



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. Mission partners **Marcio Ciechanovicz and Noemi Celeti**, working in Brazil, 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 **Marcio and Noemi**:



Location: Brazil



What we do: Connecting with people beyond the reach of traditional church, sharing the gospel in new ways and ministering to people's physical needs



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From the outside, Brazil seems like a country full of Christians, but this hides a reality of many people who are beyond the reach of established churches. We are excited about seeing people meet Jesus, even in unlikely places. We are both originally from Brazil, and believe God called us to go back to our home country to use our gifts, background and passion to share the gospel there, after spending time ministering in Italy and the UK.

We live in the state of São Paulo, near a rapidly growing area called Indaiatuba. At the heart of the city is a 15km-long park where lots of people spend time socialising, playing sports and attending cultural events. We aim to be Jesus' presence there among young adults and families who don't yet know that Jesus is for them. We lead a project in partnership with the city's secretary of sports, developing sports activities as a way of showing God's love in the park.

Noemi uses her background in nutrition and healthcare to help people have a better life physically as well as spiritually, and Marcio uses his passion for young adults to serve the community. We are pleased that God is using us and our children to reach people with the gospel in our home country.

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 Marcio, Noemi 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 Marcio and Noemi and CMS's work to discover creative ways to reach people and communities who are unconnected to church.
- ▶ **Written updates** from Marcio and Noemi three times per year, with news and stories from Brazil 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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