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PREACH THE WORD; BE PREPARED IN
SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON; CORRECT,
REBUKE AND ENCOURAGE—WITH GREAT
PATIENCE AND CAREFUL INSTRUCTION.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

Upcoming Events

Monthly Prayer Points

CMS Stories

Dear Friends,

Last month, we had the joy of confirming Stephanie Hawkins as our newest missionary-in-training. This means that after Summer School, Steph will go to the CMS training college, St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne for cross-cultural training. Through this time, she will prepare to serve in German-speaking Europe. As she officially joins CMS as an MIT, it is our privilege to partner with her as a fellowship - in ongoing prayer, financial support and encouragement.

It is only through our common vision as Christians committed to seeing a world that knows Jesus that people like Steph can be sent to reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ. 'In partnership' is a core value for CMS, and one I've spoken and written about much this year. As a society, we know the relationship between missionary and sender is to be honoured (Phil 2:29-30). God calls all of us to form part of this society.

As we come to the end of 2024, can I encourage you to think about what being in partnership looks like for you in 2025? Could you sign up to pray for an additional missionary? Or could you prayerfully consider making a regular financial gift? You can find all our branch missionaries [on our website](#).

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our missionaries and the fellowship that is CMS.



Your brother in Christ,

Mark Fairhurst
Executive Director



Bill & Linda Colyer

AFES - NTE 30 Nov – 4 Dec
Wilston Presbyterian 8 – 12 Dec
Summer School 3 – 8 Jan
Commissioning Service -
Wilston Presbyterian Church
Sat 11 Jan @ 5.00pm

Keith & Marion Birchley

AFES - NTE 30 Nov – 4 Dec
Village Church with 5 – 11 Dec
PNG students
Summer School 3 – 8 Jan

Bruce & Libby Hayes

Summer School 3 – 8 Jan

MISSIONARY *spotlight*

Andrew & Margie Newman

Unpredictability & God's faithfulness

Andrew Newman recorded a short video in Uganda about the unpredictability and irregularity of ministry. Although there are ups and downs for them at the moment, there is great encouragement in how they've continued to refresh their confidence by trusting in God's faithfulness. "We're in his hands." Click the image below to watch:





'Tis the season

Missionary Favourites

We asked our QNSW missionaries one simple question: *what is your favourite Christmas carol?* Now they're yours for your listening pleasure.

Many missionaries spend Christmas away from family, and in some locations, Christmas is not celebrated at all. When you play this playlist, we'd love to

encourage you to pray for our missionaries. Please pray for opportunities for them to share Jesus at Christmas. Pray for encouragement and ask God to continue to bring them closer to him.

Missionary Carols Playlist

Note: Songs with multiple versions included are favourite carols for more than one missionary!

MOBILISER'S CORNER



Opportunities in Vanuatu

Do you have a gift for languages?

Regional Mission Director Glen is encouraged about the current opportunities in Vanuatu. There are 40-50 people groups ready to read the Bible, but who need Scripture translated into their heart language. There is currently a need in the Pacific Islands for people interested in:

- translation

- languages
- linguistics
- anthropology

Click on the video from Glen to hear more about this fantastic opportunity to make a difference to Christians in the Pacific Islands. Could you answer this need? Contact our branch [via email](#) to organise a chat!

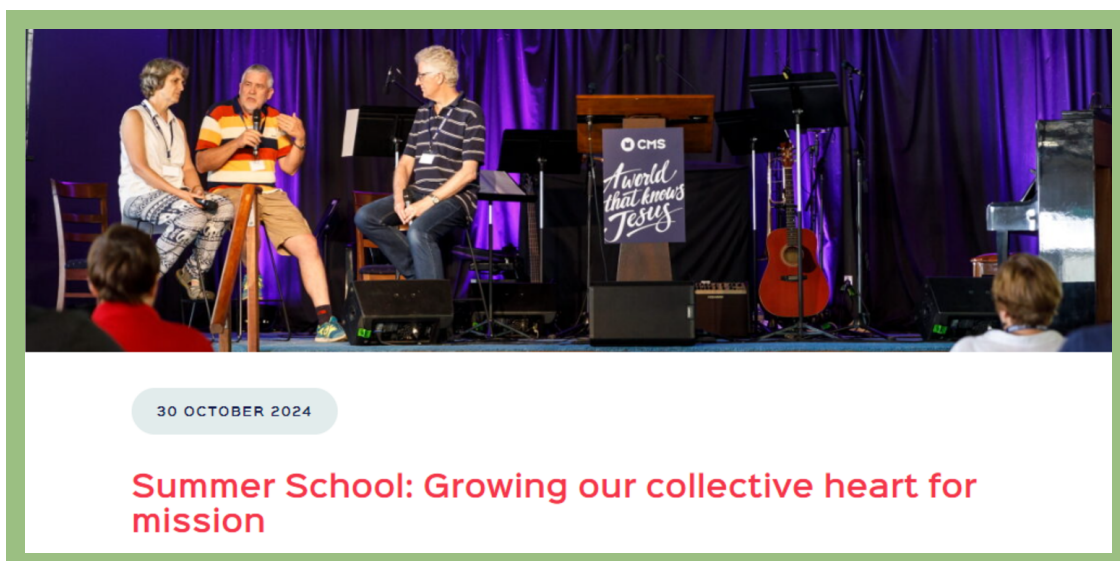


Summer School - 4 days left to register!

We are so excited to gather together under God's word in 35 days! It's going to be a great opportunity to hear the gospel of Luke taught by William Taylor, to hear from our missionaries and to spend time with friends.

Registration for the children & youth program, accommodation and meals will close in four days on Monday, 2 December 2024. Please make sure to book yourself in before then! Day visitor registration will remain open.

[Register Now](#)



The Collective Heart of Mission

Read about Bruce & Libby's journey to Summer School in this updated

CMS story by clicking the image above.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the MELT 2025 Youth Camp. At the top left is the CMS QNSW logo. Next to it are three small icons: a pair of sunglasses, a thumbs up, and a hand holding a pencil. The main title 'MELT' is in large, bold, blue letters with a dripping effect, set against a yellow background with white stars. Below it, '2025 Youth Camp' is written in a cursive font. To the right, the dates '25-27 APRIL' and location 'CYC BURLEIGH HEADS' are listed. Below that is the website 'cms.org.au/qnsw/melt' and 'REGOS OPEN FEB 2025'. A vertical list of activities includes 'MEET MISSIONARIES', 'EXPLORE THE BIBLE', 'STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH', and 'CONNECT WITH FRIENDS'. On the far right is a beach scene illustration with a sun, clouds, a beach umbrella, a beach ball, a towel, and flip-flops.

Save the date!

You're invited to MELT Camp 2025

CMS MELT Youth Camp is back in 2025 and we'd love your youth to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity for teenagers to interact with cross-cultural mission up-close, to connect with Christian friends and to have fun! Next year's MELT camp will run over the ANZAC long weekend for three days (25-27 April) at the Gold Coast, mark it in your diary now.

Registrations open January!



CMS Stories from Checkpoint

In my weakness

In our latest Checkpoint, we shared a series of stories about courage. Elle Bryce shares how God used her weakness and the courage of local believers to advance the gospel in Kyoto.

Read Elle's full story below as well as other stories from the Courage series:

[Read Elle's story](#)

[Read more Stories of Courage](#)

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