



Will you be a CMS Global Edge Church?

Come to the edges with us



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Discover creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church

Many of us know people who are not connected to the church. But God hasn't given up on them.

CMS is called to follow Jesus to the edges, beyond the church walls, out into the community and use our God-given creativity to help people discover that Jesus is for them.

Through imaginative activities such as arts, sports, youth mentoring, pioneering prison ministry, ethical enterprises – and so much more – we are seeing people become followers of Jesus in extraordinary ways. From the streets of Honduras to communities in Hull, people are finding life-changing hope and sharing it with others.

The people you are supporting

As a Global Edge Church, you will be supporting CMS partners around the world discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus. Team members **Greg Bakker and Tina Hodgett**, working in Britain, will share regular updates about what God is doing in their context and introduce you to inspiring stories from others in this wider area of work. Meet **Greg and Tina**:



Location: Britain



What we do: Help churches go into all the parish and engage with unconnected people in their community in a context-appropriate way



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We're Rev Tina Hodgett and Rev Greg Bakker, and together we lead Pioneering Parishes. We work with churches across the UK (and sometimes further afield), providing tools, practices and postures to help them go into all the parish.

Many churches in the UK experience anxiety and grief, often due to operating from a place of loss and lack of resource. We help churches discover ways to move forward with what they have, rather than starting from scratch. Our aspiration is to help cultivate an environment in which new things can thrive in a context appropriate way to engage unconnected people in their community.

Pioneering Parishes is for all church leadership, including lay people such as church council members. When there is whole leadership engagement the results can be exciting! After taking part in a course, church council member Ali suggested inviting the local community to help clear the overgrown churchyard at her church. After several work parties, community projects and events have grown – and 80 people (of whom 70 per cent previously had no contact with the church) are now connected with the congregation.

Meet more people who, with your support, are discovering creative ways to share hope:
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The impact you're having

As a Global Edge Church, your generous gifts and prayers will help Greg, Tina and other CMS partners share hope and see people meet Jesus...



People like **Owen**, who had been on the streets in Honduras, taking drugs and rejected by family. But after years of mentoring from CMS mission partner **Steve**, Owen is now studying at university, running a barbers' shop and pointing other young people to Jesus.



Mission partners **Chris and Anna** share their everyday life with people like **Nicky**, who they met through Breakfast Club, where Anna and Chris show that God cares for people in a deprived area of Hull and is busy every day, not just on Sundays.



Local partner **Flavio** in Brazil was delighted to baptise **Daniele** at the church he leads in Brazil. He had got to know her through a community market started by mission partners **Rosie and Stu** to provide physical and spiritual nourishment.

How we'll help **your church** connect with mission

- ▶ Through a **welcome film** introducing Greg, Tina and Pioneering Parishes and CMS's work to discover creative ways to reach people and communities unconnected to church.
- ▶ **Written updates** from Greg and Tina three times per year, with news and stories from churches in Britain and from their colleagues around the world in this area of work.
- ▶ **Inspiring stories and prayer points** from people whose lives are being touched and transformed thanks to your generosity, and tips on how to share these with your church.
- ▶ **Display materials** for your church noticeboard.
- ▶ The opportunity to welcome a **CMS speaker** to share about work sharing hope with those who are unconnected to church.



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When we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he spent time with people at the edges, often to the astonishment of the establishment. Sick people, poor people, tax collectors, those who were often avoided due to their "sinner" status – Jesus welcomes them. He offers grace, healing, restoration, love – and he invites them to be part of his story.

Church Mission Society is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. And we're always looking for others who will join us at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our world made new.

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