

October eNews 2024



THIS SERVICE THAT YOU PERFORM IS NOT ONLY SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE BUT IS ALSO OVERFLOWING IN MANY EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Monthly Prayer Points](#)

[CMS Stories](#)

Our apologies for the delay in sending the October eNews. It came to our attention this morning that only half the list had received this edition last Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

Dear Friends,

"Putting money in second place, not first" is a core principle for CMS. Around 150 years ago, CMS decided they would follow a 'policy of faith'. CMS would send out any number of true-hearted missionaries, trusting the Lord of the harvest to supply the funds for this blessed undertaking.

We exercise this faith as a fellowship of his people, praying the Lord of the harvest will supply the missionaries, and the funds needed to send them. And, as a fellowship, we respond to those prayers through long-term financial commitment. Missionaries have a real sense that supporters are in an active relationship with them to send them for the long-term. Money in second place doesn't mean we don't think about the financial implications. Rather, it means we pray and give in obedience to the Lord's command.

In the 2024-2025 financial year, we need to increase our giving by 16.6%. Due to the increase in our missionary numbers, our branch is contributing a larger share of our total fellowship costs. We are also investing in our IT to ensure we are protecting both missionary and supporter information. So far, we haven't seen our giving grow

to support this increase.

On average, about 1 in 5 supporters who receive missionary newsletters give regularly to their support. Please pray that the Lord would inspire our fellowship to provide what is needed to encourage and support our current missionaries, and, by his grace, send many more!

You can find out how to give [on our website](#).



Your brother in Christ,

Mark Fairhurst
Executive Director



Bill & Linda Colyer

Tenterfield Anglican: 27 Oct – 1 Nov
Rochedale Anglican: 17 Nov – 22 Nov
AFES – National Training Event: 30 Nov -
4 Dec
Wilston Presbyterian: 8 Dec – 13 Dec

Keith & Marion Birchley

AFES – National Training Event: 30 Nov -
4 Dec



Rachel Hughes

Parfait in Bible Adventure devotion

Rachel Hughes in Japan wants to share a story that took place during a recent Bible devotion with children and parents...

"We rarely receive verbal encouragement from others in Japan, it's not really a common part of the culture. At Bible Adventure we played a card game as a

summary of our series of Old Testament and New Testaments characters. After the game, we made parfaits and I gave a devotion about ways the Bible is like a parfait: there are many layers, but they come together to make one thing like there are many characters and stories that come together to make one, whole Bible; each person has their own way of making their parfait, God arranged and included each part of the Bible the way he wants it to be (so we can't just pick and choose the bits we like).

Afterwards, we shared photos on a line group and one of the mums made the following comment publicly to the group: 'Thank you, Rachel, for another wonderful time. I think the children really enjoyed listening to you talk about how the Bible is like a parfait, filled with various messages from God. The French word "parfait," from which the word parfait is derived, means "perfect" or "complete. Let's continue to enjoy learning the teachings of the Bible, which is a perfect gift from God 🥰.' We were super encouraged by her thoughtful encouragement!"



FINANCE UPDATE

The branch received \$337,864 in donations in the first quarter of FY2025; this is \$133,682 (28%) below budget. Due to the growth of QNNSW missionaries in the last few years, our branch's share of CMS fellowship costs has increased significantly. This is a good challenge we are facing. Would you pray that more supporters will share the burden of sending missionaries to share the gospel that Jesus reigns!

CMS QNNSW FY2025 FIRST QUARTER



M (Middle East) features in Episode 1 of Season 6!

*"She went home and started praying that every night: Here am I God.
What do you have to say to me?"*

A new season of CMS' Heart of Mission podcast has just been released on Monday, 28 October. The first episode features our very own M (Mila)! Give it a listen here:

[Play Full Episode](#)



"Check out what happens at Summer School!"

Watch our video (below) to find out more:



There are few constants in life or CMS, but Summer School is an event that has endured throughout the decades. See how God has increased our branch's fellowship over the last 60+ years and give thanks with us!





 **POSITION VACANT**

Could you be our next marketing coordinator?

Our valued, current coordinator is leaving the team to begin a full-time ministry opportunity at the start of next year.

We're looking for a Marketing Coordinator to join the team. In this role, you can expect to use your creative skills to work with missionaries to share their stories, and help them connect with supporters. You'll also be working with the branch team to develop and run events to help supporters grow in their knowledge of global mission.

Is this you? Or someone you know? Find out more about the role [on our website](#).

MOBILISER'S CORNER

Butcher, baker, candlestick maker???

You may not be trained in these areas, but did you know there is a great diversity of roles undertaken by our current missionaries? For example, primary school teachers, university student ministry, medical doctors, agriculturalists, church ministry workers, ESL teachers, and Bible college teachers and staff. And this is just QNNSW missionaries.

Have you considered whether you could use your unique skills cross-culturally to serve God and equip the saints for ministry in a less-resourced region of the world?

To find out more, explore our current opportunities:

[CMS Opportunities](#)



PLEASE *pray*

Now is an especially significant time for two of our missionary units. Pray for Bruce & Libby Hayes and Keith & Marion Birchley as they transition into their final home assignments:

Bruce & Libby

Give thanks for

- The many blessed times we shared with our brothers and sisters, both expatriates and Nepalis in saying farewell.
- For a good sense of completion for both of us in handing over roles to colleagues and the new school building, which is almost complete.

Pray for

- Our friends and colleagues still serving at PSC and through INF and various other ministries. Pray for a new PSC Administration Assistant and a long-term (Masters qualified) teacher.
- Good preparation and reflection for our deputation time that will challenge folk to consider their part in God's Mission.

Keith & Marion

Praise God for

- A full room of 2025 leaders undertaking training for next year.
- A TSCF farewell last Saturday seeing lots of grads, a very tasty mumu and tear-jerking speeches.

Pray for

- God's wisdom on logistics for transporting some boxes back to Brisbane.

Annual General Meeting

In the lead-up to the AGM, we also want to encourage you to keep the meeting in your prayers.

Give thanks for

- The long-term service of the Council to the branch
- Retiring Council members

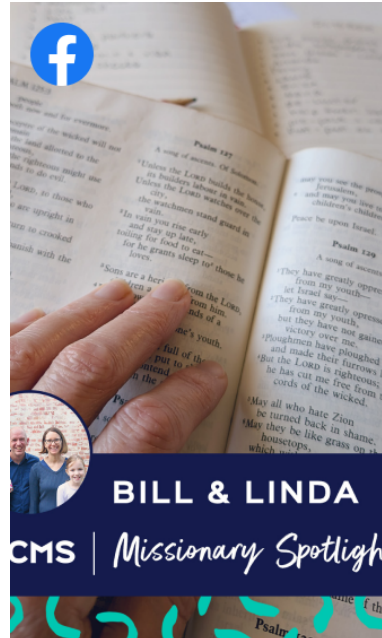
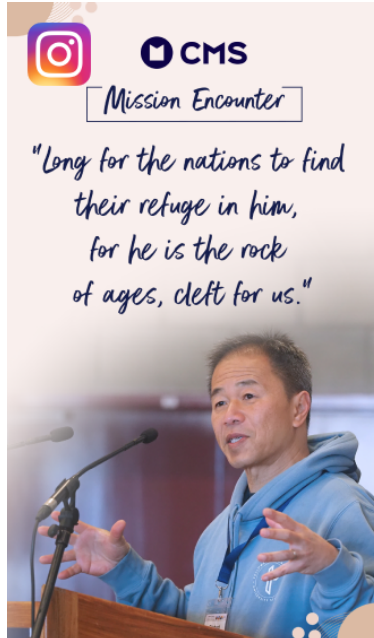
Please ask for

- Our members as they vote to approve the revised Rules of Association
- The transition to a Board as a single governing body (replacing the Council and the Executive Committee)
- Council members who will be appointed to the new Board
- Our new missionaries, Bill and Linda Colyer and Steph Hawkins, who will share their plans for ministry

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Posts to catch up on!

Wanting to see missionary updates and CMS events you might have missed? Click on the images below to find recent posts. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Monthly Prayer Points



© 2024 CMS-QNSW, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you have opted to receive our monthly eNews.



CMS-QNNSW · PO BOX 220 · RED HILL QLD 4059 · BRISBANE, QLD 4059 · Australia

This email was sent by: CMS Queensland with Northern New South Wales
Level1, 80, Petrie Terrace, QLD, 4000 Australia

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Update preferences](#) [Unsubscribe](#)