

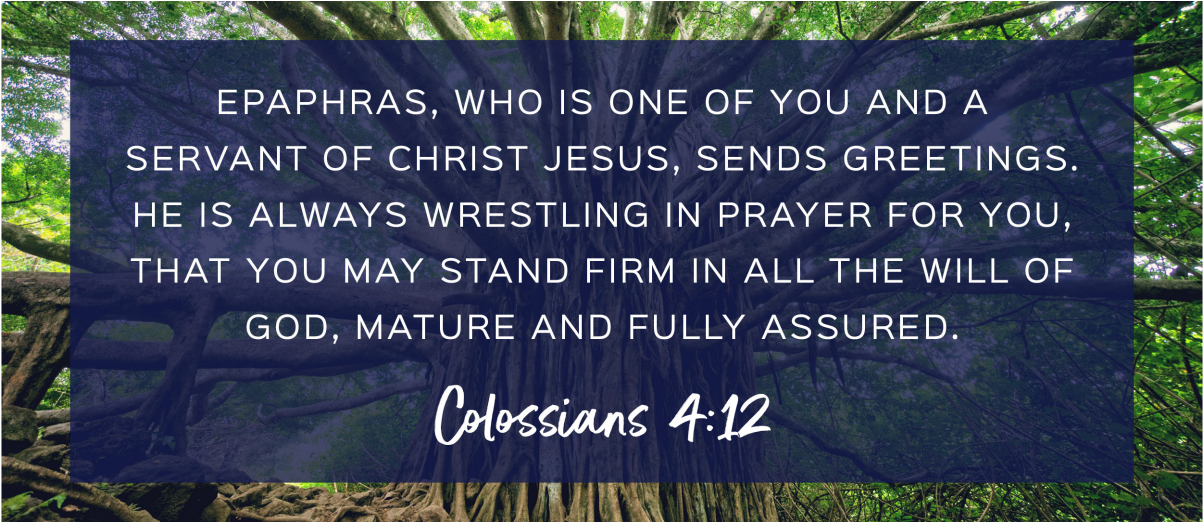
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EPAPHRAS, WHO IS ONE OF YOU AND A  
SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS, SENDS GREETINGS.  
HE IS ALWAYS WRESTLING IN PRAYER FOR YOU,  
THAT YOU MAY STAND FIRM IN ALL THE WILL OF  
GOD, MATURE AND FULLY ASSURED.

*Colossians 4:12*

Dear Friends,

Prayer is never easy. Even for such 'spiritual greats' as Epaphras and Paul, prayer was a struggle. So, if you find prayer a struggle, you're in good company!

Indeed, the struggle of prayer shouldn't surprise us – it's a spiritual battle against all the 'powers of this dark world' and 'the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms' (Ephesians 6).

But we are not in this alone. In prayer we join with our Lord Jesus Christ in his great purpose to bring all his people 'perfect' to the Father (Colossians 1:24-29).

So what can Epaphras and Paul teach us?

Firstly, don't give up! Prayer will always be a struggle.

Secondly, pray for the church as well as missionaries. They all need us to wrestle in prayer for them.

Thirdly, make your prayers count. Pray for their eternal needs, that they would 'stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured', as well as the details that we

hear in their prayer letters.

Thank you for wrestling in prayer on their behalf,



**Mark Fairhurst**  
Executive Director  
CMS QNSW



## MY CMS PORTAL

### Register for CMS events all in one place!

Recently we launched 'My CMS Portal' for event registrations. Once you have registered a portal account it will keep your details to help you register for events like Summer School.

If you are planning to come to Summer School (or any other events), you can set up your portal account so it's ready to go now. Please use the email address you receive CMS communications to for the CMS Portal

[Set up my portal account now](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL  
2026

HOPE  
*Unveiled*

REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN SOON

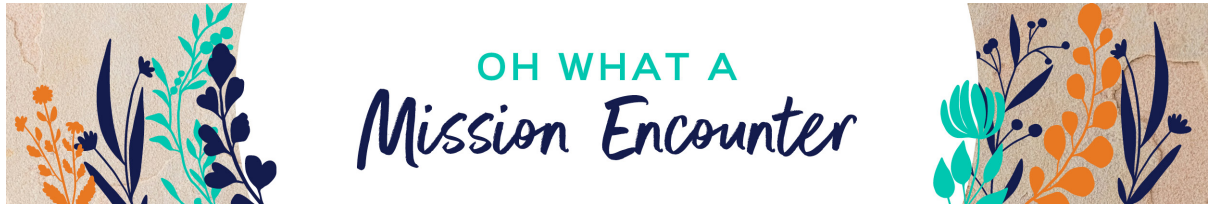
### Summer School 2026!

We're working hard behind the scenes to get registration ready for Summer School 2026! Registrations will open early September.

Andrew Shead, Head of the Old Testament Department at Moore Theological College, will be taking us through the book of Lamentations and explore how hope is

unveiled through Jesus.

Keep your eyes peeled for the registration link soon!



## Bringing light and life to the world!

Over 200 people gathered at Calrossy Anglican School in Tamworth for Mission Encounter 2025. There are a number of people who make events like Mission Encounter possible. A huge thank you to the Mission Encounter committee for their planning, our missionaries for their thought-provoking talks, and our speaker, Rev Dr Simon Gillham for sharing generously.

Audio talks will be made available on the CMS website soon.



## Fuelled by prayer

Last weekend, Adam & Helane Ramsay and Stephanie Hawkins shared a meal with young adults from around Brisbane at our second reEncounter, young adults mission night.

Over dinner, young adults heard about life in Japan, why missionaries are needed in Japan and Austria and the importance of prayer.

Please pray for these young people as they grapple with God about what cross-cultural mission might look like for them.



*Swipe for a snapshot of the night!*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Save the Date! AGM - 1 November

The Annual General Meeting for CMS QNNSW will be held on **Saturday, 1 November 2025 at Rochedale Anglican Church**. Details will be sent to members in the coming weeks. If you would like to become a member, [click here](#). After the AGM, there will be a Missionary Event followed by lunch.

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### Checkpoint July



### Latest edition out now!

In our latest edition of Checkpoint, we are focusing on women who are using their gifts as they serve in cross-cultural contexts. Throughout the articles you will read inspiring stories of women working in diverse roles as they serve as co-workers, alongside others, for the sake of God's kingdom.

As you read, we pray you will celebrate what God is doing in and through women across the world, be encouraged to partner with these women in prayer and giving, and think about how God might use you.

Click the button below to read the edition online, or contact our branch via [qnnsw@cms.org.au](mailto:qnnsw@cms.org.au) to request a hard copy.

[Read the latest edition](#)

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**Adam & Helane Ramsay**

Adam & Helane have finished their home assignment.  
Please pray for them as they travel back to Japan.

**Stephanie Hawkins**

31 Aug-5 Sept | St Andrews Anglican, South Brisbane  
14-18 Sept | Beenleigh and Logan Southern Cross  
Anglican Church

**J&S**

Until 11 Sept | St Peters Anglican Cathedral, Armidale  
14-20 Sept | Sydney Mission and Bible College (SMBC)  
21-25 Sept | Auburn Anglican Church, NSW

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