



Former drug addicts at a rehabilitation centre run by CMS partners Exodus in southern Russia.
Cover image: Yura has left prison and drugs behind since joining the Exodus programme.
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CMS is an evangelistic mission
working to see a world transformed
by the love of Jesus



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“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free,” says Jesus in John’s Gospel.

Freedom is what Jesus Christ is about – freedom from sin and death, freedom to live in a healed relationship with God and our neighbour. CMS is about helping people to find the truth that sets us free.

This truth is not a list of beliefs but a person to be met – Jesus Christ. That is why CMS is at root a community that puts people – not projects – first. Working and sharing together, we can each discover more of Christ.

Together we are able to help people find freedom from the evils of sex trafficking or the legacy of war, and freedom to rebuild lives after disasters or begin a relationship with Jesus even if they would never think of entering a church.

You’ll find these stories and more in the following pages. Thank you for the part you have played in setting captives free this year. Please keep supporting our work generously.



Two girls, trafficked to Mumbai's red light district, don't know where they are.
Photo: © Santosh Verma

TRICKED. TRAFFICKED. RESTORED.



Locked up, beaten, raped. Sabina was just 12 years old when traffickers lured her from rural Bangladesh into India's sex trade.

James Pender (left) is an ecumenically supported CMS mission partner who helps the Church of Bangladesh tackle trafficking. "Social development is spiritual warfare as we battle against 'principalities and powers' that uphold systems of social evil," he says.

As CMS kick-started its trafficking awareness campaign in Britain with the help of 'No Angels' TV star Sunetra Sarker, James and the Church of Bangladesh's Women's Development Officer, Juliate Malakar launched a project in Bangladesh.

After in-depth research, they began a two-pronged attack on the problem. An awareness campaign targeted both high officials and village communities – and arrests followed. Then to offer trafficked women a future there is counselling to beat the stigma and training in tailoring.

This tailoring course has now had its first graduates. James hopes they are the first of many, "independent and self-supporting, set free from that vicious cycle of exploitation and poverty."



SPLA soldiers pray for forgiveness at a CMS facilitated workshop in Southern Sudan. Photo: Flame International

RECONCILING IN SUDAN



Jubilation and heartbreak came to Sudan in 2005. New Year brought the signing of a peace deal between the North and South. But just weeks after he became vice-president, Southern leader John Garang was dead.

After decades of war, there is a massive need for healing and reconciliation. At one remarkable workshop facilitated by CMS, skilled counsellors were able to talk to soldiers of the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

“Nearly 2,000 soldiers put down their guns and held out their hands to offer their lives to Christ,” says Pauline Walker (left), CMS Regional Manager. “Charms and idols were brought forward to be burned, and many of them asked when they could be baptised.”

In the spring, CMS supporters responded magnificently to an appeal for theological training so that Sudan and other war-ravaged nations can develop the Christian leaders they so need.

“The Christians of Sudan at last have a chance to build the nation they have dreamed of. Committed supporters and dedicated mission partners like ours can help them make the most of their talent and energy,” says Pauline.



A worker from CMS partner Bless Indonesia Today helps rebuild a community centre. Photo: Paul Breckell/CMS

BUILDING LIVES AGAIN



“I’ve got the time and the skills – I can’t just sit here,” said 61-year-old Eric Doherty (left), one of hundreds who responded to the CMS appeal for volunteers after the Asian tsunami.

Eric joined one of two carefully selected teams who helped provide counselling skills, clean water and construction advice.

Mission partners Rachel Duff and Conrad Foote also put their nursing skills to good use in the early phase of this crisis.

One such village was left with just 244 men, 16 women and 19 children out of a population of 2,300. Volunteers Jane Goldberg and Carol Smith left a positive legacy to the women of this area.

They set up a women’s support group, backed by local partner Bless Indonesia Today. On any given day, upwards of 25 women meet to share their grief and offer each other support.

“We continue to build the capacity of local Christians who are a tiny minority,” says Shin Yong Tang, CMS Regional Manager, “supporting work that brings healing to the whole person and witnesses sensitively to the love of Christ.”



Hard going but worth it: CMS supporters trek through the Sinai desert. Photo: Berrice Middleton

IN MOSES' FOOTSTEPS



Trekking across the harsh Sinai desert for a week is something many 18-year-olds would struggle with. But for 65-year-old Diane Evans (left) it was worth it – for the view from Mt Sinai and for the money she raised for CMS projects in Egypt.

The sponsored trek may have been tough but 14 CMS supporters raised over £22,000 for Christian social work, television outreach and CMS mission partners working with Egyptian Christians.

Diane had been anxious about fundraising. “I’m not good at asking people for money,” she says. But family and friends rallied round, even putting on a concert in the village hall. With Diane’s own efforts, it added up to “a wonderful experience” and £4,500 for CMS work – five times more than she expected!

And while raising money to help others find freedom in Christ, Diane got to follow a famous biblical liberator.

“Halfway up Mt Sinai the leader wanted me to stop. But I’d come that far and I wasn’t giving up. It was wonderful to follow in Moses’ footsteps.”



Sowing seeds of mission: Worthing teenagers and their Rwandan hosts plant trees together. Photo: Jeanette Guinness

CROSS-CULTURAL INSPIRATION



The youth group sat in stunned silence. Unusual perhaps, but so is a face-to-face encounter with the horror of the Rwandan genocide – including dead bodies preserved in lime.

Some youth groups would rather go bowling. But Steve Johnson (left) and his group from Worthing broke new ground as the first-ever

CMS Encounter team for under-18s.

The experience with Rwandan Christians made a big impact on these Worthing teenagers.

“The group as a whole grew together spiritually and towards adulthood, within a different culture but in a safe environment,” says Steve.

It’s an exciting mix and one that more churches and groups can experience through tailor-made short-term trips with CMS, says co-ordinator Debbie James. “Often churches, youth groups or others are looking for a mission experience but don’t know how to go about it. We can help.”

CMS helped Steve with advice, hands-on training weekends and talking through the trip on return.

“The Church there is involved in every area of society,” says Steve. “That’s a challenge that we’ve brought back to Worthing – let’s get on and do it.”



Sharing Jesus in the pub: Mark Berry meets Telford locals. Photo: David Burgess

PIONEERING IN THE UK

“Missionary takes on tough test in darkest Telford,” said the Guardian. “Christianity but not as we know it,” said the Telegraph.

Mark Berry hit the headlines last summer when he arrived in Telford to pioneer new kinds of Christian community.

“It isn’t about how we get people into church, it isn’t about bums on pews, it’s about how we enable them to seek God and do church their own way,” he explained to Guardian readers.

Mark’s appointment was the result of a partnership between CMS and the Diocese of Lichfield, one example of the way CMS is working with the Church in Britain to help its mission blossom.

Mark found that the media coverage provided conversation starters in the pub and he got a warm welcome when he set up a stall at the local spirituality fair.

His mission is to people who are “spiritual but not religious”, Mark says. “We dream of creating safe spaces to be met by God.”



An artist's impression of the new CMS office in Oxford and how the sums add up

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY MISSION

“Go forth to every part of the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation.”

These words are carved in stone on the front of CMS's London base, Partnership House. But God's mission is always on the move and so is CMS.

Our UK office will move from London to Oxford in 2007, driven by a vision of mission for the 21st century.

Along with CMS offices in Cape Coast, Kampala, Lusaka, Nairobi, Singapore and Seoul, Oxford symbolises a CMS community that's both globally connected and always rooted in local mission.

It also allows us to create state-of-the-art facilities using money from the sale of Partnership House in place of a massive fundraising drive for a new building.

Opposite is a rough guide to where the money from the sale of Partnership House is going.

In our ever-changing world, as Bishop David Urquhart, Chair of Trustees, says, “Maintaining the status quo is not an option.”

The Financial Summary

On average over the past five years, 88p of every £1 we spent went on CMS mission programmes: supporting mission personnel; grants to partner organisations; training leaders; enabling missional church; supporting mission interchange; providing consultancy and encouraging prayer and advocacy.

Total income (2005/6)	£6.8 million*	
Donations from churches	£ 2.3 million	33%
from individuals	£ 1.7 million	25%
from trusts	£ 0.2 million	3%
Legacies:	£ 1.3 million	20%
Investment income:	£ 0.8 million	12%
Other: (rent, course fees, sales etc.):	£ 0.5 million	7%

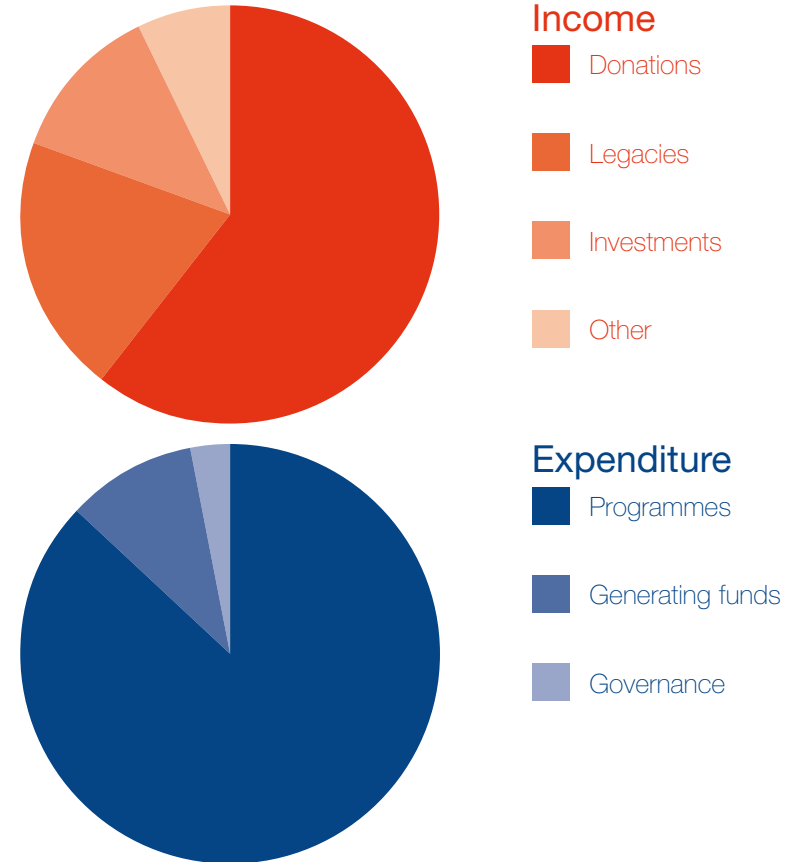
Total expenditure (2004/5) **£7.9 million**
Programmes: £ 7 million 88%
 We work with partner organisations around the world, supporting the interchange of people in mission, education and training, health-care and development.

Generating funds: £ 0.8 million 10%
 We are responsibly investing in fundraising in order to offer people the opportunity to share in our commitment to world mission.

Governance: £ 0.1 million 2%
 We believe in properly supporting the governance and management of CMS, to ensure that our programmes are efficiently and effectively delivered.

During 2005/6 we received a total income of £6.8 million and we spent £7.9 million. This resulted in a deficit of £1.1 million which was more than offset by an increase in the value of reserves held as investments of £0.5 million and a gain on the sale of the property Venn House of £1.3 million. CMS also sold Partnership House in 2005/6 and made a gain on the sale of the property of £13.1 million, more details are provided on the previous page.

*excludes gain on sales of properties Venn House and Partnership House



This Annual Review contains highlights of CMS's financial position but, at the time of going to print, the figures are still in draft form and have not been externally audited. From July 2006 you can obtain a free copy of our fully audited Report and Accounts for 2005-6 from the CMS Accounts Team by contacting it on 020 7928 8681.

