

Hello from Cima!

Thank you for all your prayers and support as I have returned to Peru for this new season. I am so grateful for the time I spent in the UK, seeing so many of you and sharing in lots of places.

One of my favourite memories is of being round the fire-pit with my best mate, her hubby, and my two teenage God-kids, talking about all sorts, and laughing, a lot! Why was this so special? Because it represents what my time in the UK was all about; relationships.



Around the fire-pit

After 17 years serving in Peru, now more than ever, this time in the UK reminded me of how important relationships are in our journey with God; about how we are family, how we need one another, and how there is no way I could be here without you. So, thank you!

Highlights

Churches shared with: Seven - The Tab, Liverpool; Long Lane, Liverpool; Ladygrove, Didcot; Great Ashby, Stevenage;

St Marks, Coventry; Buckland Road, Poole; Heathfield, Manchester. It was so good to see you all!

Counties visited: England: Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Dorset, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Greater

London, Greater Manchester, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Norfolk, North Somerset, North Yorkshire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire,

Surrey, Tyne & Wear, Warwickshire, West Midlands, West Sussex, West Yorkshire, Wiltshire.

Wales: Flint, Denbighshire, Conwy County, Gywnedd - PHEW! It's no wonder I got back to Peru exhausted...

Beds slept in: Twenty-six! Thank you to so many of you for such warm hospitality.

Miles driven: About six thousand! I was so grateful to my brother for my amazing mini, she was fab to drive!

Weight gained: Too much! I'm now on a mission to get rid of some of it! (Seriously, prayer would be appreciated

for this move to develop a more healthy lifestyle. Thanks!)

Big news!

When people have asked me, I have always said that I was willing to be in Peru for the rest of my life, unless God said otherwise. Well, it now appears He is saying otherwise! This news may come as a surprise to some of you, because it did for me! I didn't expect this new path on my journey, but I have peace from God and He has affirmed it in many ways.

Towards the end of my time in the UK I sensed God leading me to leave Peru, within the next two years, and return to live in Liverpool. This is a huge decision, and not one I am taking lightly. My greatest desire is to finish well here. After such a long time in my beloved Peru, I want to be wise about managing the transition. We are now looking for a new home for Buena Tierra and praying for the right people to be involved. My prayer is to see God clearly leading us at this time.

If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch. I definitely need, and totally appreciate, your prayers for this time of change and for the future of Buena Tierra.

Whilst doing this cross stitch in the UK, I was reminded that it often feels like you can only see the back of what God is working on and it can feel messy and ugly. But He is always creating something beautiful for His glory, and we can always trust Him with the end result.

Oh, and have a Happy Christmas!, love Sharon



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