



Will you be a CMS Global Edge Church?

Come to the edges with us



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Equipping and encouraging where followers of Jesus are in a minority

There are places in our world where it's particularly tough – even perilous – to follow Jesus.

In some places, Christianity is viewed as an “outsider” faith. In other places, ancient communities of Jesus-followers are being persecuted and scattered. Our call is to follow Jesus to the edges, where Christians are under immense pressure to leave their faith and homelands. At these edges, we provide the support and community that followers of Jesus need. We have seen that walking alongside Christians under pressure can help them remain resilient and flourish in their faith. We help Christians follow Jesus and share the gospel with others. Christian communities are impacting the wider culture in extraordinary ways. Join with us to equip and encourage where followers of Jesus are in a minority.

The people you are supporting

As a Global Edge Church, you will be supporting CMS partners around the world equipping and encouraging people at the edges. Mission partners Dave and Tricia Rollett, working in Tanzania, 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 Dave and Tricia Rollett:**



Location: Tanzania



What we do: helping followers of Jesus grow in their faith and work together to be a loving witness to their neighbours of other faiths



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“Many Tanzanian Christians in areas where they are in a minority are struggling. They are often pushed out of the work force due to their faith, living with trauma and under pressure from dominant religious systems. Zanzibar, an island off Tanzania’s east coast, is one of the places where Christians are most marginalised. In this difficult environment, we will come alongside local Christians to help them flourish as followers of Jesus and to share God’s love with their neighbours. Working with a team already in place, we will develop and deliver discipleship training for local Christians, assist in trauma healing and build unity across denominational divides.”

Dave will help develop discipleship models to suit the specific needs of local Christians, especially believers from a majority-faith background. He will also support local churches from different denominations to break down barriers and work together to reach those around them with God’s love.

Tricia will help continually evaluate and improve the team’s work in order to make sure it’s as effective as possible. She will also train colleagues in collecting data and sharing stories that will inspire others to be part of this vital work among people at the edges.

“We met at All Nations and were married in 2012. We have previously served in mission elsewhere in Tanzania, and more recently, Dave has served in Anglican leadership in England.”

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Your impact

As a Global Edge Church, your generous gifts and prayers will help Dave and Tricia and other CMS partners equip and encourage people as they meet Jesus...



People like Misha* in Nepal, who decided to follow Jesus when her daughter was healed after local Christians prayed for her. Misha has started a church in her village, thanks to the experience and confidence she gained through training with CMS partners.



People like Mariam*, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon who decided to follow Jesus despite opposition from her family. With encouragement and training from a CMS partner, Mariam is now discipling other women from a similar background.



People like members of a steadily growing church community in South Asia, who have been supported to give educational help to families in their marginalised community. CMS partners have trained young pastors to lead and plant churches like this one.

How we'll help your church connect with mission

- ▶ Through a **welcome film** introducing Dave and Tricia and CMS's work to equip and encourage where faith in Jesus makes people outsiders.
- ▶ **Written updates** from Dave and Tricia three times per year, with news and stories from Tanzania 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 to equip and encourage where faith in Jesus makes people outsiders.



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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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