

## Newsbrief

**Mrs Monica Loat**, a former member of SAMS GB General Council, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last year and raised £1000 for the Society in the process. Monica has now written to let us know that she is running the London Marathon on 13 April. If anyone would like to sponsor her, she will do it for SAMS. Monica is the Local Secretary for SAMS at Holy Trinity, Llandrindod Wells, where her husband **Andrew** is vicar.

The new chaplain at St George's, Barcelona, will be **the Rev. Andrew Tweedy**, at present working in the Diocese of St Albans. He will begin work on 1<sup>st</sup> September following marriage to Billie in July. Current chaplain **Peter Jordan's** official retirement date is 31<sup>st</sup> March but he has been asked to remain as full-time chaplain until 31<sup>st</sup> August. Then he and **Barbara** will take a short sabbatical before spending five months travelling around Catalunya to look at possibilities for the development of English-speaking ministry.

Congratulations to **Ryan Cooper**, son of Alf & Hilary Cooper of Santiago, Chile. Ryan has become engaged to **Mariana Mackenzie** from Argentina.

*"The roof* represents the beginning of what the Lord wants to do with us and through us this year", write **David & Jean Hucker**. "Our church family in Arica (Chile) have managed to install a temporary roof upon our "shed" of a church building. We hope to use the same roof to eventually build the permanent one about two metres higher. It will no longer be necessary to use sun block during the services, given that the previous roof, a net, only provided shade without filtering out the UV rays."

Latin Partners **Eliseo & Margarita Ortiz** have left the Church of Grace in Tucumán and returned to their native Chile. We're grateful for their ministry there and look forward to hearing how God is leading them in fresh ministry in Chile. However, their departure has left **Archdeacon Hugo & Techy Vergara** very overstretched in their ministry in this and other cities; they have been suffering cardiovascular problems as a result of stress.

Former SAMS Study Partners **Joel & Mayra Gonzalez** are now pastoring a church in Cartagena, Spain, belonging to the Spanish Evangelical Church (IEE). They also look after a church of retired British people in Torrevieja. Their other news is that their first child, **Joel Fernando**, was born on Saturday 9 February. Mother and baby are doing well.