

Originally from Derbyshire, Mark lived his childhood in Suffolk, where he was baptised at Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe. After studying at Sheffield University and training for church ministry at Bristol Baptist College he moved to Brazil to work with BMS. There he engaged in Church planting and local ministry, community development and training ministers and missionaries. He returned to UK in 2014, at age 48, to become BMS Regional Team Leader for South America and Sub-Saharan Africa. In this role Mark pastored and managed mission workers, and managed partnerships with national bodies in both continents.

After leaving BMS in November 2022 Mark had some time off before enjoying six-months as a consultant for the Oxford Centre for Mission Study (OCMS), remotely promoting a multilingual publishing site through networks around the world.

Having met at Southall Baptist Church, Suzana and Mark married in 1994, in Brazil. They have a daughter, Ana, 24, and a son, Edward, 26, married to their daughter-in-law, Rowan.

Mark loves cycling and football, cinema, music and speaking different languages.

Setting out on his ministry at Faringdon, Mark is looking forward to exploring the Bible and what it means for us today, through small group study and interactive preaching; pastoral care and visits; exploring faith with interested seekers, through Bible exploration and life witness; and contributing to the life of the local community.