

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET OUR MISSION PARTNERS ANDY AND KATI WALSH

CHURCH
MISSION
SOCIETY



The call in action

Dear friends,

Inequalities in Brazil are among the worst in the world. Florianopolis, in the south, has many favelas (slums), which are controlled by drugs and gangs and house much of the city's population. Brazil is also home to some of the world's most dangerous prisons.

It is to these subcultures and “hidden voices”, where the Church struggles to be, that we feel called by God.

We know this city well and that it is home to unreached and diverse marginalised communities. Over time, we will concentrate on engaging subcultures on the fringes including impoverished migrant communities and people that get caught in the cycle of crime just to survive.

Our outreach focus will be integrated with Vineyard Floripa, a church planted by fellow CMS mission partners. We will assume a training role at Vineyard Floripa's discipleship programme, with our activity centred on equipping and releasing its members to live out their mission focus – to make new disciples of Jesus.

Andy is a dual British/Argentine citizen fluent in Portuguese, and Kati is from Brazil, so Latin America has always been part of our lives and close to our hearts. Before we were married in Florianopolis in 2014, we had a profound sense based on our experiences that we were called to serve among the socially excluded and disadvantaged sectors of Brazil.

We are really up for the new challenges that lie ahead and we will of course be drawing on our personal experience. Kati, who is trained as a lawyer, has enjoyed mentoring young people in the past – particularly teenage girls who are susceptible to abuse and exploitation. Andy has over 20 years' experience leading mercy ministries through the church coupled with managing UK government-funded projects to help tackle homelessness and drug-related crime and initiatives to rehabilitate people caught up in the cycle of re-offending. In Leeds, Andy presently works in a senior management position for a national housing association that provides housing solutions and specialist services for young people and adults who are socially excluded due to disabilities, mental health issues and homelessness.

Andy and Kati



Name: Andy and Kati Walsh

Location: Florianopolis, Brazil

Our call: To bring the light of the gospel to marginalised sectors of the community through the unifying support of the local church in Florianopolis.

Our role: To work with churches and NGOs towards social justice for the excluded and marginalised, to help them find life-changing hope in Jesus.

WHY SUPPORT OUR MISSION PARTNERS ANDY AND KATI?

Find out on the
next page

churchmissionsociety.org/walsh

WHY SUPPORT ANDY AND KATI?

We at CMS are very pleased to be sending Andy and Kati Walsh to serve in Florianopolis and believe their gifts and experience will complement and take forward Vineyard Floripa's ambitious vision to see people come to faith and address the needs around them.

We are excited to see how God will use Andy and Kati to help people in need as well as in equipping and releasing others into ministry through:

- making new disciples where Jesus Christ is not known and where Christians struggle to be
- building relationships with prisoners, homeless people and people living in favelas
- helping children at risk and engaging them spiritually to improve their prospects in life



- offering Bible study and establishing Christian community in each of these subcultures
- teaching in Vineyard's discipleship school, equipping others for ministry and working with local Christians

We at CMS are excited to be part of this opportunity to make a difference in this challenging society and we warmly invite you to join us.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY THE BIGGER PICTURE

One of Church Mission Society's greatest strengths is our people. We believe all of God's people are called to God's mission. Some are called to be a faithful witness to Jesus where they are and some, like Andy and Kati, are called to share Jesus' love in word and deed overseas.

Since our founding in 1799, we have partnered with more than 10,000 men and women from all walks of life who felt God lead them to cross geographical and cultural boundaries to put their call into action. We've seen God work through them to bring about transformation in individual lives, communities and creation. It's not because these people – mission partners as we call them –

are heroes. As many will tell you, they are ordinary people playing a part in the extraordinary story of God's mission.

Today, CMS people in mission work in a variety of ways in 40+ countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe. All our mission partners commit to working alongside local people, listening, learning, building relationships and becoming a genuine part of the communities where they are living. We believe investing in faithful people is a proven, effective way to join in God's mission and bring about change in our world. That's why we are asking you to invest in Andy and Kati through prayer and giving – so we can be part of this unfolding story together.

CHURCH
MISSION
SOCIETY



The call in action

To put your call into action
churchmissionsociety.org

