

# Welcome to CMS

A WORLD THAT KNOWS JESUS

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A large, diverse crowd of people is gathered in front of a wall covered in various photographs and a large banner. The banner features the text "A world that knows us" in a white, cursive font. The photos on the wall depict various scenes of people in different settings, including a cityscape, a person in a boat, a person in a field, and a person in a red shirt. The crowd consists of people of various ages and ethnicities, some wearing backpacks and others in casual attire. The overall atmosphere is one of community and global connection.

A world  
that knows  
us

Who  
we are

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## **CMS (the Church Missionary Society) is a fellowship of Christian people committed to cross-cultural mission.**

Our mission is to reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ, equip Christians as leaders in the church and the world, and engage churches in cross-cultural mission.

We work with churches to set apart godly people as long-term cross-cultural gospel workers. We support more than 200 workers serving under local leaders in almost 50 countries, as we seek to see a world that knows Jesus.

### **How we started**

In 1799, a group of evangelicals founded the Church Missionary Society with the goal of sending missionaries across the globe to share the gospel of Jesus.

From its early beginnings, CMS has sent missionaries to serve long-term under local Christians in gospel-poor areas, helping establish faithful churches that sing, pray and read the Bible in local languages.

In 1825, a CMS-UK outpost was set up in Sydney and in 1916, the Australian CMS associations came together to form the Church Missionary Society of Australia. Since that time, more than 1,500 Australian missionaries have been supported by the CMS fellowship as they have sought to partner with local leaders to share the message of Christ and see a world that knows Jesus.

# What we're about

OUR APPROACH TO  
CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

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# WHAT WE VALUE

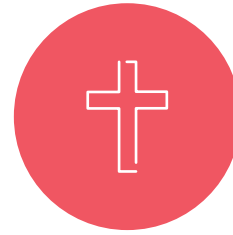


## Gospel priority

Grounded in God's word, the Bible, we strive to be faithful gospel witnesses in all that we do, so that people might repent, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation, and grow as his disciples.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."*

ROMANS 1:16a



## Cross-shaped

The cross is both the message we proclaim and the life we live. Therefore, we serve in the power of the Holy Spirit, humbly laying down our lives in weakness, vulnerability, and dependent prayer, for the sake of others and God's glory.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

MARK 10:45



## Long-term

We go long-term because we are committed to developing cultural understanding, learning language, and investing in long-term relationships for the sake of effective cross-cultural mission. We value Bible-based theological education, excellent pastoral care, specialised training for mission, and lifelong learning.

*"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



## In partnership

We partner with churches in Australia to set apart and support missionaries. Around the world, we partner with and serve under the authority of local leaders and at their invitation, wherever possible.

*"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."*

PHILEMON 1:6

# HOW WE SERVE

**We seek to serve God with humble hearts.**

*“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15



## In language

We commit to in-depth language learning and believe mission should operate in the preferred language of the hearer, not the missionary.



## In lifestyle

We encourage missionaries to live simple lives in the cultural context in which they are serving.



## In resources

We believe that cross-cultural mission should be carried out using locally available resources, wherever possible.



## In learning

We seek to grow in our Christian witness by learning from our brothers and sisters across the world and by embracing cross-cultural learning styles.



*"In your relationships with one another,  
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"*

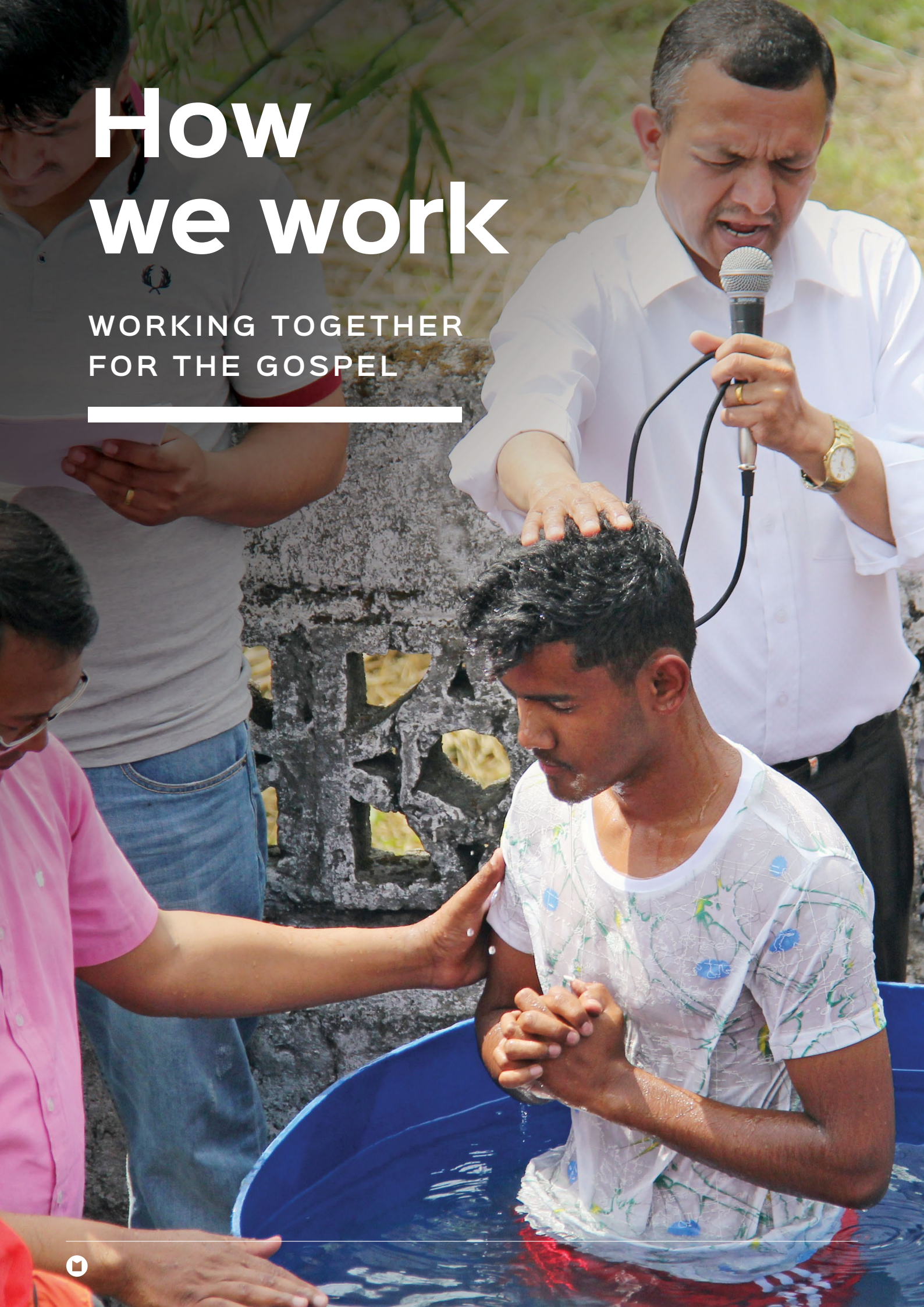
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8



# How we work

WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR THE GOSPEL

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## We are committed to **working together in partnership**

As a fellowship of Christian people and churches, we work together to send missionaries to gospel-poor places, and equip leaders across the world. A missionary is not merely someone who “goes”; they are someone who “is sent”. Faithful mission partnership is vital as we seek to see a world that knows Jesus.



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## We are committed to **specialised cross-cultural training and long-term pastoral care**

Before leaving Australia, missionaries receive five months of specialised training at St Andrew’s Hall in Melbourne. This training equips them with the skills they need to humbly and effectively communicate the gospel across cultures. In addition, our missionaries receive ongoing pastoral care to help them faithfully persevere in long-term mission.



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## We are committed to **working with churches to see Christ glorified to the ends of the earth**

We work with churches and Christian organisations in Australia and across the world to help grow and mentor godly leaders who will serve Christ with their whole lives and equip others to do the same.



# Where we work

SHARING CHRIST'S MESSAGE  
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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CMS serves in almost 50 different countries around the world, in partnership with over 80 organisations, in:

Africa

Central Asia

East Asia

Eurasia

Europe

Latin America

North Australia

South Asia

South East Asia

The Middle East

The Pacific



# Partner with CMS

As a fellowship, we believe long-term cross-cultural mission is a partnership between those who go on mission and those who send them.

In this partnership, those who are set apart to go have confidence in the committed support of our fellowship, and those who send them have the privilege of participating in global mission.

You can partner with CMS by praying, caring for missionaries, and giving to gospel work around the world. Find out more at the links below.

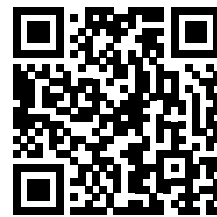
## Interested in *partnering?*

Find out more about the part  
you can play in sending here:  
[cms.org.au/nswact/partner](https://cms.org.au/nswact/partner)



## Interested in *going?*

Find out more about how  
you can serve with CMS here:  
[cms.org.au/nswact/go](https://cms.org.au/nswact/go)



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