



# Will you go to the edges with Sarah and Simon Cawdell?

**After many years of terrorism by the Lord's Resistance Army, which only ended in 2010, Gulu is a place where people are still dealing with trauma and want to learn more about how best to use their resources.**

We are both called to help people grow in faith, in different ways. We are committed to working alongside the Diocese of Northern Uganda (DNU) towards their vision of giving local Christians the tools they need to live out their faith in all areas of life. Sarah is called to work with the staff at Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College. Here, she will train clergy and readers. Simon will work with the diocese to help people in the church and wider community grow in faith and explore ways to build financial stability through agriculture and keeping livestock.

Sarah will work with staff and students at the theological college to coordinate training and supervise students in the early years of their ministry. As she leads the college, Sarah will join the rest of the staff in seeking the guidance of the Spirit as she, fellow staff members and the student body (around 25 people from northern Uganda and South Sudan) learn from Scripture, pray and worship God together. As college students grow the food they need, Sarah hopes to encourage good agricultural practices alongside good ministerial practice.

Simon will work within the diocese to help disciple local Christians using resources designed for a culture where people don't have easy access to books. Having previously worked as an economist, he will also work with communities in developing ways in which Christians and churches can become more financially self-sufficient. The area is rich in fertile land, which can produce food for the needs of a family and a bit extra to sell for necessities.

Sarah worked as a short-term mission partner with CMS from 1988 to 1990 in western Uganda and we have both long been aware of a call to mission. We have three adult children and are confident of our call to serve in these complementary roles. We are both priests in the Church of England and have served in rural parishes in south Shropshire for the last 24 years.

Sarah is excited by life and especially loves exploring the ways of God in the world. She is enthused by this calling to live on the edges in Gulu and work with both staff and students to develop a rounded understanding of what it is to be part of the Church in that place through prayer, study and work. Simon came to faith following a profound experience of God in his late teens, which blossomed into a call to ordination. He first gained a degree in economics and worked as an investment analyst. He has combined parish experience and serving on general synod alongside three overseas mission visits. For him, this call draws on his experience of the wonderful economy of God and he looks forward to learning from local churches and working with them towards a deepening of Christian discipleship and greater economic development.

Sarah and Simon



**Location:** Gulu, Uganda



**What we do:** Coming alongside local Christians, helping them to grow in their faith, teaching theology to local leaders and building self-sufficiency

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## Why support Sarah and Simon?



**Church Mission Society is thrilled to support Sarah and Simon in their call to help the people of Gulu grow in their faith.**

We believe that with their unique combination of skills, they are well placed to come alongside Christians in Gulu and make a real difference in the life of the community. We look forward to standing alongside them as:

- ▶ Sarah works with staff at the local theological college to train clergy and leaders in theology as well as practical Christian living

- ▶ Simon leads a team that will help people grow in faith using discipleship tools developed within and specifically for this culture
- ▶ Simon uses his background in economics to help the local community steward the resources they already have, working towards self-sufficiency

We are excited to stand with Sarah and Simon as they go to the edges in Gulu. We warmly invite you to join us.



## With Jesus. With each other. To the edges.

**One of Church Mission Society's greatest strengths is our people. People like Sarah and Simon, who are called to follow Jesus to the edges and to join in with what God is doing in these places and spaces. Everything we do is through God's people working together.**

Since our founding in 1799, we have partnered with more than 10,000 men and women from all walks of life who have felt called to join Jesus in extraordinary disciple-making ventures. 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 simply the latest generation in a long line of Jesus-followers who

long for people at the edges to encounter Jesus, to discover the new life he brings and to share it with others.

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 journey with Sarah and Simon through prayer and giving – so we can follow Jesus to the edges together.

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