

CMS (Church Missionary Society of Australia) is a fellowship of Christian people and churches committed to global mission. We work with churches to set apart long-term workers who cross cultures to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CMS was founded in England by a small group of Christians with a passion for worldwide gospel outreach, including John Newton, who wrote the hymn “Amazing Grace”, and William Wilberforce, who was a leader in abolishing the slave trade in England. A CMS outpost was set up in Sydney in 1825 to support work among Aboriginal people, and shortly afterwards the first missionaries arrived from England to serve in western NSW. CMS Associations were set up around Australia, and the first Australian CMS missionary, Helen Philips, sailed for Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in 1892.

Our current vision is for a world that knows Jesus. We aim to achieve this by:

- Reaching gospel-poor peoples for Christ
- Equipping Christian leaders for church and society
- Engaging churches in cross-cultural ministry

The current CMS Australia involvement in Japan began with Anne and Denis McIntyre (who went out as single people and married later). Since Anne arrived in 1971, there has been a continuous CMS Australia presence in Japan.

From January 2016, CMS Australia will have 15 missionaries, with 15 children, working in the Kanto and Kansai regions with Mission to the World (MTW), The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), Kirisutosha Gakusei Kai (KKGK), and local churches. We aim to build up the body of Christ in Japan by focusing on ministry in Japanese under local leadership and to encourage and support Japanese Christians in evangelism. **JH**

