



Will you be a CMS Global Edge Church?

Come to the edges with us



Empower people pushed to the edges of life to reach their God-given potential

Violence, poverty and systems of oppression are constantly pushing people to the edges in our world.

CMS is called to follow Jesus to these edges and empower people to release their God-given potential. We do this, not out of a sense of pity – but of possibility. We know that every person is made in the image of God and deserves dignity, love and the chance to live life to the full. We have witnessed victims of violence becoming voices for peace. We have encouraged marginalised people to take up leading roles in God's mission. In all this, Jesus is our example. He welcomed people at the edges and invited them to play key parts in his story – and that's what we want to do, too.

The people you are supporting

As a Global Edge Church, you will be supporting CMS partners around the world empowering people at the edges. Mission partner **Luke Brennan**, working in Bunia, eastern DR Congo, will share regular updates about what God is doing in his context and introduce you to inspiring stories from others in this wider area of work. Meet **Luke**:



Location: DR Congo



What I do: Discipling young people from backgrounds of armed conflict to seek peace



Part of CMS work empowering people pushed to the edges of life to release their God-given potential

In eastern DR Congo, armed conflict has taken countless lives, forced people from their homes, leaving people grieving and traumatised. This legacy of trauma often drives people to further violence, leading to cycles of conflict that seem impossible to break. CMS and CMS-Africa long to build a movement committed to seeking peace, justice and the transformation of communities through the power of God.

I will be part of a community of local mission leaders, CMS mission partners and other regional partners, working to bring peace through healing divisions, addressing trauma and combatting poverty. My focus will be on discipling young people who have grown up amid armed conflict.

By starting with young people, we challenge deep-rooted divisions that persist through generations. I will train youth leaders and work with young people directly so they can grow spiritually and learn a vocation.

I first discovered a passion for working with young people when I visited Ghana aged 18, serving in a school and orphanage. After teaching in the UK, I worked with schools and charities in West Africa. While in Sierra Leone, I met Jesus and made the decision to follow him. Back in the UK, I discerned God's call to return to Africa to serve him.

Meet more people who, with your support, are empowering at the edges:
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The impact you're having

As a Global Edge Church, your generous gifts and prayers will help Luke and other CMS partners to empower people and see them meet Jesus...



People like **Sandra** in the Chaco region in northern Argentina. Sandra is an indigenous woman who went from losing everything to sharing the light of Jesus, with CMS partners **Catherine** and **Mirna** walking alongside her and helping her to put her faith into action.



People like **Manasseh**, who was a member of an armed militia in eastern DR Congo. After escaping the militia, he met CMS partner **Bisoke** who helped him to overcome his traumatic experiences, meet Jesus and begin working for peace.



People like **Doris** in Tanzania, whose opportunities were limited because of her deafness. After meeting CMS partners **Ben and Katy**, Doris now has the chance to learn carpentry skills to make a living, and is discovering her true value in Jesus.

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

- ▶ Through a **welcome film** introducing Luke and CMS's work to empower people to reach their God-given potential.
- ▶ **Written updates** from Luke three times per year, with news and stories from DR Congo and from his 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 empowering people pushed to the edges of life to reach their God-given potential.



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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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