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“For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.”

—
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Dear Friends,

Have you been to a commissioning service for a CMS missionary?

CMS has recently sent Matt & Ellen Tyler and their children to Vanuatu, Taulama Siuhengalu to Vietnam and Kylie Zietsch back to South Africa. In the coming month, Brenton and Mel Kilby and their children will depart for Tanzania. For each of these missionaries, their commissioning services were important times of declaring and deepening partnership in the gospel, as we prepared to send them out for the sake of a world that knows Jesus.

As CMS partners with churches and individuals to set apart and send long-term cross-cultural gospel workers, we pray for mission partnerships to be personal and reciprocal. Our missionaries deeply value being known within the fellowship, enabled through the informed prayers and personalised practical care of their link churches and supporters. They also love getting to know those who send them with the gospel, both through purposeful investment of relationship on home assignment and ongoing contact while on location.

These personal partnerships are expressed in a special way at commissioning services, where missionaries and supporters come together to send and be sent in prayerful dependence upon Christ. There is solemnity as we consider the mammoth task ahead, but also joy as we commit each other to the Lord of the Harvest who is sending out his workers.

Adam and Avril Friend, currently serving in Madagascar, liken a commissioning service to a wedding ceremony:

“A commissioning is a little like a wedding, just without the fancy dress. Promises are spoken, hands are joined (or rather laid on!), songs are sung and people are prayed for. Expect to be encouraged and expect to be a great encouragement.”



Jason Veitch, Senior Minister at Campbelltown Anglican Churches likewise shares:

“Some of my greatest and most precious joys in ministry in Sydney have been attending CMS commissioning services and partnering with other churches to send workers around the globe. Having walked with Taulama over the years as he planned for long-term overseas ministry, it was a special privilege to join with others to pray for him as we sent him out.”

Next time your church sends out a new missionary or commissions a returning missionary for another term of service, can I encourage you to be a part of their commissioning service? And will you please join me in praying that all of our missionaries will be strengthened to keep seeking God’s glory, that Christ may be known in all the earth.

In Christ,



John Lovell

Executive Director, CMS NSW & ACT



Monthly prayer points and other resources:

[Download July prayer points](#)

[View Checkpoint online](#)



Coming up:

30 June [CMS Lasting Hope Appeal](#) closes

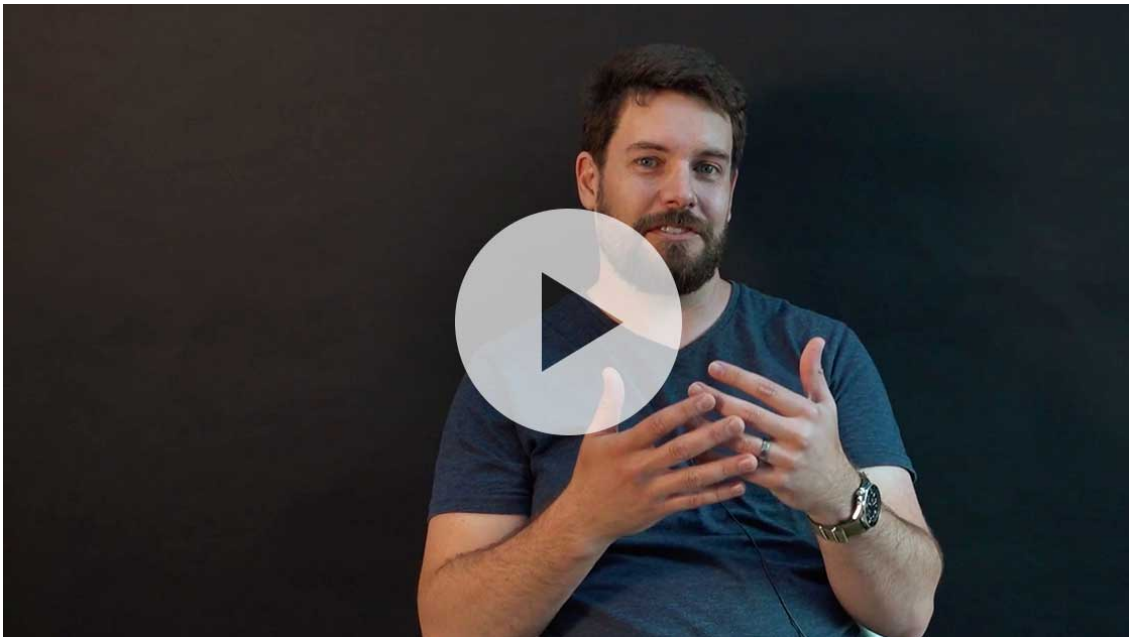
8-12 July [CMS Camp MMM Senior](#)

3 August [CMS Mission Up Close Live](#)

10 August [CMS Mission in the Spotlight Dinner](#)

[More upcoming events...](#)

See mission in action



Gospel Priority: Challenges to Trusting Christ

One of our core values at CMS is 'Gospel Priority'. At Summer School 2024, attendees watched a series of videos in which our missionaries described how this value plays out in their lives and ministry on location. [Check out the next video here.](#)

Get involved in mission



Lasting Hope Appeal – final days to give

We praise and thank God for those who have already given to the CMS Lasting Hope Appeal! Your generosity enables CMS missionaries to continue sharing gospel hope across the world. **This Sunday is your last opportunity to give to the appeal this year** – if you haven't already, would you prayerfully consider giving to the work of our missionaries?

Give now



Mission Up Close LIVE

Living Water in Dry Lands – A special opportunity to hear from secure workers in the Middle East and pray for God's work in the region.

Saturday 3 August

6:30pm – 9pm

St Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde

Come together to hear from God's word, pray for global mission, and consider the way God is working to the ends of the earth. Over supper, mingle with missionaries on home assignment and hear more about their work to see a world that knows Jesus.

Pre-registration is essential to attend, so don't miss out!

Online registration is now open and will close once capacity is reached.

Register now via MyCMS





CMS Summer School 2025

4-10 January, Katoomba

Planning is underway for Summer School 2025, and we're excited to have the Rev Dr Alistair Begg speaking on 1 Peter. Set aside the dates, and please be praying for another fantastic week of fellowship, teaching and sharing. Registration for Summer School will open in August.


Volunteers are still needed!

If you would like to volunteer at Summer School or want more information on volunteering, please let us know via email at nswsummerschool@cms.org.au.

Stay in touch

CMS NSW & ACT is on social media! Find out about our upcoming events, hear missionary updates, and be inspired to regularly pray for global mission.

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Pray with us

- **Praise God** for the missionary deputation visits and commissioning services that have taken place in partner churches over the last month. Give thanks for the many supporters who attended and prayed for CMS workers.

- **Praise God** for all who have generously donated to the Lasting Hope Appeal. Pray for God to continue growing hearts towards ongoing financial partnership in cross-cultural global mission.
- **Pray** for ongoing strength and encouragement for CMS missionaries as they proclaim the gospel on location around the world.
- **Pray** for the upcoming Camp MMM Senior; that many young people would be impacted by Bible teaching on 'Shine like stars', that they would make lifelong friends and consider how they might take part in God's global mission.

Thanks for your ongoing partnership in the gospel!

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