



Church Mission Society **Mission Associate**

If you do have further questions
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Recruitment: Mission Associate

For those living, working and serving cross-culturally, the Church Mission Society mission associate programme provides a connection to a worldwide community of people in mission. CMS has relationships with church networks, community-based organisations and individuals in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America. We aim to share these connections with others with a heart for evangelistic mission.



Who becomes a CMS mission associate?

Church Mission Society mission associates are a wonderful mixture of people. Many have sensed God calling them to a particular place and ministry and have set this up themselves, but want to connect to a community of people serving in mission and to benefit from training and advice. Others have developed a link with a particular place and plan to spend a few months a year serving there, still others have been mission partners in a country and are called to continue serving there or elsewhere beyond retirement. If none of these describes you, don't worry – get in touch and we can discuss your situation.



Who does CMS look for?

- People planning to live and work where CMS has, or is seeking to develop, a relationship with the local church or other Christian communities.
- People with a living and mature Christian faith, who are part of a local worshipping community that want to support you.
- People who affirm the CMS ethos and are willing to become members of the CMS community.
- People committed to sensitive evangelistic mission, prepared to give of their time, build relationships and be faithfully part of the local church.
- People who are sensitive to the issues of cross-cultural mission and open to learning from living and working cross culturally.
- People who want to build relationships across the wider Church; for those serving outside the UK, building relationships between the church overseas and the church in their home nation.

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What can CMS offer a mission associate?

1. Vocational guidance – CMS staff can help you explore your calling and how your experience and gifts might be used across cultures. Generally CMS does not find placements for mission associate enquirers, but we may be able to point you in the right direction.
2. Preparation – CMS runs forMission, a valuable residential 12-day training and induction programme for people in mission, twice a year in January and July. Those selected as mission associates are required to attend one of these.
3. Networks – CMS regional managers can link you to local Christians, churches and other CMS people in mission based in your chosen context.
4. Information – CMS regional managers can advise you on aspects of living and working in a particular country. CMS can offer practical ideas with regard to fundraising, medical support and insurance.
5. Reflection – there are opportunities for you to reflect on your experiences, individually with CMS staff and corporately through people in mission conferences both in the region where you work and in the UK.
6. Retreats and re-entry – CMS can advise you about retreats and spiritual refreshment when you are on leave and can invite you for a time of debriefing with CMS staff when you return to the UK.
7. Prayer support – offered through Prayerlines, the bi-monthly CMS printed prayer diary, and the weekly email bulletin, Prayerspace.
8. Communication – CMS will send you a People in Mission news email every two months with news and useful information/resources from the office team.



What is expected of me?

CMS will invite you to become a member of the CMS community so that you can join us on our journey in global and local mission. Following the selection process and attendance at forMission, we encourage you to keep in contact with your home church and supporters, and to keep CMS informed while you are on location. This helps us all to stay involved and pray for you.

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What are the costs involved with being a CMS mission associate?

We ask for a contribution of £350 towards the costs of forMission training, a DBS check, medical clearance and a debrief when you return.



How can I become a mission associate?

To apply, complete the application form and we'll invite you to two vocational interviews and to meet the regional manager for the country you aim to live and work in. This allows us to explore together how we can connect, how God has been leading you towards this time ahead and your expectations of being a mission associate.

Following the interviews, if both you and CMS want to go ahead, we will take up three references, ask you to complete a safeguarding self-declaration form and sign a mission associate agreement. Once completed, we ask you to attend forMission.

For further information about Church Mission Society, go to our website where you can find the following information: [who we are, our history, our work, news and stories, mission focuses and mission principles](#)

For more information or to ask any questions, please get in touch with the recruitment team on 01865 787416 or email vro@churchmissionsociety.org



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