

↳ **Things change.** Sometimes that is exciting; at other times it may be difficult, or even troubling. When the changes we face are trying, it is encouraging to remember that our God is the one Constant. God is always working to transform us, shaping us more into what he created us to be.

↳ **Change** affects us corporately as well as individually. You may be aware of some of the transitions that SAMS is undertaking, such as our integration of CMS-USA or our cost cutting to make us better stewards of the generous gifts we receive. In the first half of the coming year, I will be sharing more with you on how the mission of SAMS is growing. Be assured, though, that your Missionary Society is constant in our calling to fulfill the Great Commission.



↳ **Change** is not always exciting; often it is difficult. Your Missionary Society is being stretched through growing. Yet, as SAMS submits itself to this process, God is faithful in building relational bridges with the global Anglican Church and collaborative partnerships with other ministries, thus creating a broader reach of Gospel mission. Both your prayers and gifts are critical in continuing this growth. Giving from individuals and churches remains the sole financial means SAMS channels to help in the sending of missionaries, supporting the church globally, and serving the wider mission effort. Would you consider a gift to the Great Commission Fund?

We value your ongoing partnership. Whatever changes you are facing—whether exciting or distressing—we would like to hear about so we can lift you up in prayer. For each of you, we pray that you would see God’s hand at work, shaping you more into the image of his Son, and that you would respond to his leading to share the good news of Jesus Christ as a sender through praying, giving, and encouraging.

Your partner in the Gospel,

Stewart

Stewart Wicker
President and Mission Director



The love of Jesus changes lives. SAMS exists to help Episcopalians and Anglicans to share this Good News in word and deed around the world. Sharon McCririe (above) ministers in Asunción, Paraguay, to drug addicts whose lives are “too far gone to turn around.” She has seen amazing transformations in the past 15 years. (You may read about how baby Debora’s life was miraculously spared and other stories of redemption on the reverse side of this letter.)

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. (JOHN 10:9 ESV)

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Please lift up the following prayer concern in SAMS’ chapel time.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts.

“I was in prison and you came to me.”

Two years ago, Perla, whom I had visited in jail for 2 years, rang my bell begging me to take her in so she could get off drugs. Perla had won the reputation of being the toughest inmate. She cut herself, beat the tar out of others, instigated an uprising over a cockroach in the food, and nearly killed herself setting her mattress on fire. On her promise that she would not do any harm or set the furniture on fire I took her in.

Perla craved the drugs she wanted to leave, but she had one thing going for her: She had accepted Jesus as her Savior before she went to jail. She knew that He was the way out of her addiction. God's Word was God speaking to her. When she read, He was with her.

After 9 months in my house, she went to *La Puerta* (The Door) where we were opening a drug rehab home with the help of a Colombian couple, Hector and Dilia. Hector was an addict for 24 years. He knows that our Savior is faithful to transform ruined lives.

Christ did indeed transform Perla. God is now working through Perla to rescue the broken.



Adriana with tattoos and cuts on arm holding Debora, the baby she tried to abort. Sharon exclaims, “Our God is relentlessly desirous to save, heal and deliver.”



Sharon discipling and encouraging Adriana.



Perla, the night she received the call from the Lord to help other addicts know Jesus as their Savior.

“Let the little children come to me”

Adriana began to take drugs when she was 11. While in prison, she began to make the acquaintance of Jesus. Though she did not change her way of life, He remained faithful to her. When she got out, she became pregnant.

During the first eight months of her pregnancy Adriana daily sniffed glue, took drugs and tried other means to abort her baby unsuccessfully. She finally concluded that God had a plan for the child's life. That realization prompted her to seek help.

At the same time, Hector and Dilia went in search of addicts that might desire to quit drugs. They brought Adriana to *La Puerta* for prayer. From that day Adriana stopped all drugs. Two months later Adriana arrived at the house to dedicate her baby Debora to serve the Lord Jesus.

Sharon McCririe, SAMS Associate Missionary

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