



MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

All Can Pray

Almost two years ago I visited New Zealand to celebrate with them twenty years of MMM in New Zealand. At that time we were just completing a 5 years strategic plan with lots of strategies outlined to achieve the 5 identified goals approved by the Board. I was going to prepare a message and presentation for the gathering in New Zealand based on the strategic plan and where we were headed as an organisation, however at the time I was challenged by God to refocus my thoughts, and the direction of our focus onto prayer.

Prayer has and always should be the central platform of our operations, and together with Jane Bayliss we have continued to keep this aspect of our mission as the main thing. Throughout the past couple of years I've seen so many answers to prayer for MMM that I cannot ignore the truth that God still has his hand on the work of MMM.



It was on a visit to the South Coast region of New South Wales earlier this year when Gwen Pulsford reminded me of the early prayer team motto for MMM, **“Not all can build, not all can go, but all can pray”**. Gwen and Bill have been faithful contributors to MMM over many years, they have worked on many projects and continue to work in this capacity whenever they can. However, their most significant contribution to MMM has been in prayer support. There are dozens of stories like this across MMM, not just in Australia but wherever MMM operates.

In July this year I was invited to share at Abbotsford Gospel Hall in Sydney, and there I met Molly (pictured here). Over lunch I chatted with a lot of the locals and discovered that Molly turned 100 in June.

When I briefly chatted with her I discovered her knowledge of MMM and subsequent prayerful heart for our mission was extensive. She regularly received the monthly PrayerForce and prays for each point listed. I don't know how many hours Molly has spent in her 100 years in prayer, or how many hours she has spent praying for MMM but I know one thing for sure, it has made a huge difference to MMM! - Thank you Molly for your faithfulness. Thanks also to the faithful people at Abbotsford Gospel Hall.



Molly at 100 Years

This inspires me, it encourages me, it spurs me on to good works! We need more Molly's in our prayer network! We have much to pray for, and much to do for the kingdom of God. Will you commit to pray with me. I'm calling for a national day of prayer for MMM on **Wednesday August 31st**. We will have more information out soon, but in the meantime mark that day in your diary and commit to pray with us and for us.



Lunch with the Prayer Ladies

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Mountains Christian College

May, 2016 at Blackheath, NSW

MMM's task was to change an ART room with paintings and lessons on the walls into a MUSIC room. This required the sound proofing of a common wall with another classroom and the installing access doors to a storeroom for musical instruments. A fixed piece of glass was installed for viewing of rehearsals from the storeroom

Outside, rusty corrugated iron on an awning was replaced. Inside there was plenty of painting of walls and a classroom. The weather was warm by mountain standards, from 4 to 14 degrees

The team was led by Paul Barnham, who lived nearby and did most of the organizing; consisted of—Phill & Gwen Hall, Neil Parker, Ian & Ellen Dawson, Ron Simon.

The team wishes to thank the college for providing food, space for caravans, and many ideas. Also special thanks goes to the maintenance person [2days per week], who measured and ordered the materials

The College is planning more improvements and inviting MMM again, maybe next year.



Paul, Neil & Phil



Paul, Ian & Phil



Ian Dawson



Neil & Ron



Ron Simon

Power Tool Drive

Do you have too many tools?

Have you just updated your tools and couldn't bear to part with your old faithfuls?

The **MMM Power Tool Drive** is a fundraising project for the volunteer ministry of MMM Australia.

Our ministry is using tools and skilled workers to bless Christian ministries through Maintenance and Building projects.

Could you donate some tools to MMM? Tools will be sold for MMM and need to be in good working order.

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NSW Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
8-14 Aug	GLO Ministries, Riverstone	Phill ph: 0428 233 317 Team needed
29/8-9 Sept	Attunga Campsite, Canyon Leigh	Phill ph: 0428 233 317 Workers needed
5-16 Sept	Mountain Trails, Wee Jasper	Phill ph: 0428 233 317 Workers needed
20-30 Sept	Cornerstone, Dubbo	Phill ph: 0428 233 317 Workers needed

The Smiths Family's visit to MMM Thailand



In April/May this year our family flew to Thailand and spent three weeks in Chiang Rai. We have travelled around Australia for 2 ½ years serving with MMM in many ways and were excited to continue to serve overseas.

At the MMM conference last year we met Palita and Pedro, and chatted to us about Thailand. My husband Chris is a carpenter and I am a teacher and our visit coincided with an English Summer camp that Palitia runs each year. I would teach there and Chris would work with Pedro on any

MMM projects that were happening.

The first week was teaching English with my girls, at the seven day camp. The girls were able to assist me with the English or cooking lessons and join in with one of the groups, making friends quickly.

.At the end of each day we helped out with swimming lessons. We really enjoyed being part of this camp and getting to know the staff and students.

Friends from church, Tony and Bronwyn Johnson, joined us in Chiang Rai and we continued to serve where needed. Our afternoons were spent at the Hill Top school where we played games with the students while they waited for their English class to start.

Chris and Tony worked with Pedro on a number of MMM projects including concreting a retaining wall at Shoulder to Shoulder, building concrete posts for a fence at the YWAM base and digging holes to put the posts in.



Johnsons



We really loved about our time in Chiang Rai meeting with and being encouraged by people serving our Lord in a variety of ministries. Some of these ministries included; shoulder to shoulder (S2S), YWAM, Project Fit and the Children's Home and of course MMM.

Chris, Alison, Bridget, Claire and Lucy Smith.



Dates for Diary

NSW Annual Dinner

12pm, Saturday 5th November

Prayer Support

Monthly Prayer Group

You are warmly invited to join us on the 1st Friday of each month to Pray for the ministry of MMM Australia. Out next gathering will be August 5th, 10am at the MMM State Centre, 70 Wye Rd, Wye.

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MMMWA NEWS



Two Very Different Road Trips



Wagin Baptist Church

MMMWA received a call from Gary Pilkington, Pastor of the Wagin Baptist Church to see if we could help with Drywall Plastering of their church hall. A call was made to Sam Frankavilla, who is skilled in this trade, He put up his hand immediately. Over 4 days Sam, Rod and some local volunteers got down to the very dusty and dirty work of scraping off old plaster and then setting the new. The ladies of the church ensured that the energy levels were always full and working alongside each other prompted and encouraged great fellowship between all of the Volunteers. *"We have achieved far more than we expected, we have been waiting so long to get these repairs done, thank you MMM"* (Gary Pilkington). It has been a real blessing to see God's hand at work in small country church communities over the last few months, and the response of MMM to their needs.



Sam stirring the pot



Wagin Volunteers helping out



Rod Keeping up the mix

MMM Ladies Ministry Team Op Shop Tour.



Everyone wins a prize

The weather was dry, the sun shining and everyone was ready for the day ahead. There was lots of laughter, some prizes, surprises and plenty of stops to find that treasured bargain. This years Op Shop Tour was again one to remember. A big Thank You Beth Hart our coach driver for the day, also Adrienne Stevens and Jenni Roper who checked out the Op Shops to be included on the tour.



Girls just want to have fun



Where did I leave my truck

The next planned Event is the **Parisian High Tea and Marketplace** Saturday August 20th. This function will be a fantastic afternoon catered for by Jody Goiran (Jonah's Event Planning <https://www.facebook.com/jonahsevents/>). Along with the High Tea and its Treats there will be a number of stalls that you can browse through. Throw in a few games and a bit of laughter and your afternoon will be full. The venue will be the Thornlie Church of Christ, 319 Spencer Road. Book a seat for yourself or a table with friends.



Lots of Bargains



WE WANT YOU

WA Local Diary

Additional Project Updates

Wandalgu Mission Geraldton

An MMM Volunteer is based at this mission and there is plenty of maintenance work for individuals or groups throughout 2016. You would be welcome for a short or long stay.

Work to be completed over the coming months include installing a disabled toilet, painting and renovation of several buildings and roof repairs.

In and around Perth

During each month MMMWA receives requests for smaller jobs that range from the hanging of a door ,boxing up a small concrete pad or erecting a fence.

"Working on a MMM project gives you an opportunity to use the skills and talents that God has given you to bless and encourage others in God's family who do not have those skills and talents. Helping them allows them to be free to use their skills, talents and gifts in the ministry that God has planted them in. Everyone is blessed and everyone sees God at Work... that is exciting and faith building."

If you would like to get involved in the ministry of MMM, building and maintaining buildings used in Christian service, there is no better time than now. Your commitment can be one day or many. Feel free to call Trevor 0409 778 799 to talk about how you can get involved.

A Very Big and Special Thank You

To all those churches, Christian Organisations and Individuals who gave financially over the last few months to support the ministry of MMM, you're a great blessing and helped us "Serve those who Serve"

Invitation

All MMM Tradies and Volunteers in the East

Why not consider a working holiday West?

Use your skills in a far-off place (WA) to

"Serve those who Serve"

Call Trevor 0409 778 799

PARISIAN HIGH TEA AND MARKETPLACE SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH - \$39 PP

An afternoon to enjoy ,lots of refreshments ,browse the stalls, join in on the games with spot prizes plus other giveaways.

Venue :Thornlie Church of Christ, 319 Spencer Rd THORNIE Time 1- 4pm
also

Shopping Tour Saturday October 15th — \$40 PP

Visit Outlets and Specialty Shops searching for those unique gifts and surprises

Bus departs and returns to MMMWA Centre , Furley Rd SOUTHERN RIVER

Register your interest with Karen Beard 0419 197 695



Prayer and Praise

- Pray for Mike and Melody Nicholls (MMMNZ) as they continue to tour the northern part of WA, engaging with MMM contacts and assessing potential future projects.
- Pray for additional persons to be prompted, to become involved in the ministry of MMMWA, by joining either the WA Regional Committee , Prayer Group or part of a work team
- Pray for the ongoing planning of the Caravan Safari to Western Australia in 2017, for the scheduling of projects, organisation of job sites, for confirmation of details and that God will guide us in decisions made.
- Pray for the promotion of the upcoming Ladies Ministry Team Events, these ladies do a tremendous job in ongoing support of the ministry on MMM
- Give thanks for the painting of the Yarloop Christian Fellowship Hall , that the local community will be drawn to this fellowship as rebuilding of the town continues after the devastating fires in Jan'16

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VIC Team at HO Working Bee



Factory before

July 16th was a great day where the Vic team and Head Office team put in a huge effort to tidy up the Mitcham office & factory area. With the wind up of MMM Build the team needed to reorganise the factory area as well as revamping the outside garden areas which had become a little overgrown.



Factory after

We had 13 dedicated staff and volunteers come and share a great day of work, laughter, and a very special morning tea to celebrate Noel Taylors birthday which coincided with the working bee. Sue Baxter (wife of our CEO) made a lovely cake and with candles and singing we provided a fitting celebration to another milestone for Noel.



Clean Racking

There has been a bit going on in and around the office in the past weeks with construction of an internal wall & door to secure the office area from general access. Noel and the Build-A-Bond team installed the wall frame, Victorian volunteer Keith Eyssens has been plastering, and Kim Roediger has installed the door frame and door. The only things left now is the glass panel and a coat of paint!



Thanks to everyone who came and helped out on the day. Many hands did in deed make light work!



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Vic/SA Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Sept 12	Bennwerren,- Shed, conversion/makeover	Contact David
TBA (Urgent)	EMPART (Croydon) - Office wall extensions	Contact David
ASAP (Urgent)	Samoa Church Broadmeadows, Sower area construction	Contact David
TBA	St Mathews Bendigo, Painting plaster repairs	Still Assessing
TBA	Belgrave Heights Convention, Several projects	Still Assessing
TBA	Elwood Presbyterian Church, Several maintenance issues	Handymen & Painters

Garage Sale Preparations

The Vic team are preparing for our garage sale fundraiser in November. We've already started collecting good quality furniture and household items for sale, including a complete kitchen (*yes – including the kitchen sink!*), an extendable dining table set, sewing machine, wiper snipper, and a lot more.

Many thanks to People who have already donated item's, including Peter & Lilian Taylor who co-ordinated some household items from a friend trying to empty a house. If you have any good quality items to donate for sale let Margaret Taylor know or ring the office and we can



co-ordinate getting it dropped off at Mitcham.

As a quick reminder for the Vic volunteers keep Saturday November 19th available we will need lots of help on the day .

MMM Caps

Keep the sun off your head and fly the MMM Flag at the same time!!!

You can help support MMM by purchasing the great caps for just \$15. Contact Head Office on (03) 9837 2700



Prayer Support

Prayer Needs

- Pray for a Vic Region Manager
- Pray for Jane Bayliss and the Prayer Team
- Pray for the November Garage Sale & MMM Finances
- Pray for David Graham, Vic Projects Co-ordinator



MMMTas NEWS



Tasmanian Floods

Most people would be aware of the devastating floods we have experienced in Tassie over much of June and July.

Our hearts go out to the many around the state who have lost much. The stories beamed around the country of houses washed away, whole herds of cattle washed away, lives lost as river levels broke banks and indeed records, and the deluge of mud and sodden mess left as the evidence once the levels subsided.

It's a wonderful thing to see the real heart of people exposed when the call for help goes up. Many of the local service clubs and churches rose to the occasion with support packages, relief teams of helpers and crisis accommodation being made available.

BLAZE AID have set up four camps which will be there for as long as the need remains. Samaritan's Purse gave us a call and it was great to have our Dave Dawson and Lee Minehan here assessing the situation. Thanks to many from all around the country who have and continue to lift us up before our Lord in prayer.

Please continue to pray especially for the huge cleanup process, that insurance companies pay their obligations and people's lives can return to some form of normalcy.

After a very long and hot summer/autumn it was certainly drought breaking!!



Tas Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
22 August	Blue Lagoon Campsite, Construction of extension hall	Contact Office
TBA	Pilgrim Hill—Approved	Contact office
TBA	Zions Hill, Prayer tower, (awaiting council approval)	Contact office

People & Places - Gloria and Graham Scott

Gloria and Graham live at Wesley Vale where we have been for 32 years. We have 3 children and 9 grandies.

Our first contact with MMM would have been around 1985 when a deputation team from MMM came to our church.

We had opportunity to help on some projects between then and 2002. Towards the end of 2001 the CEO at the time asked us if we would go to WA to help out. We prayed and asked God to show us clearly the way to go. The way opened up and we left our employment and set off on a new adventure.

We spent most of that year in W. A. then came back to TAS and worked with the team there. In 2004 we were asked to step into the role of Tas State Managers. WOW this was a bit daunting but again God was faithful and we were blessed so much to have that time seeing some amazing provision in so many ways including the Tas State Centre being built.

In 2010 we were asked to go to North Qld, Townsville to help grow the work there. This was again an amazing time experiencing God's provision in more ways to count. We didn't see a permanent Centre set but were able to meet and assist a number of ministries while there.

We have been able to help in N.T. with the Safari Team and in most states. During our involvement we have met so many wonderful people and been blessed more than we can count. As we are able we still help when needed and MMM and all members will have a very special place in our hearts and prayers.



Congratulations

Congratulations to grandparents John & Di de Jonge! A baby girl "Brooke Ella" arrived on July 10th, blessing proud parents Mark & Jess.

Prayer Support

Please remember in prayer the Global Challenge Conference, Launceston on the 13th August.

Pray for team members to join us at Blue Lagoon on

August 22nd, where we are building a storage/kitchen facility adjoining their new gym/auditorium.

Pray for Zion's Hill, Launceston, who are preparing to start work on the prayer tower in December/January.

Pray for those around who have colds, flu's and other illnesses. Ask for God's healing, grace and strength.

Commit those travelling to the Lord, praying for their safety and encouragement.

Praise for the building approval obtained for Pilgrim Hill. Pray for wisdom for the team as they work out how to go about making a start. Pray for the Baehr family as they need a new rental residence from August.

Pray for the MMM head office team, state leaders, and volunteers.

Pray for wisdom and grace for Rod and Lynn.

Praise God and give thanks for the current committee members, volunteers and supporters.

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Warruwi, Goulburn Island



On the June 8th John and Anne Cooper, John & Joyce Blade, Peter & Jenny Trebbin and Pat & Glenda Freeman flew over to South Goulburn Island to carry out maintenance on the Uniting church manse and build a stage and erect shade sails in preparation for the 100th anniversary when Rev James Watson arrived there with the gospel message for the indigenous people. The first week was spent preparing & repainting the manse and replacing lights, fans and power points. The manse is only 50 metres from the bay with uninterrupted views so it was a lovely place to work.

The second week was building the stage for the concerts and teaching to take place, in a big open area near the 100 year old church, and erecting large shade sails for people to sit under around this area. The team took over the manse and lived there while we worked on it and Eda, one of the local men who lived there also stayed with us. This was a great blessing to us as we learnt so much as we shared our stories around the meal table or on the verandah. People from all over Australia started arriving for the centenary days before the event and we found ourselves hosting many extras for meals at the manse. Joyce was our catering overseer and did a fabulous job with managing this.

The third week was busy getting ready with the locals for the re-enactment of Rev Watsons arrival. The stage had to be decorated and banners put up. Jenny is a florist and her talents came to the fore as she created wonderful arrangements with local sea shells, local greenery and flowers we had bought over from Darwin. It was a great blessing to the community and with 8 nights of concerts and preaching from Indigenous groups from all over Arnhem Land, it was well used. The gospel of Mark was launched in their native language of Maung on the re-enactment day.

For most of us on the team, Warruwi will hold a special place in our memories as we really felt privileged to have been there. Revival has started and we will continue to pray with the believers there that the gospel message will have the impact it did 100 years ago when Rev Watson went by faith to Goulburn Island



Concerts, dancing and preaching

Manse - with its new colour.
Blue is the Island colour



Stage Work

John - preparing the shade sails



We took balloons each night for the kids.

Qld/NT Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
29 Aug—9 Sept	Rockhampton Wesleyan Church - Carpentry & Painting	Full Team required
12-16 Sept	Liberty Haven, Tansey - replace stairs & maintenance	Team required
19-30 Sept	Gayndah Wesleyan Church - Painting exterior & maintenance of manse	Full Team required
3-14 Oct	Wondai Baptist Church & Hall	Project Cancelled
17-28 Oct	Bundaberg West Baptist Church - Painting & maintenance of church building	Team required

People & Places - The Pat and Glenda Story

As retirees in our mid to late 50's we found ourselves with a desire to give something back and help others. We both decided that our outback brothers and sisters would be a good place to start. We contacted an organization who was offering such a service but for whatever reason nothing ever eventuated. I suppose on reflection we were just meant to look elsewhere.

While doing some election work we met David and Robyn, who told us they had friends who worked with MMM. Nothing proceeded until a chance meeting at a shopping centre in Maroochydore, on the way back to Brisbane. We met David who invited us over for a coffee as he and Robyn were camping with their friends, Geoff and Caryn Payne (the MMM's) at Maroochydore caravan park. Geoff explained it was a voluntary organization which had groups of people who travelled around completing maintenance work. He said he would keep us informed about any future MMM jobs., and as it happened MMM were doing a two week painting job in Rockhampton a month or so later. Geoff sent us through the details and so we rushed around and got our "White Cards" and organized ourselves to be in Rockhampton for the job.

As we didn't have a 4WD or Caravan, one of the Rockhampton church congregation offered us accommodation. We arrived at their place to find a self contained flat with a view over Roslyn Bay in Yeppoon. Then once we got on the job, there was morning and afternoon tea and lunch cooked by a different nationality each day. This was a great introduction to MMM and the life of a volunteer.

Since then we purchased a 4WD, borrowed a soft top camper trailer for the 2014 Safari to Darwin. We then purchased a Jayco camper trailer and are currently participating in the 2016 Safari to Darwin.

MMM has given us an opportunity to give something back and help others who need some assistance. It is a reminder to us that we have a blessed life because others invested in us. It is time we invest some of our time and effort in others. **Pat and Glenda Freeman**



Prayer Support

Praise: completed projects that have been challenging and team have been sick.

We've been able to source the materials and machinery we have needed for each job in remote areas

We've had every skill set we have needed to complete projects to a very high standard

Lovely feedback from organisations we have partnered with

Prayer: Hand on us as we complete the northern safari work including installing a sewage line at Pine Creek into town sewage and maintenance work at remote community of Ngukurr.

Safe travel back to QLD once the safari concludes on the August 12th.

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MMM at SA Men's Conference

At the time of writing my husband Owen and I have just returned home after spending time in SA attending a Men's Christian Conference. It was great for us to catch up with special friends who came to us after the 2009 Bushfires and were such a blessing helping to construct new fences on our farm. MMM CEO Terrence Baxter took two sessions. He spoke passionately and his messages were challenging and very encouraging. He challenged us all to pour out our lives into others from the well of what God has poured into our lives. He referred to the book of Philemon where Paul supported Onesimus and this transformed his life from being a runaway slave to a follower of Jesus. The feedback from Terry's talks was very positive and the men present were taking on Terry's challenge to find their own Onesimus to love and support in the hope they would come to know and love the Lord also. I was blessed to attend some of the Conference and share a session on prayer. I was encouraged by the feedback I received, for which I thank God.

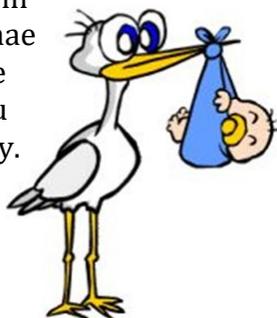
Congratulations to Terry and Sue Baxter on becoming Gandies! 2 Grandsons in 1 Week!

I am privileged to have Terry ask me to pray for personal needs and of course he tells me praise points. He told me a while ago that his daughter Lauren and her husband John were expecting their first child in August. He also shared with me that their son Ryann and daughter in-law Shae had been accepted to adopt a baby and this would be happening within the next few months (*hopefully*). Very exciting news! I had a feeling these precious babies would be given to their parents around the same time. However I didn't think it would be in the same week! Imagine how much fun (*and mischief*) these cousins will have growing up together and get adventurous! Praise God for the wonderful blessings for the family of these two new members.

Please pray for these babies, their parents and grandparents as they commence this new journey of life, thankfully with the Lord leading.

Your New Baby Boy

To Lauren and John
and Ryann and Shae
May God continue
to richly bless you
and your baby boy.
From all at MMM
Australia



I'm so happy for you,
congratulations on your little miracle.
Here's wishing you bunches of fun with your little one.

