

# Welcome

## to Latin Link's Prayer Guide for February

### Words which make a difference

We live in an age of powerful visual images – but written words are still vitally important. And God's word to us – the Bible – is in written form.

Latin Link is committed to the production of Christian literature which helps Christians grow and equips them for ministry.

John and Ann Barnett write and produce magazines for the all-age Sunday school system that operates throughout Brazil and in many other parts of Latin America.

Young people and adults, teens, juniors, infants, pre-school and crèche-age children all have their own magazines, which teachers use to communicate God's word effectively.



*Adolescentes—preparing young people for adulthood*

John says, 'This has been a fantastic year, with sales continuing to grow. Every day we get new requests. We now send magazines to over 4,000 churches. We had a visit last month from the leadership of the Nazarene denomination who are adopting our magazines for use in their churches throughout Brazil. And a Pentecostal denomination is also talking about officially adopting our literature.'

The Prayer Guide is designed for flexible use and the points may be used at any time during the month. For those who like to pray in a systematic way suggested dates are indicated.

### More ways to pray:

**Prayer Guide**, sent on request by post or email each month, is one of a number of Latin Link prayer resources.

- **Latinfile** – our regular publication, with news and stories from Latin America
- **Members' prayer letters** – an insight into their work and country of service, as well as personal and family news – on request
- **Team prayer letters** – the Argentina, Brazil and Peru Teams produce their own regular prayer letters, by email only
- **Prayer groups** – join with others in praying for the work of Latin Link. Ask for your nearest group, or we can help you start your own.
- **Prayer cassettes**, with recorded news and interviews, are produced bi-monthly to provide additional material for prayer groups.
- **Prayerline** – call 020 7939 9018 anytime, updated weekly
- **2001 Prayer Calendar** features all current Latin Link members, with a brief description of their country, their team and their work. With pages dated 1 to 31 and prayer points for each day.

For further details on any of the above, please telephone or email us.

If you would like to make a donation to the cost of producing Prayer Guide we suggest £5 annually.



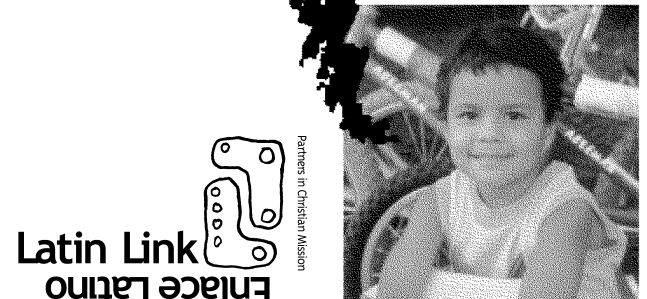
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## 2001 prayer guide



1 Praise God for the opportunity to build up his people in Brazil using **all-age literature** (see *Welcome* page). Please pray for those who write, produce and distribute the material with John and Ann Barnett. Pray that churches will grow to maturity in Christ because of a thorough grounding in his word.

**4 New Latin Link member from Ireland.** Verna Langrell, an ex-Strider, is from Dun Laoghaire Evangelical Church in Dublin. On the 4<sup>th</sup> her church will commission her to return to Brazil (on the 8<sup>th</sup>) to study for a degree in theology at Anápolis Seminary. Please pray for Verna and her family as they feel the pain of separation, and for Verna starting her course, which combines her study with practical ministry at the weekends.



- Strider Jenny Cox, who has been working in Brazil, arrives in La Paz, Bolivia this month. Please pray for her adjustment to a new country and a new language – Spanish.

7 Latin Link's new **Head of Finance, John Bolton**, starts this month. Pray for John and his small team as they work on the budget for the coming year, and as they catch up following recent staff illness.

9 A church in Laranjeiras and the Bible College in Vitória, Brazil, are facing changes as Bill and Glenice McMillan prepare to **hand over leadership** prior to their retirement next month. Please pray as details are finalised, and for these last ministry in Brazil.



12 **Marcelo and Silvana Vargas** and their children are in Britain, from Bolivia, teaching at All Nations Christian College this month, and doing research for their study programmes. Pray for them, and for the students to see openings for service in Latin America.

16 Alan Tower, Britain and Ireland Team Leader, will speak to **Newcastle University Christian Union** on world mission.

17 **Dreams do come true.** Doreen Davies tells of three major answers to prayer in Peru. Let's join her in thanking God:

- Prayers for new people to be involved in work with Quechua people have been answered, with the arrival of a small team from another mission. Their focus on literacy coincides well with the formal start to the revision of the **Quechua Bible in the Cusco dialect.**



- Julia Castle has been holding **card-making courses** in the Davies' church, which have proved popular, with 500 cards already sold. The pastor and his family hope to set up their own small business to help them in their struggle to make ends meet.
- Excellent premises have been found for **El Inca bookshop's Bible and book depot.** This will mean a guaranteed supply of Bibles. Pray for a smooth path ahead for the plans to open a second in Arequipa. Pray God's Word will truly become known and heard, respected and responded to, and that here, too, words will make a difference to people's lives.

**20 Stride Selection Day.** Pray for candidates being interviewed for this Autumn's Stride programme, and for Latin Link's Jo and Sarah setting up appropriate placements in Latin America.

22 The Anglican Church in Embarcación, Argentina, has invited Louis Woodley to lead Bible study groups and discipleship classes to **train future leaders** at different levels. Pray that Louis' input will be a help and encouragement.



**23-27 Latin Link Peru Team's annual conference** at Kawai, an hour or so south of Lima. This is a time for team members to catch up with each other, study God's word together and prayerfully reflect on the way ahead. They will be considering the election of a new Team Leader in preparation for the retirement of Nat Davies. As Winifred Every-Clayton from Brazil gives the Bible readings, pray these few days will be a refreshing oasis in the lives of a very busy team.

**24-27 Carnival month** is traditional throughout Latin America. This year the main weekend falls at the end of February, before the start of Lent. It's usually an excuse for riotous excesses – from throwing buckets of water over unsuspecting passers by, to more sinister activities. Often, Christians try to put on an alternative event. At the Evangelical Missions Centre in Viçosa, Brazil, there's to be a special missions conference for Christian university students, with Latin Link's Joan and Andrew Buxton and others leading seminars.

- Pray for Latin American Christians that however they choose to spend carnival, it will be honouring to God.

Please continue to remember those suffering the after effects of the earthquake in **El Salvador**; for churches helping people to rebuild their lives.