

# SUAREZ UPDATE

|| "Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name." || Psalm 103 v 1 ||

## *Avisai's Visa Update*

No news yet - we are still waiting to hear from the Home Office. Thank you for your continued prayers.

## Training

We are both taking a training course this year through WEC International. It's called ELIFE, online learning & coaching. It involves prep work done in your own time plus an individual 'coaching' session and zoom classes fortnightly. It has been good to learn more about topics like, Teamwork, Cultural awareness, resilient Teams, active listening, and so on.

Judith also recently took part in a 2 day training on 'peacemaking'. Thankfully the zoom sessions fitted in well with Eliab's school and nap times.

We had the joy of sharing in a Zoom meeting of people from Guinea Bissau who are in churches across the UK & world, but who meet regularly online to pray for and encourage each other.

## Ministry Update:

### LADIES COFFEE MORNING

We want to praise God for an encouraging start to 'Shine' Café. Below you can see a few of our very talented Team members! We have had 10 ladies come over the first term, from various countries including India, Brazil, Poland, Portugal, and Guinea Bissau and St. Tome & Principe. We usually serve tea & coffee and something to eat, and take time to chat to and listen to the ladies and hear more about their lives. They all seem to be enjoying it. We also do some craft activities with them on some of the weeks. At the end of each morning we share a very short story from the bible and give the ladies a bible verse on a card/ bookmark to take home with them. They enjoy listening to the stories. We pray that as we build deeper relationships with these ladies and their families we will be able to share more and more of God's love and message of Christ. We praise God that one of the ladies has come to church a couple of Sundays too. So please do keep praying for them and their families.



As a family we have been able to have dinner with some of the families over the past months (covid rules permitting) either at our home or theirs. This has been such a blessing to be able to connect with them to get to know them better and build deeper friendships. Eliab has also enjoyed the company.

## Summer Plans 2022:

We would love to be able to visit Mexico in the summer to introduce Eliab to family, however our solicitor has said we can't make any travel plans until we hear from the Home Office. Please do pray that Avisai's Visa would be approved quickly.

## Coming up ...

- E-Life continues until Spring 2022.
- We continue to work on getting the carpentry project up and running
- Ladies Cafe continues
- February - Neighbours Worldwide Annual Conference in England

### Please pray for:

- Avisai's Visa application
- Eliab to continue to love school and stay healthy and for wisdom as we decide which class/school we should apply for in September (Applications in January 2022).
- The ladies coffee morning
- The carpentry project as we continue to try to get it up & running.

### Thank you for your support for us. It means so much!

**WEC UPDATE:** There have been a lot of changes within WEC UK this past year and no longer can we channel support gifts through WEC UK finance office. So if you would like to support us directly please get in touch and we can supply our bank details.

*With much love,  
Avisai, Judith & Eliab*

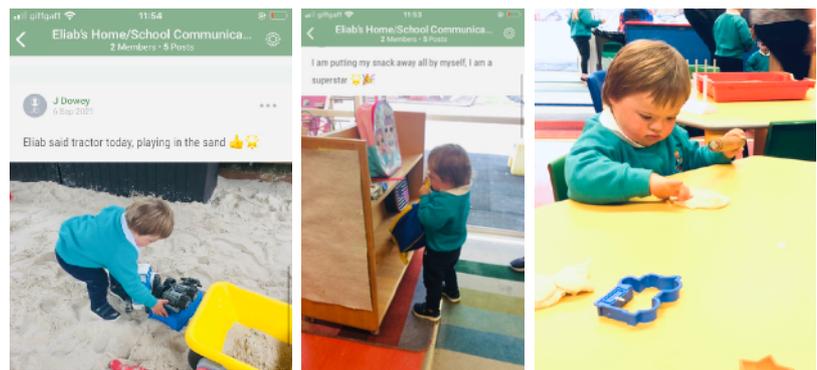
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### *Eliab started Nursery in September 2021*

He is loving it!! His teachers are very happy with his progress and send 'photo evidence' on a phone App of how he is getting on and what he is learning each week. It is lovely to be able to 'see' him at school. He has really bonded with his one-to-one assistant and doesn't want to come home at the end of his day!



(Above, in Nursery). He is starting to talk now and can say or sign (Makaton) about 70 words. He understands both Spanish & English. We are so proud of him. (Left, Doing his 'homework' wearing mummy's glasses).

### Christmas 2021 has been very special!

The whole family was together after 2 & 1/2 years, which we all really enjoyed.



Eliab absolutely loved all the company of his 7 cousins for the 3 weeks. He is now saying their names and his speech improved with all the time spent with other kids. It was fun and chaotic! And we praise God too that we all managed to avoid Covid. A miracle really.

They even had a visit from Santa!