



SUMMER  
SCHOOL  
2025

# THE STRANGER'S HOPE



# THANK YOU

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 PETER 4:10

At CMS, we deeply value the partnership we have with churches and individuals, as together we set apart and support missionaries for long-term, cross-cultural gospel ministry.

We see this partnership on display here at Summer School, as many volunteers give up their time, energy and efforts to serve others.

Our volunteers help Summer School to run safely and smoothly, so we can keep lifting our eyes to the nations and learning more about God's global mission.

**We thank God** for all the volunteers who are serving us this week in many different ways. Your ministry is such a beautiful reflection of our selfless Saviour.

**Thank you for your humble and joyful service in the Lord at CMS Summer School 2025.**

# Welcome

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.”*

1 PETER 1:3-4

As the new year begins, what is it you find yourself longing for in 2025? Are you prayerfully anticipating how God’s word will shape what you hope for?

The hope Peter reminds us of is not just a distant dream but a living reality that shapes the daily lives of followers of Jesus. It gives us the strength to endure hardships, knowing that our faith, refined by trials, will result in praise, glory, and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. This hope radically transforms our perspective, enabling us to face challenges with courage and joy, confident in God’s promise of an eternal inheritance.

Our conference theme this year, *the stranger’s hope*, reminds us how the truths of the gospel loosen our grip on the temporary things of this world, orienting us to what will endure beyond the grave. As God’s people we become aliens and strangers in this world and long for our eternal home. We are chosen by God and precious to him, yet for now, we have the tremendous privilege of sharing our hope with those who presently are strangers to God, and to us. As a fellowship, we send people who willingly go to live and serve among strangers, crossing cultures to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light!

What a privilege it is to gather for Summer School 2025, as we look forward to hearing God speak to us through his word and anticipate being challenged to look out to the world that is in desperate need of the saving news of Jesus. I pray our time together fills your heart with the sure and certain hope of the gospel, as we long for our heavenly home with Jesus and the great multitude he is gathering from every tribe and tongue.

In Christ,



**John Lovell**  
Executive Director  
CMS NSW & ACT

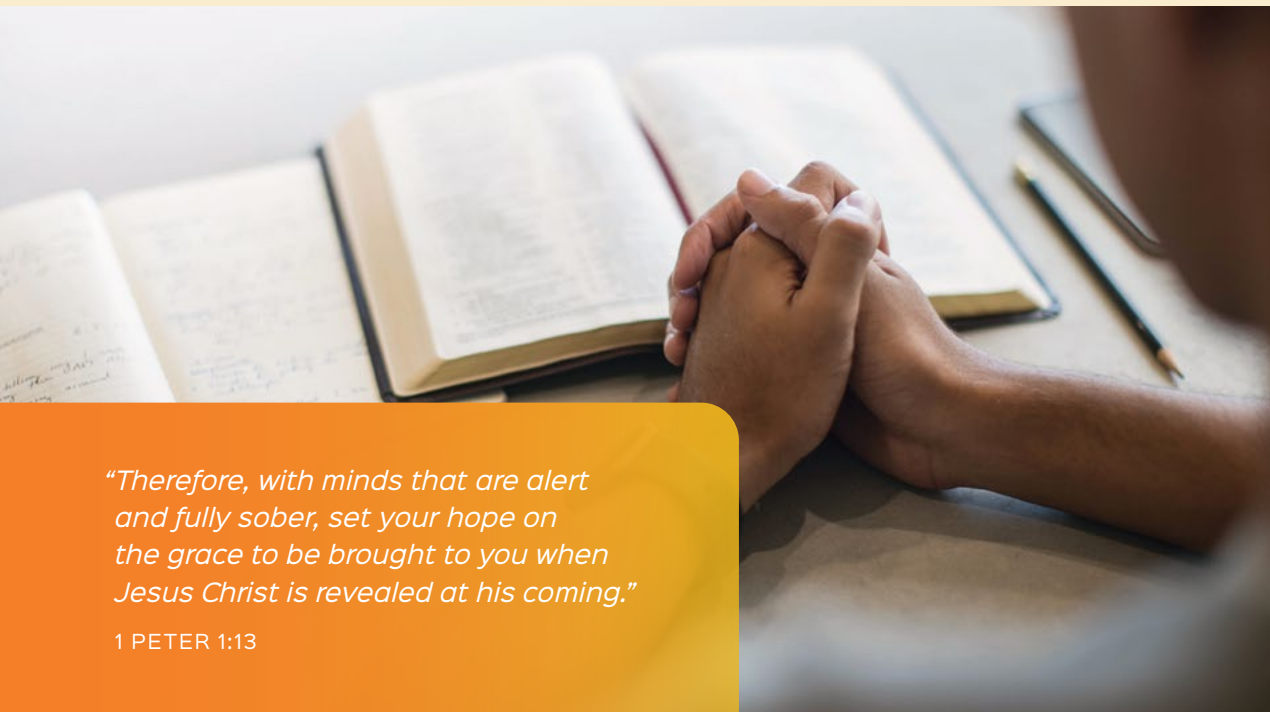
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## Program at a glance

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00am Bible talk sessions					
	11:15am Missionary sessions					11:15am Missionary commissioning
	12:15pm Free time					12:00pm Lunch
7:15pm – 9:00pm Bible talk session	7:15pm – 9:00pm The Lord's Supper	7:15pm – 9:00pm Evening sessions				
		9:15pm – 10:00pm Prayer up late	9:15pm – 10:00pm Mission up late			





*"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."*

1 PETER 1:13

How do we live where we no longer belong? 1 Peter has much to say about the life of the believer now, and the future Christ Jesus has secured for us through his resurrection.

As we look towards that future with hope, we are urged to pray. And so, **as we gather this year at Summer School to be challenged and encouraged from God's word, please pray:**

- **For our speakers.** Ask God to give them wisdom and understanding as they faithfully teach us from the Bible.
- **For our missionaries.** Thank God for their perseverance as they proclaim the gospel cross-culturally. Pray that the stories they share throughout the week will be edifying for our fellowship.
- **For our fellowship.** Thank God for his mercy to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that we would encourage each other to persevere in faith, and that God will use this week to grow our hearts to see a world that knows Jesus.
- **For our youth and children.** Pray that they will set their hope on the grace they will receive when Jesus is revealed. Ask God to grow them in their understanding and appreciation of his saving Word, and their desire to see it shared with others.
- **For our volunteers and organisers.** Ask God to give them energy and strength as they serve during the week, for the glory and honour of Jesus.

# Main speakers



## **Alistair Begg | Main Bible talks on 1 Peter**

Alistair Begg has been in pastoral ministry since 1975, serving as senior pastor at Parkside Church in Ohio since 1983. He is the Bible teacher on *Truth For Life*, a program broadcast on 2,000 U.S. radio networks and available online. A graduate of the London School of Theology, Alistair has authored several books. He and his wife Susan have three children and eight grandchildren.



## **Kanishka Raffel | Lord's Supper address**

Born in London to Sri Lankan parents and raised as a Buddhist, Kanishka became a Christian at Sydney University. Now serving as the Archbishop of Sydney, he previously ministered as Dean of Sydney at St Andrew's Cathedral. Kanishka is involved in the General Synod Standing Committee, The Gospel Coalition Australia, and GAFCON Australia. He acts as trustee to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia and Trinity Theological College, Perth. He and his wife Cailey have two daughters.



## **Greg Anderson | Cross-cultural Mission Partner**

Greg is the sixth Anglican Bishop of the Northern Territory, beginning in this role in 2014 after leading the Department of Mission at Moore Theological College. Previously, he and his wife Annette served as missionaries with CMS and trained Indigenous church leaders at Nungalinga College. He has also served as the Indigenous Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of the Northern Territory. He and Annette have four adult children. Greg is being joined at Summer School by guest speakers James and Miriam Woods, and Darryn Farrell.



## **Andrew Lubbock | Evening speaker**

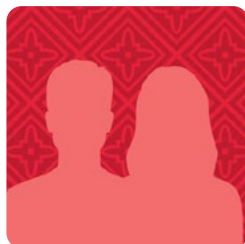
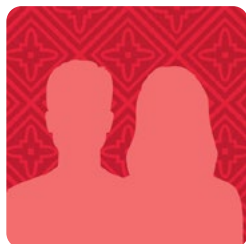
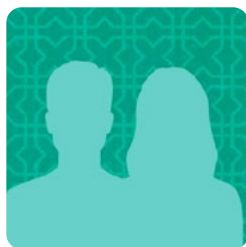
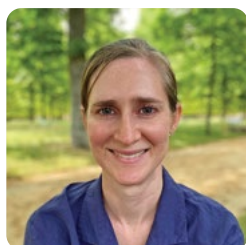
Andrew currently serves as Senior Associate Minister at St Matthew's Anglican Church in Wanniasa, ACT. He formerly served as a CMS missionary with his family in Italy, where they worked with the GBU and local Christian university students to help them proclaim Christ to their friends. Andrew has studied multiple languages including French, German, Korean, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek and Italian, the latter of which he remains a fluent speaker. He and his wife Sarah have four children.



## **David Williams | Seminar speaker**

David is the Director of Training and Development for CMS Australia, where he equips long-term cross-cultural workers at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne. Before this, David spent nine years serving as a missionary in Kenya. David and his wife Rachel have three adult sons.

# Missionaries joining us this week



**Please do not share photos of secure missionaries from Summer School online.** This is important for their safety, for the security of Christian partners, and for securing future visas.

**Karina Brabham** (France), **Simon & Jessica Cowell** (Italy), **M^** (North Africa), **Elizabeth^** (Middle East), **S & D^\*** (Central Asia), **Kellie Nicholas** (Japan), **Lachlan & Candy Grice\*** (Taiwan), **Andrew Buchanan & Abi Tandiseru** (Indonesia), **N & R^** (South East Asia), **Malcolm & Leanne^\*\*\*** (South East Asia), **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** (South Pacific), **Chris & Karen Webb** (North Australia), **Chris & Stef Overhall** (Chile).

*^Secure workers \*New missionaries \*\*Final Home Assignment*

# Plan your day

## Parking at Summer School

Please note that the KCC Oval is **not being used for general delegate parking this year**. Restricted on-site parking is dedicated for parents of children in Crèche and Preschool programs and for other essential volunteers. These delegates will have received instructions on how to gain access to this parking.

Delegates are encouraged to use the free Park 'n' Ride services outlined below.

## Free daily bus service

The best way to get to Summer School each day is to use the free daily bus service that will take you directly to the KCC site.

There are a number of services running each morning. Take a look at the timetable below for bus departure times.

**\*Note that the Park 'n' Ride options at the schools are dedicated for families checking in children at these locations.** If you do not have children checking in, please choose an alternative option.

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### Gates Avenue, Katoomba

Buses depart from 8:00am

*Plus frequent shuttle service*

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### Katoomba Street

**(opposite Carrington Hotel)**

Buses depart from 8:10am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### Katoomba Street (outside Paddy Pallin)

Buses depart from 8:10am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### Lurline Street (near Goyder Ave)

Buses depart from 8:15am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### 3 Sisters Motel

Buses depart from 8:15am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### Katoomba High School\*

Park near the school, buses depart from Martin St from 8:15am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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### Katoomba Public School\*

Park near the school, buses depart from Ada St from 8:15am

Please arrive no later than 8:45am

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**After the morning sessions, buses depart from Oak Street at frequent intervals from 12pm returning to the listed locations.** Preference will be given to parents/carers of children being picked up at the schools. If you are not picking up children from a school, please allow parents/carers to take the first buses.

## Morning session shuttle services

For those with limited mobility, minibus shuttles will run:

- between Ficus St (near the KCC Hartley site at the bend in Ficus St) and the Auditorium (preferred option);
- between Gates Ave and the Auditorium.

## Evening session parking and shuttle services

All evening attendees will be able to use the Scenic World multi-storey car park. Shuttle services will operate from the Scenic World Bus Car Park (drop-off will be available). Please note, **no Park 'n' Ride buses will run at night.**

If you are planning to park near the KCC site, **please observe the 'No CMS Conference Parking' signs** when looking for parking.



# Youth and Children

We are so thankful for the privilege of being able to lead your youth and children this week! We pray that they will grow in love for our great God and his mission. Below and over the page, you will find important information for the week's programs, including Check-In and Check-Out procedures for 2025.

**Registration for our Youth and Children's programs has closed.** If you have not registered your children, they are welcome to watch the main sessions with you in the Café Tent where there is more space for children.

## Family Bible Studies

Inside your Summer School bag you'll find a copy of our Family Bible Studies. These are a great way to spend time as a family exploring God's word and reflecting on what God has been teaching you at Summer School.



## Important information

- **Please arrive on time for drop off (Check-In) and pick up (Check-Out).** This ensures the smooth running of our programs each day.
- Please **do not send your child** to the Youth and Children's programs if they:
  - are currently experiencing cold or flu symptoms;
  - have experienced vomiting or diarrhoea in the past 24 hours.
- **Please keep your phone on vibrate** in case you need to be contacted during a session.
- **Parents will be notified by SMS and email of any important changes** to the Summer School Youth and Children's program.
- **Children under eight years are not allowed in the Auditorium.** The Café Tent is available to watch sessions with them instead.
- **If your school-aged child becomes sick during their program,** CMS will organise a shuttle to take you to your child at their program. Parents are asked to head to the information desk at the rear of the Auditorium where the team will arrange this.



Visit the Summer School Youth and Children's webpage for full details and important information for programs.

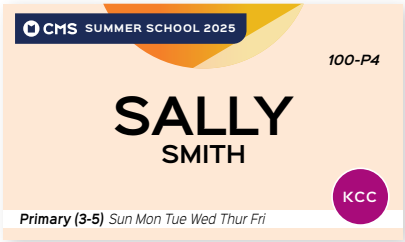
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*See over for Check-In & Check-Out information >*

## Check-In and Check-Out for 2025

Your Check-In and Check-Out location will be determined by which program your **YOUNGEST CHILD** attends. This location will be the same throughout **Summer School** and will be indicated by your family's wristband colour, on your name tags and in your Personalised Transport and Check-In Plan (emailed in December).



## Youngest child in Crèche or Preschool

Check in and check out all your children at the **KCC SITE**

**For families with school-aged children:** Please check school-aged children in at the Clairvaux Tent first. They will then be transported to and from their program locations by bus.

**For children in the Preschool program:** Preschool Check-In will be at Clairvaux.

**For children in Crèche programs:** Crèche Check-In will be at the Plaza (0-24 months) or the Lodge (25-36 months). Check-Out will be at the same locations.

Crèche finishes at 10:45am, in time for morning tea. Check-Out for Preschool and Clairvaux Tent will be from 12:15pm.

## KCC Check-In locations



## Youngest child in Kindergarten-Year 5, or Year 11-12

**Check in and check out all your children at KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL  
(Enter from Martin St)**

HS

Siblings in programs at Katoomba Public School will be transported there and back by bus.

## Youngest child in Year 6-10

**Check in and check out all your children at KATOOMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
(Enter from Ada St)**

PS

Siblings in the Year 11-12 program at Katoomba High School will be transported there and back by bus.



We appreciate your promptness in getting to buses to ensure your children are picked up in a timely manner.

## Youth and Children's program locations

### KCC Site

Crèche  
(Pandas, Lions & Tigers)  
Preschool

### Katoomba High School

Infants (K-Year 2)  
Primary (Year 3-5)  
Senior High (Year 11-12)

### Katoomba Public School

6-GR8 (Year 6-8)  
9Ten (Year 9-10)



Visit the Summer School Youth and Children's webpage  
for full details and important information for programs.

[cms.org.au/ss25yandc](https://cms.org.au/ss25yandc)



# Important information

## Emergency contacts

**Ambulance, Fire or Police: 000**

**Blue Mountains Hospital** (Cnr Great Western Highway and Woodlands Rd, Katoomba. Entry on Woodlands Rd):  
**4784 6500**

## First Aid

We are thankful to have first aid officers on site at CMS Summer School this year. These volunteers provide first aid and emergency assistance. They will be stationed in the Plaza area outside the Auditorium.

Please note, they are volunteers and only on hand to provide initial assessments in the event of a medical emergency during the main sessions. If you or someone you know requires medical assistance during one of the main sessions, please seek help from the first aid officers. If you need medical assistance outside of session times, please go directly to a local medical centre or the Blue Mountains Hospital.

## Secure missionaries at Summer School

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## Copyright information

At CMS Summer School, photographs and video footage of participants will be captured by official photographers. CMS reserves the right to use photographs and video footage for promotional material and other lawful purposes without further consent. CMS owns the copyright on the audio and video recordings of all CMS Summer School sessions. **No personal video or audio recording is permitted without prior permission.**

## Evacuation plan

**Stay informed:** Critical details regarding evacuation and cancellation will be available to view at the following websites:

**[facebook.com/cmsnswact](https://facebook.com/cmsnswact)**  
**[nswsummerschool.org.au](https://nswsummerschool.org.au)**

In the case of postponement, information will be available by 8am and 5pm each day.

**Emergency:** In the unlikely event of an emergency occurring during a session with little or no warning, you will be moved to the Auditorium until the danger passes. Children and Youth will be cared for at their program venues. You will be advised of this by the chairperson of your program.

**Evacuation:** If a site evacuation is necessary, please follow directions given from the chairperson of your program. The Emergency Services will arrange movement to a suitable evacuation location. Please do not use your mobile phone during an evacuation.

**Bushfire:** The organisers of CMS Summer School will act early in the case of a bushfire. We will begin evacuating the site if the 'Watch and Act' category is announced for the area by the Rural Fire Service.

**Postponement or cancellation:** If there is a threat to the site or road closures immediately prior to or during Summer School, the conference will be postponed or cancelled. You will be advised by email and by SMS to your registered mobile phone.

## Safe ministry

CMS is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of people. We take complaints of misconduct very seriously. We contract an independent professional to receive complaints and professional standards enquiries. Call the toll-free number on 1800 070 511 or email [helpline@safercommunities.net.au](mailto:helpline@safercommunities.net.au).



## Summer School Media

**CMS Summer School is renowned for its in-depth Bible teaching.**

In 2025, all Summer School media will be available online in digital format at no charge. You can catch up on talks from 2024 as well as other Branch summer events at **[cms.org.au/resources/talks](https://cms.org.au/resources/talks)**.

We will advise in March once the 2025 recordings are available for streaming and download.

*Please note, we are no longer producing hard-copy CDs or DVDs.*



## SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 PROGRAM

### SATURDAY

**7:15pm**

Evening session

**Concerning this salvation**

1 Peter 1:1-12

Alistair Begg

Talk notes on pages 24-25



# SUNDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### **New life, new lifestyle**

1 Peter 1:13-25

*Alistair Begg*

Talk notes on pages 26–27

## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Missionary sessions

## 12:15pm Lunch time

## 7:15pm Evening session

### **All for the sake of the gospel**

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

*Archbishop Kanishka Raffel*

Talk notes on page 38



## Missionary sessions:

### AUDITORIUM

#### **Spirits and the gospel**

How do people interact with or experience the spirit world, and how does the gospel address this?

*Chris Webb, Andrew Buchanan,  
Lachlan Grice*

### OVERFLOW TENT

#### **Meet the missionaries**

The Overalls serve in Chile where they invest their lives and energy in the training of others to read, understand and teach God's word. Kellie serves on campus in Japan with the KGK student ministry, seeking to equip and disciple the next generation for Christ.

*Chris & Stef Overhall, Kellie Nicholas*

### CAFÉ TENT

#### **Meet the missionaries**

The Atwoods have been involved in student ministry in Vanuatu. Karina serves in a similar context with the GBU on campus in Poitiers, France.

*Joel & Tiffanie Atwood, Karina Brabham*

### CMS CONFERENCE CENTRE

#### **Equipping and training local people for lifelong ministry**

Reflections on how CMS works alongside local ministry partners to prepare them for long-term gospel service in their ministry context.

*Elizabeth, Malcolm & Leanne, C (CMS-A)*

### MOUNTAIN CAMP DINING ROOM

#### **Islam in different contexts**

How local Islam differs from Central Asia to South East Asia to North Africa, and the implications for ministry in these contexts.

*S (Central Asia), M (North Africa), N (South East Asia)*



## Pray for Africa

*“What is the one thing you want foreigners to do when they come [long-term] to Madagascar?” You could probably imagine several answers to this question. Listen to one of our new Malagasy friends: ‘The one thing we want foreigners to do... is to learn our culture... Across our history, we have seen time and again that nobody cares about our language, nobody cares about our culture... [and] if you don’t want to learn from us, then we won’t want to learn from you.’”*

– ADAM & AVRIL FRIEND, MADAGASCAR

With a population of nearly 1.4 billion, Africa continues to see rapid economic and population growth, increasing urbanisation, rising secularism, and expanded educational opportunities. These changes have significant implications for Christian churches and their mission strategies. In Africa, CMS is engaged in evangelism, theological training, humanitarian service, discipleship, and the promotion of biblical literacy.

### Please pray

- Ask God to turn whole families to Jesus and to the joy of knowing him as Saviour. Pray for them to grow in love and knowledge of God through his word.

- Pray that God will raise up faithful, courageous and well-trained Christian leaders and disciples. Pray that they would be models of Christ-like humility and love.
- Ask God to keep Christians safe and spiritually strong in areas where they face local hostility. Pray for continued hope in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, especially within the churches.
- Pray that Jesus would be preached faithfully in Bible colleges and churches. Pray that pastors would be trained to disciple great numbers of new believers in gospel clarity, godliness, and an infectious desire to preach the gospel of grace. Pray that God might use Bible colleges in Africa to prepare students for a lifetime of ministry.

### Missionaries

**Adam & Avril Friend** – Madagascar

**Anthony & Trudi Elyard** – Ethiopia

**Brenton & Melissa Kilby** – Tanzania

**Daniel & Olivia Webster** – Namibia

**Kylie Zietsch** – South Africa

**M<sup>a</sup>** – North Africa

**Michael & Jean Burke** – Tanzania (Assoc.)

**Mike & Katie Taylor** – Tanzania

**Nathan & Diane Lovell** – South Africa

**Ryan & Lynne Verghese** – Seychelles

<sup>a</sup>Secure workers

# MONDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### Living stone – holy people

1 Peter 2:1-10

*Alistair Begg*

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## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Missionary sessions

## 12:15pm Lunch time

## 7:15pm Evening session

### The legacy of CMS Aboriginal mission over a century

*Bishop Greg Anderson*

Talk notes on page 39

### 'On the shoulders of giants' – Building on past foundations

*Kellie Nicholas, Karina Brabham, Chris & Karen Webb*



## 9:15pm–10:00pm

### Prayer up late

CMS Conference Centre

Join us to pray for God's glory, our missionaries around the world, and for our week together at Summer School.

## Missionary sessions:

### AUDITORIUM

#### The Bible and care for the poor

Engaging with current missiological thinking on poverty and the ongoing importance of global gospel mission.

*David Williams (CMS-A)*

### OVERFLOW TENT

#### Why cross-cultural parenting is so challenging

Hear reflections from missionary parents serving long-term amidst the highs and lows of family life.

*Tiffanie Atwood, Jessica Cowell, Chris Overhall*

### CAFÉ TENT

#### Theological education in non-Western cultures

How does theological education play out in other cultures? Gain insights into communicating God's word effectively across different worldviews.

*Andrew Buchanan, Joel Atwood, Malcolm*

### CMS CONFERENCE CENTRE

#### Practical gospel partnership

Reflecting on the breadth, depth and privilege of sending for the long term.

*Scott Millar, Daniel Morris, Daniel Arthur, Graeme Sedorenko*

### MOUNTAIN CAMP DINING ROOM

#### God's word at work in the world

Listen to stories of the gospel transforming hearts and minds among vastly different people groups.

*R (South East Asia), Stef Overhall, Karina Brabham*





## Pray for East Asia and South East Asia

*"Nothing can stop God's life-giving gospel from bearing fruit for the glory of Jesus. Nothing is too difficult for the LORD... A great reminder that gospel work in Japan, where Christians are less than one percent, is also not too hard for him."*

– CHENNY THIE, JAPAN

A substantial proportion of the world's population live in these parts of Asia. In a few countries Christianity is strong and growing, but the region remains gospel-poor. Other religions include Buddhism, Islam, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism and folk religions involving ancestor worship. CMS serves in some countries where there is evidence of strong gospel growth, and continues long-term in gospel-poor countries where progress is slow and spiritual needs are great.

### Please pray

- Pray that churches in Japan would be bold in evangelism, and creative and flexible in reaching young people with the gospel.
- Thank God for long-term partnerships with KGK (the fellowship of Christian students in Japan) and the Campus Evangelical Fellowship in Taiwan. Ask God to keep raising up and maturing student leaders.
- Pray for Taiwanese and Cambodian Christians to speak and model the gospel.

- Ask God to gather new believers to study his Word and pray together, especially in locations that are predominantly Buddhist and Muslim.
- Thank God for Indonesian believers who have a heart for evangelism, discipleship and church planting.
- Thank God for the work of Bible colleges and International Schools in the region, and pray for Christians to hold firm in their gospel witness.

### Missionaries

**Andrew Buchanan & Abi Tandiseru** – Indonesia

**Chenny Thie** – Japan

**Chris & Erin**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Dave & Beck McIntyre** – Japan

**Jeremy & Jill Horrocks** – Cambodia

**Josh & Nici**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Julie**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Kellie Nicholas** – Japan

**Lachlan & Candy Grice**<sup>\*</sup> – Taiwan

**Malcolm & Leanne**<sup>\*\*\*</sup> – South East Asia

**Na**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Nathan & Maki Clapham** – Japan

**N & R**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Rebekah**<sup>^</sup> – South East Asia

**Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** – Taiwan

**Steven & Sandra Parsons** – Japan

**Taulama Siuhengalu** – Vietnam

<sup>\*</sup>New missionaries <sup>\*\*</sup>Final Home Assignment

<sup>^</sup>Secure workers

# TUESDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### Honourable conduct

1 Peter 2:11-3:7

*Alistair Begg*

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## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Missionary sessions

## 12:15pm Lunch time

## 7:00pm–9:00pm

### 6-GR8 Youth Night

Clairvaux

*Parents will be notified if these details change*

## 7:15pm Evening session

### Jesus and going

Luke 10:1-3; 16-24

*Andrew Lubbock*

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### Present realities in mission

*Chris & Stef Overhall, Joel & Tiffanie Atwood, M (North Africa)*



## 9:15pm–10:00pm

### Mission up late

CMS Conference Centre

*Malcolm & Leanne (South East Asia)*

## Missionary sessions:

### AUDITORIUM

#### Cross-cultural partner session:

#### What is happening now in Aboriginal churches in the Northern Territory?

Hear about the life of the church in remote Aboriginal communities and Darwin: what are the joys and everyday challenges?

*Greg Anderson, James & Miriam Woods, Darryn Farrell*

### OVERFLOW TENT

#### Meet the missionaries

These workers serve in highly secure contexts. Come and listen as they share insights into God at work on location.

*N & R (South East Asia), M (North Africa), Elizabeth*

### CAFÉ TENT

#### Competing or complementing?

Exploring the relationship between local evangelism and global mission in the local church.

*John Lovell, Scott Millar, Daniel Morris*

### CMS CONFERENCE CENTRE

#### Believing vs belonging

Exploring the question 'What happens when the gospel directly challenges our identity?'

*Simon & Jessica Cowell, Andrew Buchanan*

### MOUNTAIN CAMP DINING ROOM

#### Persevering without much encouragement

What does serving long-term look like when things are consistently tough and how do CMS workers keep going?

*Chris & Karen Webb, Karina Brabham*



## Pray for North Australia and the Pacific

*"Eddie was a student leader at our ministry group in 2018. He was shy and quiet. After graduation, Eddie returned to Solomon Islands. We have heard stories of Eddie evangelising in the streets and selling chickens to raise funds for the student group. He has the desire to see Jesus be known in Solomon Islands. Eddie is now the National Director of Solomon Islands University Christian Fellowship (SIUCF), working alongside two other staff workers on campus."*

– JOEL & TIFFANIE ATWOOD, VANUATU

In the Pacific, CMS missionaries assist local churches and other Christian organisations with student ministries, Bible teaching, Bible translation, and scriptural resource development. In North Australia, CMS missionaries work alongside Aboriginal Christians, offering support and training to leaders in both urban and remote communities. The desire is always to highlight God's grace and nurture believers in their knowledge of Christ's salvation.

### Please pray

- Pray that CMS missionaries would establish relationships of friendship and trust within their communities. Pray for guidance in how to help multiply Indigenous ministry over the coming years, with full partnership between leaders and others in their location.

- Pray that God would give strength and help to church leaders carrying heavy community responsibilities as they seek to speak the gospel. Pray that God would help Bible college students and church leaders to remain focused on good exegetical preaching.
- Give thanks for Bible and resource translation work and ask that new Bible translators would be raised up to join the existing translators. Pray that the Bible will reach more people groups in their heart languages.
- Pray that true reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians might come about through the gospel of Jesus.

### Missionaries

**Chris & Karen Webb** – North Australia

**Ian & Jenny Wood** – North Australia

**Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** – Vanuatu

**Matt & Ellen Tyler** – Vanuatu

**Matt & Lisa Pearson** – North Australia

# WEDNESDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### Suffering for doing good

1 Peter 3:8-22

*Alistair Begg*

Talk notes on pages 32–33

## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Missionary sessions

## 12:15pm Lunch time

## 2:30pm EFAC address

### Evangelical ministry across the Anglican Church of Australia

*Bishop Mark Calder (Bathurst),*

*Ven. Arthur Copeman (Newcastle) and*

*Rev. Marc Dale (Perth) via video*

## 7:00pm–9:00pm

### 9Ten Youth Night

Mountain Camp Dining Room

*Parents will be notified if these details change*

## 7:15pm Evening session

### Jesus and staying

1 Timothy 1

*Andrew Lubbock*

Talk notes on page 41

### 'Beyond 2050' – Thinking beyond this generation

*Malcolm & Leanne, Elizabeth, Andrew*

*Buchanan & Abi Tandiseru*

## Missionary sessions:

### AUDITORIUM

### Engaging hearts and minds: Effective ministry on campus

Insights into engaging the next generation for Christ across cultures.

*Simon Cowell, Kellie Nicholas, Chris Overhall, Elizabeth Richards (CMS-A)*

### OVERFLOW TENT

### Cross-cultural partner session: Our dreams for Aboriginal churches in the Northern Territory

Where we see God leading us for the future, and what we hope God will provide for the churches' growth.

*Greg Anderson, James & Miriam Woods, Darryn Farrell*

### CAFÉ TENT

### Creative platforms for secure countries

Secure workers share how they've used unique opportunities to share Christ in the face of obstacles.

*M (North Africa), S (Central Asia), Leanne*

### CMS CONFERENCE CENTRE

### Enquirers session

For those considering mission and what the next steps might look like.

*John Lovell, Daniel Morris, Tania Snowdon*

### MOUNTAIN CAMP DINING ROOM

### Opportunities and challenges in serving cross-culturally

Stories of how leaving Australia to serve in cross-cultural mission presents both challenges and opportunities.

*Joel Atwood, Karen Webb, Malcolm*





## Pray for Europe

*"More and more, we're seeing that being here is a long-term investment. It takes time to learn a language properly, to be invited into a culture, and to discover the ways we need to change and adapt in order to serve Christ here. Thank you for partnering with us... as we seek to 'become like Belgians to reach Belgians, so that by all possible means, we might win some!' (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)"*

– MICHAEL & RANI GRIVAS-ALLISON,  
BELGIUM

Europe is largely post-Christian. While many people culturally identify with Christianity, evangelical churches are few, and a significant portion of the population lacks exposure to the gospel. Large immigrant and refugee intakes have led to further religious diversity. CMS engages in Europe through partnerships in student ministry, theological education, and church planting.

### Please pray

- Pray for local Christians to have courage to speak the gospel in environments where Bible believers are viewed with curiosity and suspicion. Pray that they would be boldly public in their faith and gospel works.

- Thank God for the continuing work of the GBU in bringing the gospel to tertiary students in France, Italy and Belgium. Pray for more people, including local believers and those offering to serve with CMS, to work amongst university students.
- Pray that CMS missionaries would continue to progress in learning language and culture, especially those who are new to location. Pray for growing opportunities for Bible teaching and discipleship, within the context of growing relationships.
- Thank God for the partnerships CMS enjoys with local churches across Europe. Pray for younger Christians in these churches to learn how to serve and to share the gospel with their friends.

### Missionaries

Chris & Kristy Galea – Malta  
 Colin & Catherine Puffett – France  
 David & Cathie Sandifer – The Netherlands  
 Gillian Akers – France (Assoc.)  
 Howard & Trisha Spencer – Belgium (Assoc.)  
 Jim & Tanja French – Spain  
 Josh & Susannah Apieczzonek – France  
 Jotham Booker – Germany (Co-Mission Partner)  
 Karina Brabham – France  
 Klaus & Jude Hickel – Germany  
 Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison – Belgium  
 Miriam Bradshaw – Spain  
 Simon & Jessica Cowell – Italy

# THURSDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### **Stewards of God's varied grace**

1 Peter 4:1-19

*Alistair Begg*

Talk notes on pages 34-35

## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Missionary sessions

## 12:15pm Lunch time

## 7:00pm–9:00pm

### Senior High Youth Night

Clairvaux

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## 7:15pm Evening session

### **Jesus and leaving**

Acts 20:17-38

*Andrew Lubbock*

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### **'To the ends of the earth' – Mission and Christian hope**

*Lachlan & Candy Grice, S & D (Central Asia), N & R (South East Asia)*

## Missionary sessions:

### AUDITORIUM

#### **Young people's culture around the world**

What opportunities exist for cross-cultural mission among the next generation?

*N (South East Asia), Elizabeth, G (CMS-A)*

### OVERFLOW TENT

#### **Meet the missionaries**

The Webbs have been teaching the Bible and discipling believers in Broome and the wider Kimberley region. Andrew and Abi have been involved in theological education and serving the local church in Indonesia.

*Chris & Karen Webb, Andrew Buchanan & Abi Tandiseru*

### CAFÉ TENT

#### **Why long-term matters**

CMS missionaries share insights into the value of long-term gospel ministry on location.

*Kellie Nicholas, Stef Overhall, Malcolm*

### CMS CONFERENCE CENTRE

#### **Pastoral care: Before, during, and after missionary service**

What happens in the different life stages of a CMS missionary in terms of pastoral care, and what impact does this have?

*Margie Gillham, D (Central Asia), Jenni Woodhouse, Leanne, Garry Dibley, Joel Atwood*

### MOUNTAIN CAMP DINING ROOM

#### **Mentoring across cultures (Mentac)**

Come and hear how God has been using this initiative to grow hearts and minds for cross-cultural ministry to Muslim and Hindu people groups.

*Ben Bathgate, Clive Buultjens, Margaret Powell*



## Pray for the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia

*"I recently reconnected with an old friend I have known for over ten years. I remember sitting on her floor the first time I met her here in this city, and sharing with her the story of Jesus' birth, Herod's violent anger, and how Jesus and his family fled to Egypt. She loved the story and exclaimed, 'Jesus was a refugee just like me!' "*

– SARAH, MIDDLE EAST

Islam and Hinduism are the two major religions in the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia. Some parts of the regions face threats from militant groups hostile to Christians, though many believers continue to live and speak out courageously. CMS workers use professional and personal skills to connect with diverse communities through businesses, NGOs, schools, and international churches.

### Please pray

- Pray for spiritual peace and hope in contexts of ongoing conflict. Pray that Christians will continue to speak of and point to gospel hope in Jesus. Pray that believers and unbelievers alike will find their security in Jesus' heavenly kingdom, especially in the turmoil of war.
- Pray that God would sustain CMS workers and other church leaders with grace and strength in their demanding roles in expanding churches. Ask God to guide church leaders as they seek to bear gospel witness, especially among those living in poverty.
- Pray for creative and courageous ways to reach those who have never heard the name of Jesus. Pray for more workers, and for those who already work in these locations to be wise in their use of their time and energy in the face of much need.
- Thank God for CMS missionaries willing to bring the gospel to unreached people groups and ask that God will raise up more of them – along with local believers. Pray that God will open doors for the gospel amongst the many in these regions who are hostile to its proclamation.

### Missionaries

A^ – South Asia

C^ – Middle East

Craig & Lisse^ – Middle East

Dan & Marg^ – Middle East

Elizabeth^ – Middle East

E^ – South Asia

Gavin & Megan Rosser – Jordan

J & P^ – Eurasia

Je^ – Middle East

Jo^ – Middle East

Morgan & Olivia^ – Middle East

Ray & Sandy^ – Middle East (Assoc.)

S & D^\* – Central Asia

S & M^ – Middle East

W & S^ – Middle East

*\*New missionaries ^Secure workers*

# FRIDAY

## 9:00am Morning session

### **Standing firm in the true grace of God**

1 Peter 5:1-14

*Alistair Begg*

Talk notes on pages 36-37

## 10:45am Morning tea

## 11:15am Commissioning

## 12:00pm Lunch time

For those who have ordered lunch, please promptly collect it from the Overflow Tent as you make your way from the KCC site. **Please give priority to those who need to collect children from their programs.**

### **Youth and Children pick up and Friday lunch**

For parents needing to pick up lunch, please leave during the last song of the final session, pick up lunch for your family and catch the first buses to the schools.





## Pray for Latin America

*"The greatest pleasure of long-term missionary service is to be here to see the fruit of seeds planted and the baton being passed from one generation to the next. We planted seeds, but God did the pruning and the growing, and keeps on giving the desire and the strength to serve, so that fruit is harvested 'for his good pleasure.' (Philippians 2:13)"*

– PETER & TERRY BLOWES, ARGENTINA

While most Latin American countries are traditionally Roman Catholic, the fastest-growing religious categories in this region are 'evangelical' and 'no religion'. Church leaders need ongoing training, which CMS missionaries help provide through MOCLAM\* Bible courses and teaching at Bible colleges. Missionaries also work alongside university students to support evangelism, discipleship and Bible teaching among the next generation of leaders.

### Please pray

- Thank God for the growth in and commitment to evangelism that university Christian groups have seen. Pray that this would continue, and that Christian students would know and live out God's gospel purposes for their lives.

- Thank God for faithful Bible teachers who can preach his word systematically and passionately, and pray that their number might grow.
- Pray that more leaders will be raised up for MOCLAM to meet the growing demand for good Bible training. Pray for wisdom and good communication in managing the many different places and opportunities for MOCLAM in Chile, Bolivia and Cuba.
- Pray that local believers would be moved by the Holy Spirit to grow in their understanding of the Bible.

### Missionaries

**Adrian & Anita Lovell** – Bolivia

**Amy Stephens** – Argentina

**Chris & Stef Overhall** – Chile

**Martin & Julie Field** – Argentina

**Nick & Kysha Davies** – Peru

**Pedro & Joy Oliveira Woolmer** – Uruguay

**Peter & Terry Blowes** – Argentina

\*MOCLAM is a program designed to make accessible yet high-quality theological education available to Spanish speakers throughout Ibero-America. It offers a program consisting of 18 subjects, which have a focus on biblical studies.

## Concerning this salvation

### 1 Peter 1:1-12

Beginning at the end      5:12

The writer and the readers      v.1-2

3 facts true of all in Christ      v.1-2

How great is our salvation      v.3-9

- Living hope

- Guaranteed inheritance

- Various trials

- Inexpressible joy

The prophets and the angels v.10-12

**New life, new lifestyle**

**1 Peter 1:13-25**

Prepare your mind

Set your hope

v.13-16

Wholly holy

Live in reverent fear

v.17-21

Love one another earnestly v.22-23

Trust the Word entirely

v.24-25



## Living stone – holy people

### 1 Peter 2:1-10

Growing spiritually

v.1-3

Living stones

v.4-8

- Precious

- Spiritual house

- Built together

The cornerstone

Standing or stumbling

A chosen people

- Knowing who and whose we are

Honourable conduct

1 Peter 2:11-3:7

Urgent appeal

2:11-12

Submission to instituted authority 2:13-17

The duty of servant to masters

2:18-20

Jesus our example

2:21-25

Gospel grounded marriage

3:1-7

## Suffering for doing good

### 1 Peter 3:8-22

Unity in Christ

v.8-12

- Harmony
- Sympathy
- Brotherly love
- Tender heart
- Humility

A reason for the hope

v.13-17

Who is there to harm you?



Defence:

- In your heart
- With your lips
- By your life

Victory of Christ's suffering v.18-22

- Death and life v.18
- Spirits in prison v.19-20a
- Baptism v.20b-21a
- Ascension v.21b-22

The main things are the plain things

And the plain things are the main things!

Stewards of God’s varied grace

1 Peter 4:1-19

Thinking properly v.1-6

- We should not be surprised v.12
- Our opponents should be v.4
- It is time for judgement v.5,17

Living differently v.7-11

- For the rest of the time v.3
- For the sake of your prayers v.7
- Brotherly love v.8

- Ungrudging hospitality v.9

- Serving others with our gifts v.10

When through fiery trials v.12-19

- Rejoice v.13-14

- Glorify God v.16

- Make sure that your suffering is undeserved v.15

- This is all on the test v.17-18

- Entrust yourself to our faithful God v.19

## Standing firm in the true grace of God

### 1 Peter 5:1-14

Peter – a fellow elder v.1

Shepherd the flock of God v.2-3

- Provision

- Consultation

- Protection

Keep your eyes on the prize v.4

Clothe yourselves properly v.5-6

Deal with anxiety and adversity v.7-11

In the security God provides:

- Restore
- Confirm
- Strengthen
- Establish

Final greetings v.12-14



All for the sake of the gospel

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

## **The legacy of CMS Aboriginal mission over a century**

## **Jesus and going**

### **Luke 10:1-3; 16-24**

- Jesus, who are you?
- Sent to send                      v.1-3; 16
- Powerful to subdue              v.18-19
- Heavenly life-writer            v.20
- Jesus is...

## Jesus and staying

### 1 Timothy 1

- Stay there!

- Christ Jesus alone saves v.15

- Shown mercy to show mercy v.16

- Fight. Hold. Stay.

- What did you expect?

## Jesus and leaving

### Acts 20:17-38

- The future of mission and ministry

- Jesus and preparation v.21

- Jesus and departing

- Jesus and the future v.32

- The right time to leave









## Partner with us in God's mission

*"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

Long-term mission is only possible with long-term partnership. As our missionaries serve across cultures, they rely on a network of committed supporters and churches to uphold them in prayer, care and giving.

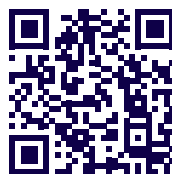
We are thankful for the many supporters who participate in the task of making Jesus known through their partnership with CMS. As a fellowship of believers, we can all play a part in taking the gospel to the nations!



### PRAY

Choose a missionary you've heard from at CMS Summer School 2025 and commit to praying for them.

**[cms.org.au/missionaries](https://cms.org.au/missionaries)**



### CARE

Learn about how you can support your link missionaries with practical, emotional and spiritual care.

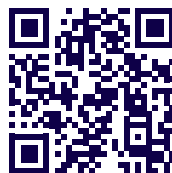
**[cms.org.au/nswact/care](https://cms.org.au/nswact/care)**



### GIVE

Express your partnership with a CMS missionary financially through regular monthly giving.

**[cms.org.au/ss25/give](https://cms.org.au/ss25/give)**



## Church Connect

Are you passionate about cross-cultural, gospel mission?  
Do you want to spur others from your church to get involved?  
We'd love to help you grow your church's heart for mission.

Our quarterly Church Connect email provides helpful resources to nurture a mission culture in your church. It is for anyone seeking to grow their engagement and participation in God's mission.

Sign up for the Church Connect email by emailing our Mission Partnership team at [partnership.nswact@cms.org.au](mailto:partnership.nswact@cms.org.au)



## Resources

We also have a library of great resources designed to inform your prayers, engage your mind and spur the next generation on towards involvement in global mission.

View our resource library at [cms.org.au/resources](https://cms.org.au/resources)



## Coming soon...

**The MyCMS supporter portal**, which is already being used for event registrations, will expand in 2025 to allow you to manage your own subscriptions and missionary giving. This is a significant undertaking by our Data Systems team that will increase user functionality for our fellowship.

Surprise! We have been hard at work developing **a kids' church curriculum**, launching in early 2026. 'More to the Story' is a 9-unit biblical theology of mission, tracing God's big plan to gather people into his family. With a modular format that you can adapt to your church context, we are particularly excited about how our missionaries on location will contribute to the teaching time. Stay tuned!

# Growing Hearts

## for cross-cultural mission



Help the next generation take the gospel to the ends of the earth by making a financial contribution to the CMS Summer School Youth and Children's Program.

As well as giving their time, leaders pay towards the cost of their attendance at Summer School, with a shortfall of roughly \$500 per leader.

Would you consider donating to cover this shortfall for one or more of our leaders, or as a general contribution towards the Youth and Children's Program?

**1000+**

youth and  
children

**235**

leaders

**6 days**

growing young  
hearts for mission

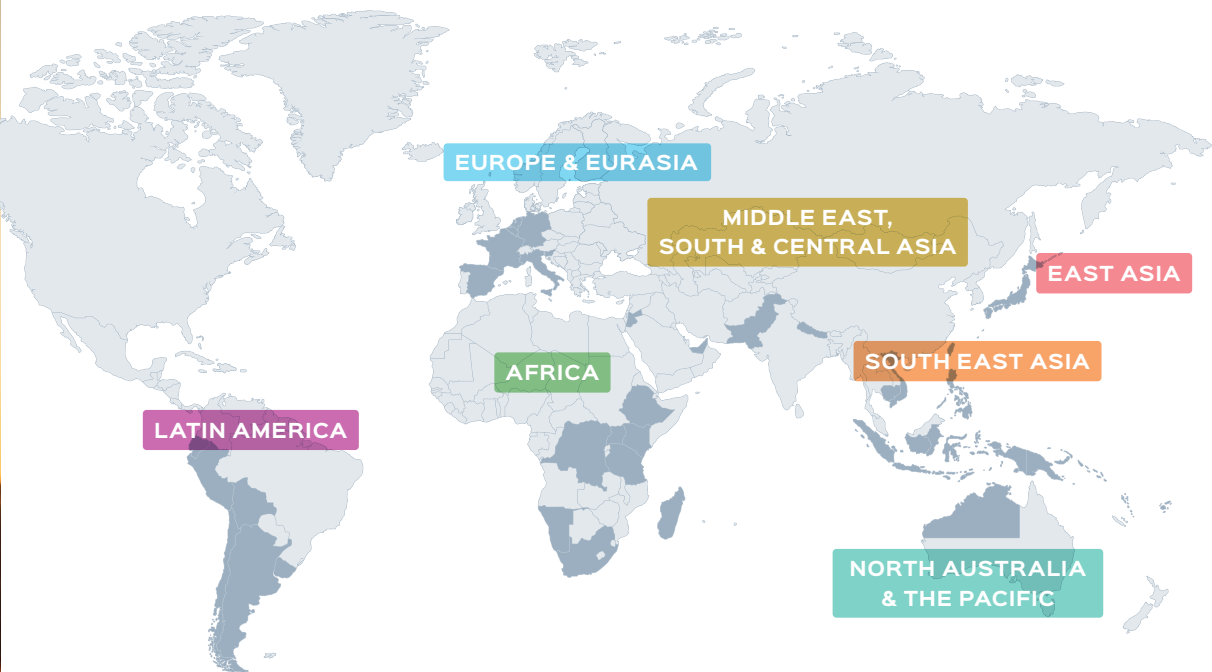
*"Outside of the home, the teaching our kids have received at CMS Summer School over many years has been the best investment for them growing in their faith and in their ministry convictions".*

JOSHUA KUSWADI, CMS SUPPORTER

[cms.org.au/growinghearts](https://cms.org.au/growinghearts)



*Could you be sent* to share the hope of Christ in another culture?



Consider how God can use you to bring the gospel to the nations!

[cms.org.au/shouldigo](https://cms.org.au/shouldigo)

## Start a conversation

**Daniel Morris and Tania Snowdon** regularly meet people at all points along their journey to mission service and would love to chat with you about serving cross-culturally with CMS. This initial conversation is a chance for you to share your story and explore what the next steps might look like!

Line up a chat during Summer School, or get in touch via [cms.org.au/shouldigo](https://cms.org.au/shouldigo).



# Mentoring across cultures

**Mentac is a two-year, full-time apprenticeship designed to provide training and mentoring in cross-cultural ministry. It provides opportunities for evangelism and discipleship under the leadership of experienced cross-cultural workers.**

The program provides hands-on ministry experience as apprentices are immersed in a specific cross-cultural context. It aims to develop cross-cultural ministry skills (both formally and informally) and can act as a pathway for long-term cross-cultural mission (whether in Australia or overseas).

Mentac focuses on outreach to Muslim people and is based amongst Muslim communities in Sydney. In 2024, we launched a new initiative and expanded the program to reach Hindu people. Apprentices join a ministry team and are taught best practices for relating to these people, sharing the gospel with them, and discipling believers from other cultural backgrounds.

Are you interested in Mentac or want to find out more? Let us know!  
**[mentacnswact@cms.org.au](mailto:mentacnswact@cms.org.au)**

*“Encouragement in evangelism to Hindu people is really hard to find. So meeting monthly with Clive and other passionate evangelists, including a few who have converted from Hinduism, has been like fresh, cool water in an arid desert. It’s lovely to pray with them, read a book together on Hinduism and practice telling and discussing Bible stories. It rejuvenates me to continue the effort knowing God is at work drawing people to himself. I am so thankful to be part of it.”*

CHRISTINA, part of a new Mentac mentoring group for outreach to Hindu people



## Engage in Mission in 2025

### Youth and Children's camps

CMS NSW & ACT provides great opportunities to help children and young people engage in global mission! We are looking forward to bringing you our Youth and Children's camps in 2025, focusing on the first 12 chapters of the Gospel of John.

#### **CMS Camp Milimani (School years 4-6)**

14-16 April 2025

*Registration opens mid-February*

**CMS Camp MMM Senior (School years 11-12)** 7-11 July 2025

**CMS Camp MMM Junior (School years 7-8)** 30 September  
– 3 October 2025

**CMS Camp MMM Central (School years 9-10)** 7-10 October 2025

Find out about our upcoming events at  
[cms.org.au/nswact/events](https://cms.org.au/nswact/events)

### Save the date!

**CMS Summer School 2026**

3-9 January






*Thanks for joining us!*

We would love for you to continue to engage with the work God is doing across the world. **Our social media pages** are a great way for you to connect with CMS and our missionaries, be informed about our upcoming events and be inspired to consider your part in God's global mission.

 CMS NSW & ACT

 @cms\_nswact

 [vimeo.com/cmsnswact](https://vimeo.com/cmsnswact)

CMS NSW & ACT also has a podcast! Join us for Mission Up Close, available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts!

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

### What's been a key moment or reflection from Summer School 2025 for you?

Share with us and others about how God has encouraged you this week by posting a photo or reflection with the hashtag:

**#cmssummer**

Remember: please **do not** post photos of or information about secure workers.



# Site map



## Conference venues

- 1 Auditorium
- 2 Bookshop
- 3 Café Tent\*
- 4 Overflow Tent\*
- 5 Coffee Cart
- 6 CMS Conference Centre
- 7 Mountain Camp Dining Room
- 8 Crèche (0–12 months)
- 9 Crèche (13–24 months)
- 10 Crèche (25–36 months) at The Lodge
- 11 Clairvaux (Preschool)
- 12 Clairvaux Tent

## Accommodation

- 13 Mountain Camp dormitories (Jamison block)
  - 14 Campsite
  - 15 Kedumba
  - 16 Hartley
- Accommodation is also at the CMS Conference Centre, Clairvaux and The Lodge.

\*Livestream of main session available.



A world  
that knows  
Jesus

