been killed during the civil war and another 24 million are estimated to need humanitarian aid to survive. They decided that they had to do something to help. And after giving it some thought, they hit on a novel way to raise funds – making and selling glasses of fresh lemonade on a stand they set up outside one of their homes. Last week they had a huge surprise when they received a letter from the actress and UNHCR special envoy, Angelina Jolie. She had read about their campaign on the BBC news website, and sent them a note saying she was sorry she could not buy any lemonade but wanted to donate to the cause. The size of the donation was hasn't been published, but it has increased awareness of the lemonade stand, so much so that many others have also sent donations amounting to more than £67,000.

It's a wonderful good news story! And it's also a reminder of what can happen when we use what we have, whether that's lemons or whether it's substantial riches. Jesus tells a parable about using what we have, whether it's our money, our gifts, our time – and whether we have a lot we can offer or just a little. Why not have a read? – Matthew 25: 14 – 30. What are we doing with what we have?



With my prayers and love,

*Anita*

## **Mission Unscripted – a story from Bolivia**

CMS Mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart, with their daughters Liliana and Anayah and lodger Daniela, live in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they share the gospel and work to strengthen communities through a local church.

Under normal circumstances, Andrew and Lisa would be taking their daughters back and forth to school and participating in some of their school activities with them. Lisa would be teaching English to some of the mothers and fathers of the children at their school and involved in church community through running the Alpha Course and planning things like Messy Church. Andrew would usually be out several times during the week, working with local microfinance businesses that are being set up. Liliana and Anayah would usually be busy with school and their extracurricular activities. Their lodger, Daniela, who is Bolivian, had started her own little bread business with Andrew and Lisa's help and was busy selling loaves of bread to local expats. She was also working at a local orphanage.

In early March, Bolivia went into lockdown and everything changed. Now, adults are only allowed out one morning a week to buy food (which day of the week depends on the last digit of your ID number), while children are not allowed out at all. Most businesses and shops are closed and this is enforced by the military.

Because Bolivia's economy depends on people working day to day, the impact of lockdown on people's income was immediate. Thankfully, in Andrew and Lisa's neighbourhood, families have pulled together to help each other out. Many have donated food and set up a little food bank, and put together food parcels for the families that need it.

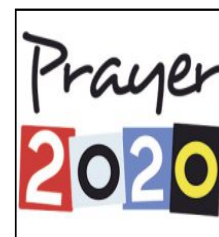
Surely this was the time for Daniela's bread business to thrive? Unfortunately, since lockdown started, Daniela has been quarantined at the local orphanage in order to keep working there, meaning she couldn't continue baking bread for the local community. But since the family had been baking with Daniela and were practised at baking bread by now, they wondered if they could keep things going. Could they make use of all the flour they had in the house and their outdoor bread ovens?

Though Daniela had been baking loaves of bread for expats, she advised Andrew and Lisa that Bolivians prefer bread rolls. Andrew and Lisa started baking rolls and sharing them with the neighbourhood. They were a hit! Sometimes customers come to them, they deliver on their days out, and they can add to food parcels ready for distribution. Now, Andrew and Lisa are baking about 100 bread rolls three times a week, packaging their rolls with Bible verses and inviting prayer requests.

Now, people know where they live, they know Lisa's name and friendships are forming. Through their baking, Andrew and Lisa have got to know the president of the local barrio, who in turn knows everybody's stories and can tell Andrew and Lisa who is struggling and what kind of help they might need. Through simple bread rolls, God is making new roads for Andrew and Lisa into the heart of the neighbourhood.

## **Praying together in 2020**

HOPE Together are calling Christians of all denominations to pray on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month at 20.20 for 20 minutes, so this Thursday! They say: "Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that happens this year – personal witness; church outreach in villages, towns and cities; mission events and evangelism in all its many forms. Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world.



## **Prayer ...**

In this very testing time for us all, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Janet (07828 280455), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

## **Sunday 10.15am: simple service of Holy Communion**

Please book in by 12 noon on Friday. If you have internet access, booking is via the Eventbrite website, using this link: <https://stpetersderby.eventbrite.co.uk>. For those without internet access, booking is by calling the Church Office (01332 360790). Please leave a message and we will book you in.

Please tell us if you are coming with others from your household. We need to collect name, address and phone details and keep them for 21 days in case we have to provide a list of attendees for track and trace purposes. The church building is now equipped with automatic hand sanitisers – just hold your hands underneath them!

## **Zoom details...**

### **On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:**

The easiest way is to click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

### **By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:**

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0203 481 5240 ; 0131 460 1196 ; 0203 051 2874 ; 0203 481 5237
2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
5. You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening

If you have any problems with accessing the service on Sunday, please call Anita.

**Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.**

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