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AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY...  
ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO WILL  
ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS.

*2 Timothy 2:2*

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month we launched our annual CMS Lasting Hope Appeal. The appeal is an essential part of raising the funds needed to allow our missionaries to serve long-term in their locations.

This year we are seeking to raise \$640,000. This is an ambitious target, and one we cannot reach without your help. As missionary numbers have grown and the cost of sending and sustaining them rises, our total missionary budget has nearly doubled in the last five years.

**To enable us to send missionaries for the long-term we urgently need your support.**

Gillian Law has been serving in Italy for just over 10 years with university group, GBU. Over this time, she has mentored and walked alongside students, like Manuel. Now a trainee staff worker, he is leading Bible studies and discipling others while receiving the benefit of Gillian's mentoring.

***"Gillian played a crucial role in my growth... She has helped me understand how to care for myself in my walk with God, and how to care for the students. The way she invests in me is shaping how I invest in them."***

We know that when students like Manuel are disciplined well, they go on to disciple others and the impact ripples outwards. It makes a long-term impact!

Will you prayerfully consider whether you can be one of the people that helps us reach our goal of \$640,000 by June 30? You can also maximise your gift by [giving tax deductibly](#).

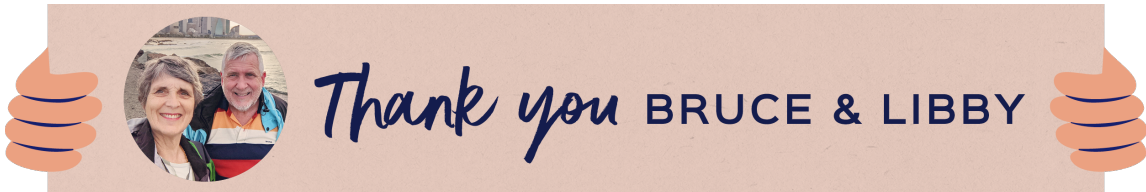
Please join me in thanking God for the faithful support of his people, and praying for a generous and sacrificial response to this appeal.



Your brother in Christ,

**Mark Fairhurst**  
Executive Director

Give to the Lasting Hope Appeal



A thanksgiving service was held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Coorparoo, to farewell and celebrate Bruce and Libby's ministry.

Please join us in thanking God for their ministry, and in praying that the seeds sown would continue to bear lasting fruit in Nepal and beyond, all for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church among the nations.

Keep an eye out—Bruce and Libby's full story is coming soon on **CMS Stories!**



## Register Now!

### Mission Encounter 2025 1-2 August

Our newsfeeds constantly remind us that the world is broken and dark. As we explore Paul's letter to the Colossians at Mission Encounter 2025, we will see that God invites us to be part of his plan to restore light and life through his Son, Jesus. What is our part? What can we possibly do? Let's lift our eyes together and see what God is doing worldwide, as we consider our role in his great plans. For more information, check out the [website](#).

Register Now

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## MOBILISER'S CORNER

Have you been considering the possibility of serving God in cross-cultural mission at some stage in your future? If so, we would love to see you at our next **'Journey in Mission' night on Thursday 10 July**. A small group of, mostly, young adults gather around a meal with missionaries to discuss and continue our journey into mission. We pray together and take small steps forward while trusting in God's guidance. Please [email Paul Vandersee](#) for more information.



## How does CMS work with partner organisations?

[Find out in our latest Mission Up Close episode.](#) Our friends at CMS NSW & ACT have released a new Mission Up Close podcast episode exploring what it means to serve under local leadership.

In this episode, we hear from different guests on why serving under local leadership matters for CMS and how God uses this methodology to build his church. You will have the chance to hear from missionaries, CMS staff and mission partners as they share their thoughts.

Mission Up Close shares stories and insights from around the world to help you and your church engage with cross-cultural mission. We publish new episodes exploring cross-cultural mission throughout the year. You can watch or listen to them in church, at home or with your Bible study.

Mission Up Close is also available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts!

[linktr.ee/missionupclose](https://linktr.ee/missionupclose)

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## Week of Prayer: Thank You for Praying With Us

Thank you to everyone who joined us during the CMS Week of Prayer! Whether you gathered on Zoom, prayed through the daily newsletters, or simply lifted up CMS gospel work in your quiet moments. Your prayers matter.

Together, we asked God to raise up more workers for the harvest and brought the needs of CMS workers, local churches, and global mission before him. What a joy to unite across our branch to seek His wisdom, strength, and provision. Let's keep praying, because we know the One who hears.





## MELT 2025: Watch the Highlights!

Our campers and leaders had so much fun at MELT that we wanted to share this highlight video with you. Please continue to pray for the campers who attended as they grow in their faith and love of cross-cultural mission. Click on the image above to watch!

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CMS STORIES





## Redeeming Babel: Why the Great Commission Still Matters

As churches increasingly focus their energy inward or just locally, Wei-Han Kuan (CMS Victoria Executive Director) reminds us that Jesus' call to make disciples of all nations hasn't changed. In his powerful article, first published by The Gospel Coalition Australia, Wei-Han challenges the popular idea that "the nations have come to us" means we no longer need to go. He argues instead that God's plan is bigger, richer, and more beautiful than that, one that includes redeeming Babel itself.

This vision of the church: diverse, united, global, isn't just about heaven someday. The redemption of Babel begins not just with crossing oceans but with opening our eyes to God's heart for all peoples.

[Read the full article](#) and be encouraged.



### Keith & Marion Birchley

Mitchelton Presbyterian Church: 8 - 12 June  
Toowoomba individual supporters 15 - 18 June  
Cairns Presbyterian Church 21 - 22 June  
JCU – AFES MYC 23 - 27 June

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