

## Devotional

Hi prayer partners

*Colossians 3:12,13* “Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

We have all experienced being hurt by the words or actions of others. God has forgiven us for our sins and therefore we should forgive others just as he has forgiven us. He is our example to follow. It is much easier to forgive others if they are sorry and apologize. However God calls us to forgive regardless of the offender’s response to us.

Kel Willis in his book “Living with you living with me” - Building relational health into God’s family, says our spiritual and mental health requires us to forgive. He says ‘What the other person does is between him and God, even when that behavior impacts us in a negative way. Our responsibility is to respond in a biblical way.’ He also says “For us as Christians, the issue is now primarily one of our own spiritual growth. We are making a choice to be governed not by the other person’s behavior, but by the principals of life in Christ. In the context of God’s wonderful grace, love and forgiveness we choose to begin the process of forgiveness and to experience the joy and freedom that comes when we comprehend the wonder of God’s grace in our own lives, and the sweet liberation that is found in the process of forgiving others.”

My five year old granddaughters love everything to do with the Disney movie Frozen. The main song in this movie is entitled “Let it Go” which I’m sure many of you are so familiar with!

Forgiving others enables us to “let it go” - “it” being the hurt and all the other destructive emotions and attitudes that can come when we are not prepared to forgive. Forgiving others can be very difficult especially if the hurt has been very severe and impacted greatly on our life. Nothing is impossible for God though. His Holy Spirit can transform our heart and mind to help us, over time, be able to forgive those who have inflicted hurt as you prayerfully seek his help and meditate on his word.

In Courage for Living - Insight’s Bible Companion, Volume 4, in the chapter on relationships it says we need to lean on God to help us overcome hurt. It suggests we say to God “I lean on you for the grace and strength to forgive this one who has hurt me and to want and work for what is best for that person.”

Love and blessings -Jane

## International Prayer News

### Prayer requests

- for wisdom for all the International Boards as they consider proposals regarding the future directions of the MMM International Alliance.
- for a fresh anointing from God on the Directors of MMM Centres worldwide and for them to continue to be strong and courageous, trusting in the Lord to meet all their personal needs and for the ministries to flourish.

#### New Zealand

- for good attendance and planning for the ‘Engage Day’ on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- for the MMM Magazine that goes out this month to inspire people to serve on a project and to support the ministry of MMM.
- for Barry Stevenson as he coordinates the work programme for New Zealand. Pray for more team members for each project.

#### Fiji

- for the Morrinsville Baptist church team preparing to go to Fiji to work on the Fiji Bible College, Vocational Training College on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.
- for the MMM Fiji team who worked last month on the new church in Waidamudamu, Suva. Pray for the district they have worked in and for Pastor Manoa as he reaches out to the Hindu community.
- for the kids club Jarrod and Katy Alexander run each Wednesday in Fiji. Pray for the kids to have open hearts to God and for Jarrod and Katy to be wise and discerning in how and what to teach them.

#### Zambia

- for a positive outcome to an opportunity to sell the Rolled Steel Machine currently sitting idle in Zambia so this money can be used to retire debt and assist in implementing God’s plan in the region.
- for the Director, Florence, and her team as they work diligently in His plans.

#### Hong Kong

- for God’s favour on the planning and organizing MMM HK’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

# PrayerForce

## July 2017



# MMM Australia

**1** **QLD** Pray for God's guidance for team leaders, Adrian and Caren Behrens, safety, unity and good health for the six couples on the two week Safari, commenced at Bajool Wesleyan Church, Rockhampton on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Pray for wisdom for Behrens in parenting their two young children, David and Sophia. Pray for wisdom for John Cooper as he plans the projects around the Brisbane area.

**2** Pray for all those we assist to be encouraged in their activities to reach the lost in their community and beyond by having improved facilities and fellowship with our team members. May God's favour be on their endeavours.

**3** Give thanks for Board member Melanie McGrice travelling from the city to Wycliffe in Kangaroo Ground on the Monday night of the May staff Conference to present the award to the Coopers and Behrens for MMM Queensland's outstanding efforts with fundraising.

**4** **TAS** Praise God for leading a couple, originally from Tasmania, to desire taking on the Manager's role in this region. Pray for God's guidance for them, Terrence Baxter (*CEO*) and Dale Richardson (*Board member*) as they have further discussions together regarding this possible appointment. Praise God for the many contacts the couple have with people who are keen to get involved with MMM.

**5** Praise the Lord for the wonderful support and blessing Robyn Fedrick has been to our CEO as his personal assistant and for all her skills with finance and administrative tasks also. Give thanks for her friendship and the willing help she has given to staff and volunteers in MMM over the past three years. Praise God for her improved health. Pray for God to meet all her needs and richly bless her and her husband Aaron. Robyn is leaving her work with MMM on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Give thanks for her gaining fulltime employment quickly. Pray her new work environment will be really good and that God will continue to use her to bless others there and shine a light for the Lord in that company.

**6** Pray for our CEO and the WA and QLD leadership team as they work together to develop all aspects for the Orientation Programme, over the next two to three months.

**7** Praise God for Rachel taking on the role previously undertaken by Robyn Fedrick. Pray for her to be blessed as she commences working with MMM.

**8** **QLD** Praise God for the opportunity this month for our teams to bless Viti Wesleyan church, Rockhampton from 3rd to 14th, Christian Community Church, Rockhampton from 17th to 28th and Kilcoy Wesleyan Church from 17th to 21st. Pray for safety on the work site and while travelling. Pray for wisdom for Owen Litzow and Geoff Payne as they take on leading the team from July 10th.

**9** **NSW** Pray for God to speak clearly into the heart of a couple in NSW who have expressed interest in the NSW Manager's role. Pray for clarity and direction for them and wisdom for our CEO regarding this as they all wait on God and have discussions together.

**10** **Thailand** Give thanks for our Board's approval to purchase a block of land in Thailand, adjoining S2S, for an MMM Centre. Pray for God's provision of funds for this land through generous MMM supporters. Give thanks for two projects happening at the same time for MMM in Thailand: overseeing the boy's house building project and building a car port on the S2S land. Pray for God's strength and wisdom for Pedro (*MMM project manager and worker*). Praise God for all the administrative tasks Palita does and for the Board members.

**11** **QLD** MMM and the QLD Managers, John and Anne Cooper, are praising the Lord that John's surgery on June 15th has been successful in overcoming his health issues. Pray for peace for John as he needs to rest for a short while to fully recover from the operation.

**12** **WA** Praise God for the wonderful work the Safari team have completed and for the blessing they have been to so many. Give thanks for the Halls (*team leaders*) and David and Robyn Freeman (*Vic*) joining the team now.

**13** Praise God for volunteer Darren Ngui who is working on updating the MMM website over the next few months.

**14** **VIC/SA** Give thanks for the first Committee meeting going very well. Pray for God's wisdom for Geoff Jarvis (*Manager*) and the Committee members. Pray for the Committee and other helpers with preparations for the next Garage Sale in October. Pray for meetings in SA to be made for two projects and for MMM promotion opportunities in this region. Praise God for 8 couples and another volunteer being involved in the VIC/SA Safari from mid September to mid November. Pray for wisdom with all the planning of the Safari projects.

**15** Pray for the Board members to know God's will at the Board meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> as they decide on appointing new Managers for Tasmania and make decisions involved in governing MMM Australia.

**16** **NSW** Pray for wisdom for team leader Ian Dawson and safety travelling and on the job for the team who are painting at the Crusader Campsite, Balcolyn, starting July 17th to 28th. Pray for the Campsite Managers and staff to be blessed and those who stay there to have a great time and be drawn to the Lord.

**17** Praise God for his goodness to MMM and all involved in "serving those who serve." Give thanks for safety on jobs. Pray for more Associates in all key areas.

**18** **WA** Pray the Foodies' Bus Tour on Saturday 29th July will be a very successful fundraiser for MMM and a great time for all attending. Give thanks for the organizers of this.

**19** Pray for God's physical and spiritual protection over all in MMM and their family members as they serve the Lord, with their skills and resources. May each be a pleasing witness, bringing honour and glory to God in word and deed.

**20** **NSW** Pray for the Bell family (*previous Managers*) as they grieve the sudden, recent loss of Kelly's sister. Praise God for a couple expressing interest in taking on the role of NSW Region Managers. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for our CEO as he engages with this couple regarding a possible appointment. Give thanks for enough projects for the remainder of the year and for rent being received for the accommodation unit in the Wyee Centre.