

Some words and phrases have dominated our collective vocabularies in the last year: “Zoom”, “lockdown”, “social distancing”, “You’re on mute!”

Yet my favourite remains “Thank you” and I want to say this especially to you, our friends and supporters who make God’s mission through CMS possible.

Your help in the 2020–2021 financial year has enabled us to stay strong and active despite the constraints and challenges of the pandemic. Your donations, time and prayers have blessed and strengthened Church Mission Society.

Read on and see some of the wonderful, imaginative ways our mission partners, local partners, pioneers and PMC church participants were able to be a faithful presence and witness to God’s love.

There have been many tears shed this year due to COVID-19, the horrific explosion in Lebanon and racial injustice. Yet, on the other side of lament is hope. We gained hope this year from our supporters’ incredible generosity.

While this was a year of sudden shifts, changed plans and unexpected challenges, it was also a year in which CMS was able to look at new possibilities, thanks to the steadfast faithfulness of God and our supporters. A very big “thank you” on behalf of us all.

Charles Clayton, Chair of Trustees at Church Mission Society



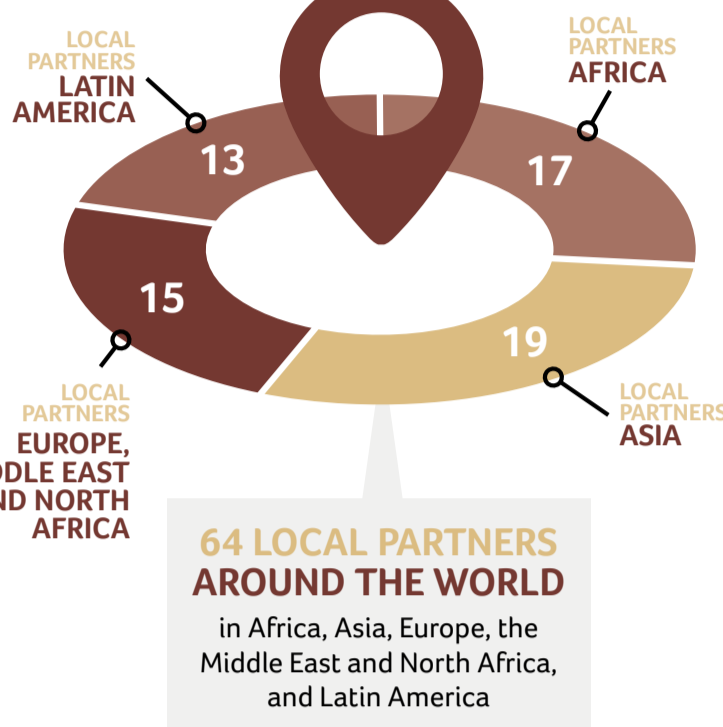
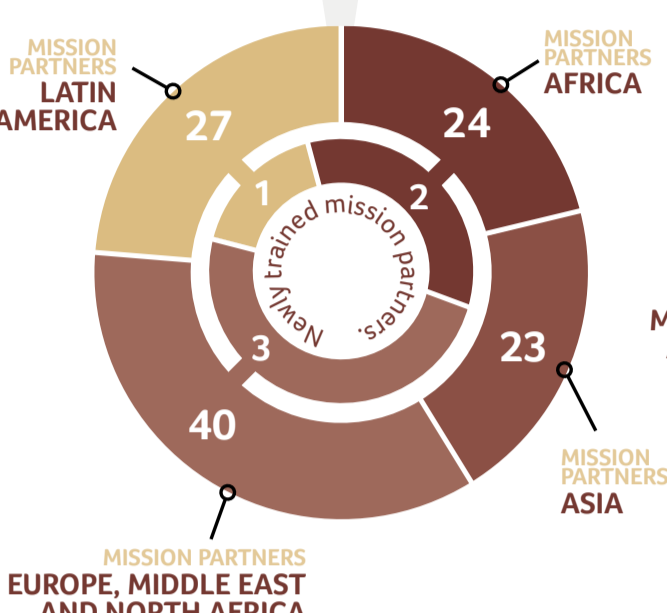
This leaflet offers a summary of the financial year 2020–21. To see the full audited accounts, go to churchmissionsociety.org/annualreport

The 2020–2021 financial year in review

MISSION ON THE MAP

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free...” Luke 4:18

114 MISSION PARTNERS ACROSS 37 COUNTRIES, in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and Latin America



64 LOCAL PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and Latin America

SPAIN
Local partner Noel Diaz leads a church in Zaragoza, Spain. To encourage the church and share Jesus with the wider community during lockdown, Noel and others created short audio messages including a Bible verse, reflection and prayer. They reached nearly 400 people from Spain and the Americas, and heard of lives profoundly changed.

UK
A church participating in Partnership for Missional Church started to partner with others in the community before lockdown began. They connected to help others and saw God’s love and sacrifice in the words and actions of those who served. People commented, “It’s great the church is doing this!” and several people asked for prayer or came to online services.

UK
The main challenge for the pioneer team was shifting online, with the benefit of increased geographical reach. Despite the pandemic, a record 92 students are studying this year in Oxford (with most learning online). This has opened up the opportunity for a mixed online and in person programme for the future.

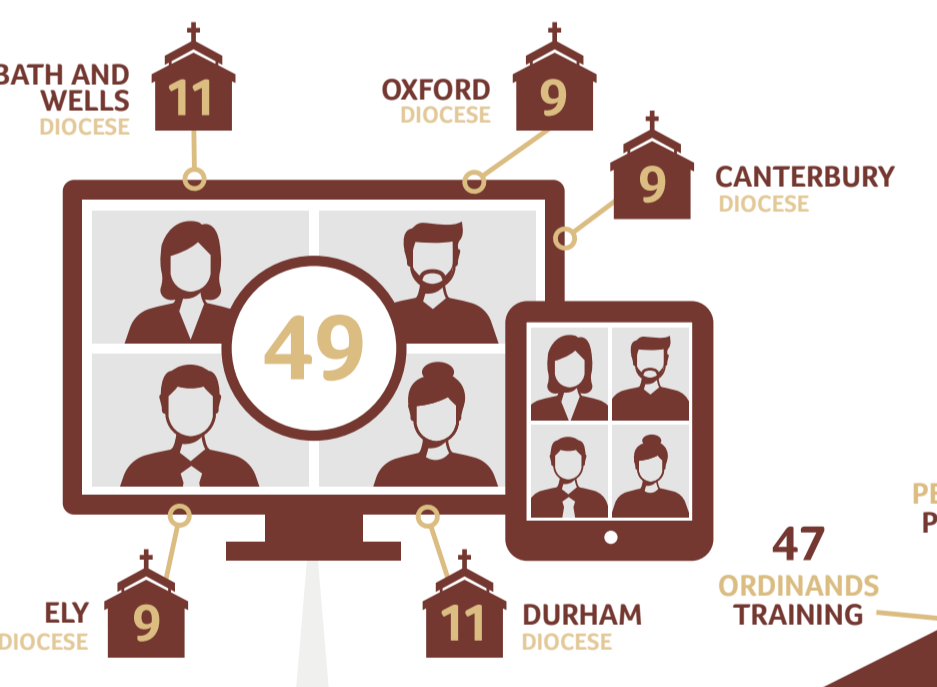
LEBANON
Following the explosion in Beirut in August, CMS mission partners immediately responded with local churches. Resurrection Church Beirut helped more than 2,000 families as they cleaned up and repaired homes, found places to stay for those who lost their homes, supplied food packages and set up a team of counsellors.



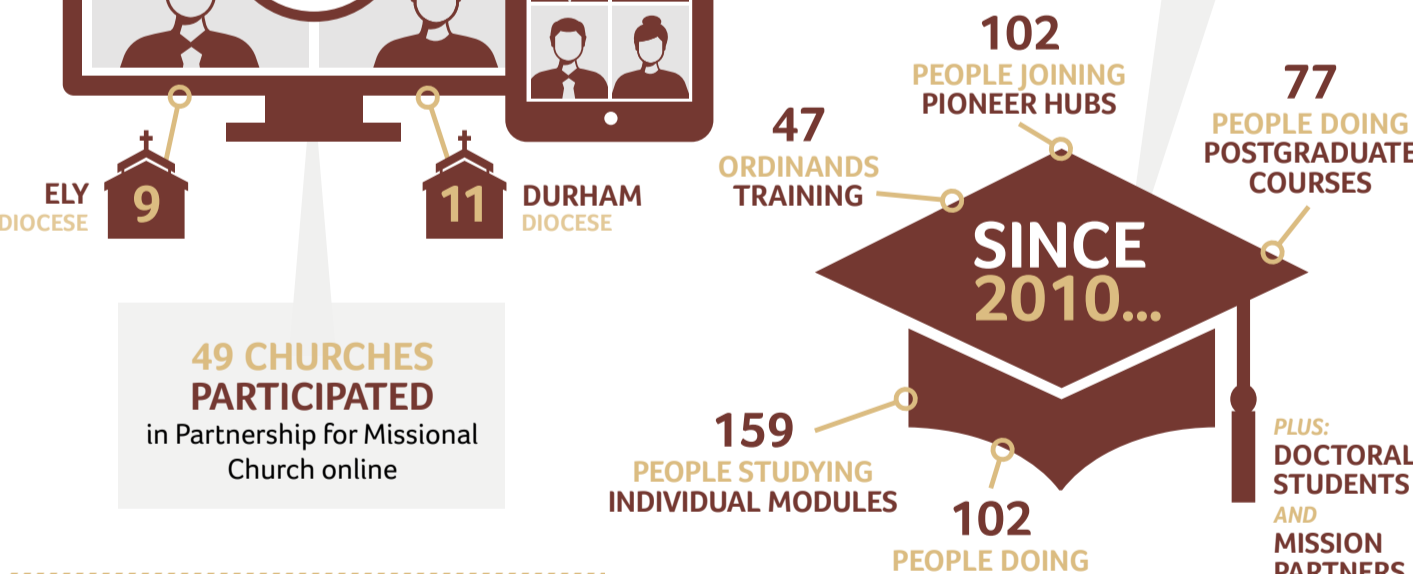
BOLIVIA
When Bolivia went into lockdown, mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, baked about 100 bread rolls three times a week. As families in their neighbourhood pulled together, Andrew and Lisa shared these rolls, which were accompanied by Bible verses and an invitation for prayer requests.

UGANDA
Local partner Sam Malish works in northern Uganda’s refugee camps with people who have fled violence in South Sudan. He and his colleagues distributed pre-loaded digital audio players that have brought healing, hope and even saved lives in the midst of food rations being cut and stress soaring due to the pandemic.

ASIA
More than 1,500 households across 10 countries in Asia – “people living in fear, displaced, hungry and hopeless” – received food and emergency relief thanks to Asia-CMS. Asia-CMS said, “[People’s] prayers and support helped us walk alongside our partners with the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to many who don’t know him.”



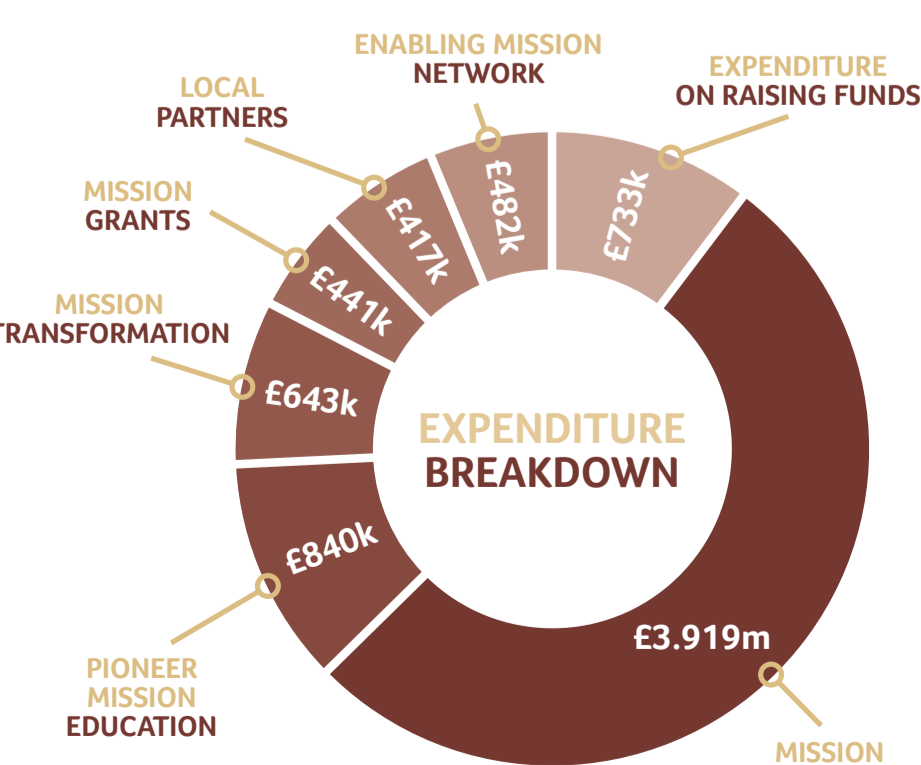
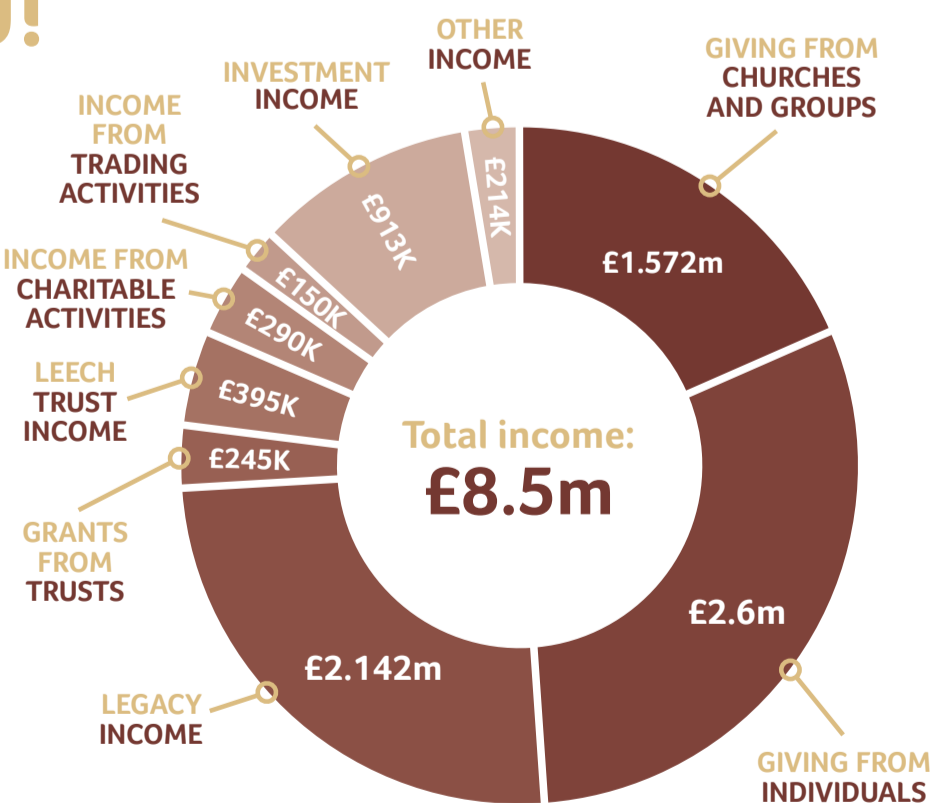
10 YEARS OF PIONEERS
This year we celebrated 10 years of Pioneer Mission Leadership Training at CMS – with more than 500 students studying with CMS



WHAT A YEAR – THANK YOU!

We are so grateful that you have chosen to support Church Mission Society. In what has been a challenging year for so many, your prayerful, faithful and sacrificial giving has enabled us to share God’s love with people across the world. Thank you for standing alongside us as we serve in God’s mission together.

The 2020–2021 financial year figures (1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021)



Total expenditure: £7.4m

For every £1 spent on fundraising, we raised £9.49

As you can see, total income exceeded total expenditure during the year, which gave us an overall surplus. A significant proportion of our income is raised for specific ministries and projects, so much of the surplus has already been ringfenced for use in the coming years.

Thank you...
for partnering with us during the financial year 2020–21.



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