



**ENABLING
RURAL CHURCHES
IN GOD'S MISSION**

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Regional Hub Info Pack

This document is for anyone who has a desire to engage with and in their local context, and with a heart to serve the wider community. Those who desire to show God's love for all and to share the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ. Anyone who has an interest in coming together with others who have a shared vision to see God's kingdom come in their community to reflect, share and encourage one another.

If after reading this document you would like to further explore the possibility of starting or joining a Regional Hub and becoming a part of the Rural Missions Network in your local area, you can sign up here ([website link here](#)) to begin the process.

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Who are Rural Missions?

Rural Missions is a Christian charity that specialises in serving rural churches throughout the UK, providing encouragement and support to enable them to engage with their local communities to express God's love and share the good news.

We have a wealth of experience to ensure that strategies are culturally relevant, appropriate and effective.

**Our Vision
is to see Christians
sharing God's love
in their rural
communities.**



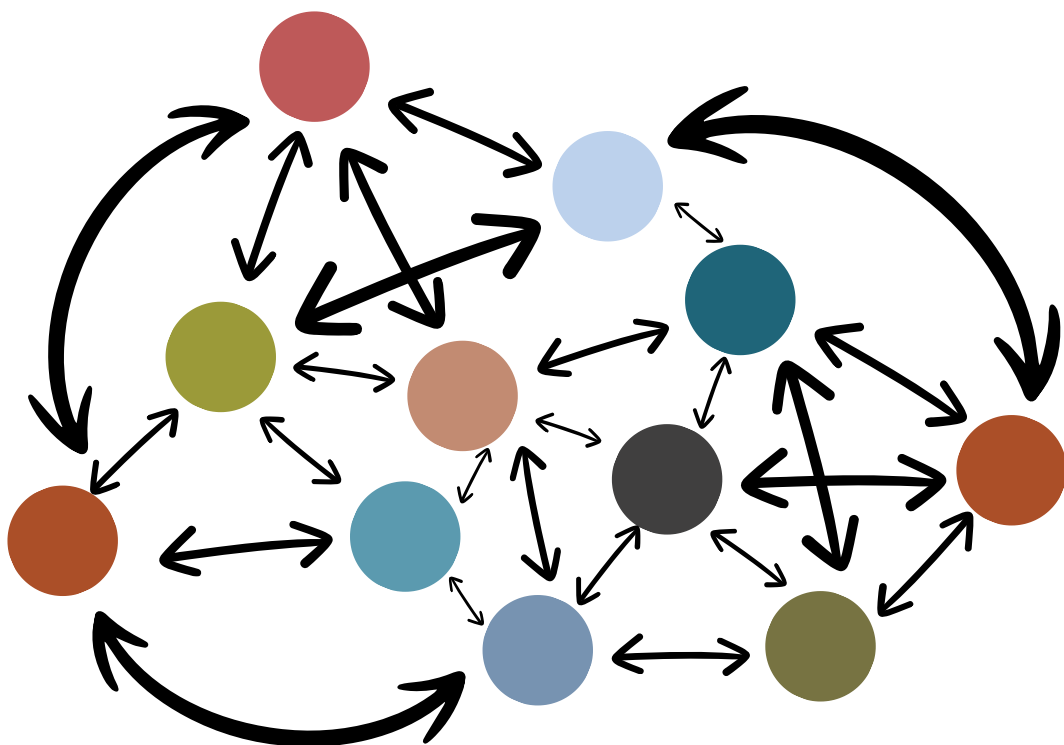
Find out more about Rural Missions at
ruralmissions.org.uk

What is the Rural Missions Network?

The Rural Missions Network is a collective of rural churches and Christian communities from many denominations across the entire United Kingdom.

The vision of the Rural Missions Network is to bring together followers of Jesus from rural communities to support, inspire, and encourage each other to be more missional in their local context and be able to share the life-changing good news of Jesus.

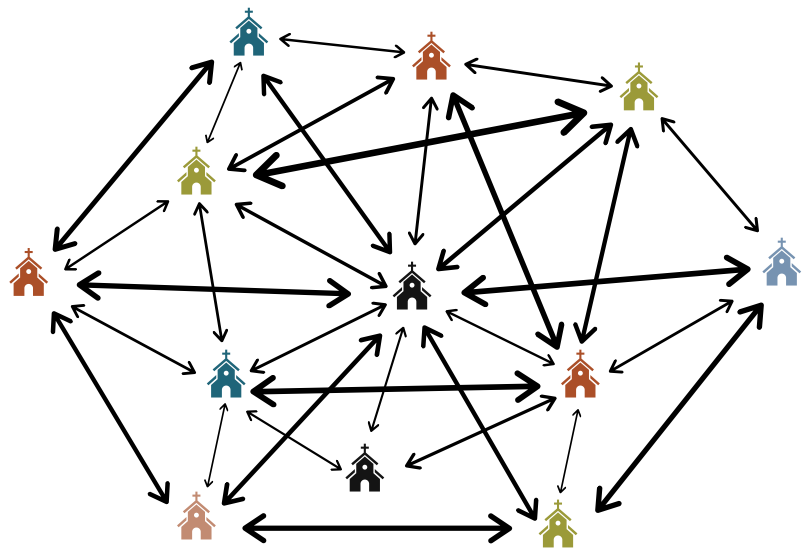
The Rural Missions Network is rooted in a shared desire, and a shared mission to see God's Kingdom come here on Earth as in Heaven.



What is a Regional Hub?

Regional Hubs are the local expression of the Rural Missions Network. The Rural Missions Network is made up of smaller groups from individual regions. The size of a region can vary depending on location. Regional Hubs are gatherings of local followers of Jesus from your village or town and/or followers of Jesus from the surrounding villages or towns.

Being in a rural context can feel isolating, it can be challenging to engage with your local community in a meaningful way.



Regional Hub gatherings are a time to connect with others from your local area who share a desire to be more missional.

Regional Hubs provide an opportunity to come together to share your experiences. To be inspired by stories of how God is working in your local context. To discuss the greatest challenges and opportunities in your region together.

Regional Hubs offer a chance to learn, encourage and inspire each other in your mission to reach those in your community.

What happens when a Regional Hub meets?

The idea of Regional Hubs is to create time and space as a group, coupled with a collective desire to reach those who don't yet know Jesus, to reflect, encourage, and share your experiences of mission in your local context.

Each session follows the same structured format. The sessions are characterised by an emphasis on allowing space and time to share.

- Coming together: Gather at the venue, grab some refreshments and say hello.
- Introduction & Updates
- Short Devotional: This will be provided by Rural Missions, or one of your hub may wish to prepare one.
- Good News Reports: Spend a few moments sharing stories of how you are seeing God already at work in the big and small within your communities.
- Discussion Groups: In each session, you will break into small groups and discuss the same set of questions. These questions are designed to help facilitate conversation.
- Feedback: A time to feedback to the whole group on anything that stood out from your discussion time.
- Pray: Take some time to pray with one another.

Who is the Rural Missions Network for?

The Rural Missions Network and the Regional Hubs are for any follower of Jesus who has a desire to engage with and in their local context, and with a heart to serve the wider community, rather than self-interest. Their mission will be to show God's love for all and to share the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.

There is no requirement to be in a position of leadership within your faith community. A desire to see your community transformed by God's love is all that is required.

Staying Connected

At Rural Missions we want to encourage members of each Regional Hub to stay connected with each other. Being connected provides an opportunity to encourage, support and hold each other accountable.

Each Regional Hub will be offered the opportunity to join a private WhatsApp channel that has specifically been set up for them. This is a space where they can share live updates, praise reports, seek advice and submit prayer requests to each other.

Receiving our monthly Newsletter, which will include a Rural Missions update, stories from the network, devotionals, helpful tips and strategies.

What is the time commitment?

A Regional Hub gathering aims to meet at least bi-monthly and each session is 2 hours in length. We strongly encourage each member to attend every session as this helps to further strengthen relationships and support one another.

If a Regional Hub meets bi-monthly this equates to 6 sessions a year and a total of 12 hours invested.

We believe that these sessions offer an incredible return on investment of your time. Through the gatherings of the Regional Hubs across the nation, followers of Jesus are being inspired. A passion to see their communities transformed is no longer something they dream of but is something they are now moving towards, resulting in real lives changed and hearts committed to Jesus.

Regional Hub Venues

When establishing a new Regional Hub, Rural Missions works with a local partner to organise a suitable venue to host the Regional Hub gatherings.

We strive to ensure that the selected venue provides the accessibility provisions required for all those attending.

Inclusion & Accessibility

We are committed to respecting the traditions, beliefs and values of any church with which we are invited to work. The Rural Missions Network is united by a shared belief that all Christians have a mission to show God's love for all and to share the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.

At Rural Missions we strive to ensure that Regional Hubs are accessible to all and that hosting venues meet the needs and requirements of all those attending. If you have any concerns or questions regarding access provisions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at [**hubs@ruralmissions.org.uk**](mailto:hubs@ruralmissions.org.uk)

Next Steps

- Pray: take a moment to seek God and ask for His wisdom as you take your next steps.
- Visit www.ruralmissions.org.uk/networks and fill out an inquiry form, the Rural Missions team will be in touch.
- Start to reach out to others in your faith community to see if anyone would like to be involved.
- Also reach out to other churches and Christians from your village/town and the surrounding areas who may also like to be involved.
- Consider whether you could provide a venue to host a Regional Hub.
- Get in touch via email to discuss further at [**hubs@ruralmissions.org.uk**](mailto:hubs@ruralmissions.org.uk)