

Devotional

Hi Prayer Partners

Lately the Lord has been reminding me of the importance of telling the truth, despite the possible implications. It is easy to be tempted to not tell all the facts or to twist them for your benefit but this is not what God wants us to do.

Recently Owen and I were aware of a situation with a person where the consequences of their actions could have resulted in considerable penalties and losses if the letter of the law had been enforced. Their intent was not to be unlawful but a decision made, due to a very unexpected circumstance, was against the law. We and the person involved were praying for them to have the courage to tell the truth. We also asked God to intervene and in his mercy cause the finding to be lenient. I believe God did honor the person who told the truth and there was no penalty imposed! There was much praise and thanksgiving for God's mercy and answer to our prayers.

We all know the courage of Esther, the king's wife, in telling the truth to the king that she herself was a Jew. A decree had been sent out, under the evil intent of Haman, to destroy all Jews which certainly could have included Esther if the king decided to do that. God used her mightily. She told the truth which resulted in the Jewish people being saved from annihilation. Telling lies or half truths can have very detrimental consequences. Ananias and Sapphira certainly found that out.

Acts 5:3-5 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God. When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died."

Sapphira did not know what had happened to her husband. She also lied when questioned by Peter about their earnings from the land sale and she too fell down and died.

The other week Owen and I met Mac and Justin, two great young guys from Kentucky who are spending six weeks in Australia helping on MMM projects in the northern region. Mac's father is a pastor. He told us that his father was standing apart from others as he was determined to pass on Biblical truths. Please pray for him to be courageous, protected and know God's wisdom and guidance as he shares God's truths.

Proverbs 12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

Love and blessings -Jane

International Prayer News

Prayer requests

- for Ross Henson & Heather (*former MMM International Director*) to have all their needs met as they prepare to leave Australia in early June for Greece, to serve with Hellenic Ministries.
- for ongoing great communication between the MMM International Centres and for them to pray for and encourage each other as they shine God's light in their country.

Hong Kong

Praise points

- that MMM Hong Kong will renew their lease of the current office in Ching Yi for another two years.
- for Lolita Chan is now working as part time administrative assistant for MMM.

Prayer request

- for wisdom and guidance from God for the planning committee for the 20th Anniversary celebrations on October 29th.
- for more volunteers.

Fiji

Praise point

- for the team who have been working in a very poor Hindu area of Suva, putting the roof on a new church.

Zambia

Praise points

- for the down payment for Lubuto MMM Zambia land at the Municipal Council.
- for the amazing commitment of the staff members to their work.
- for the students returning to the MMMVTC
- for the overseas teams who are beginning to come and use the hospitality facilities.
- for Engineering Missions International Team of 9 or 10 coming on June 2nd until June 10th to help develop a professional Master Plan for the MMM Centre.

Prayer requests

- for wisdom and guidance for the National Council for Construction with all the planning and decisions for commencing courses in to run at MMMVTC.
- for needed volunteers to serve in the different ministries of MMM Zambia such as administrative, training, hospitality, etc
- for the returning students and their financial issues for fees.
- for God to provide all the needed tools to go out and be a blessing to help build, repair and maintain buildings for others.
- that Robinson Mambwe's family will find comfort in the Lord. He was a trainer with MMM Zambia who was laid to rest on May 15th.

PrayerForce

June 2017



MMM Australia

1 VIC/SA Pray for God's wisdom and blessings for the new Region Manager, Geoff Jarvis. Pray for him to develop a great relationship with the Committee. Pray for volunteers to commit to all or some of the VIC/SA Safari from September to November to complete awaiting projects throughout the region.

2 QLD Praise God for all who helped at the Garage Sale last month and God's favour on this event that raised \$10,600. Pray for John Cooper (*Manager*) upcoming surgery in mid June be successful in overcoming his health problem that causes very low energy levels and shortness of breath. Pray for God's peace for John and his wife Anne. Give thanks for Justin and Mac (*young adults from the Presbyterian church in USA where the Cooper's daughter, Katie, works*) spending six weeks helping on MMM projects. Praise God for their help for John Cooper and Adrian Behrens on a project for Boys Brigade Camp at Toowoomba. Pray for God's wisdom for the Behrens in their fulltime MMM work and with parenting their two children.

3 WA Pray for safety on projects and travelling on busy roads for the Safari team of Phill (*team leader*) and Gwen Hall (*NSW*), Geoff and Bronwyn Brauer (*QLD*), Peter and Lyn Groves (*NSW*) Ian and Marilyn Wilson (*VIC*) and Rod Heape (*WA*), working near Perth. Pray for great outcomes from the projects, providing encouragement to the recipients.

4 Pray for God's wisdom, clear guidance and blessings on CEO, Terrence Baxter, as he leads the ministry of MMM and communicates with staff, volunteers and the Board. Pray for good health for his daughter Lauren and the second baby for her and John, due in late August.

5 Pray for the provision of much needed personnel to take on any of the following roles : Managers for NSW and Tasmania, as the National Associates Co-ordinator and to be trained by Noel Taylor to co-ordinate Build-A-Bond projects.

6 WA Pray for more to register to attend the Mad Hatters High Tea and Marketplace Fundraiser on Saturday 17th June and for God's blessings on this event and those attending.

7 Pray for God to meet all the needs of MMM and encourage and richly bless all the workers as they faithfully serve God.

8 NSW Pray for Les Schwebel (*team leader*) and the team members working at Glo Ministries, Riverstone for the first two weeks in June. Pray for God's comfort for Neil Thompson with the passing of his wife Chris on May 19th due to cancer. Neil and Chris worked on MMM projects.

9 Pray for wisdom for team leaders and great teamwork on projects. Pray each team member will be gracious to those they are working with and provide practical and prayerful support for each other. May all they do and say bring glory to God.

10 Pray for a person of God's choosing to take on the Prayer Co-ordinator's role this year and for a helpful handover.

11 Thailand Give thanks to God for the progress of the Boys Home for S-2-S that Pedro is overseeing. Pray for God's strength and wisdom for Pedro as he trains and mentors teenagers working on this building. Pray for these young men to see Jesus Christ in Pedro and for God to touch their lives as they hear the gospel. Pray for God's blessings on Bill and Susie Antolec, the Directors of S-2-S and the students in their care. Praise God for Palita's wonderful commitment to MMM and all she does. Pray for wisdom on the possible purchase of land for an MMM Centre in Thailand.

12 TAS/NSW Give thanks for the Region Committees are doing to enable projects to continue in these regions until Region Managers are appointed.

13 VIC Pray for a great response to our CEO's MMM promotion at Kairos Missions Course in Ballarat on Sunday June 11th, resulting in workers desiring to get involved to help on projects and others who can support MMM in various key areas.

Proverbs 14 : 5 "A truthful witness does not deceive but a false witness pours out lies."

14 Thanks to God for the skills and commitment of the Board members, Shane Prior, Melanie McGrice, Rod McGarvie, John Peberdy, Dale Richardson and Matthew Smith. Pray for God's wisdom for each member with all decisions involved in governing MMM Australia. Pray for a qualified accountant to join the Board soon. Pray for God's favour on their professional work and his protection over each one and their families.

15 Pray for wisdom for the CEO, Managers and the Board to effectively promote MMM's work and its impact on lives. Pray for more opportunities for presentations to groups, especially those who are unfamiliar with MMM. Pray that all in MMM will share about our work with people who are not involved. Pray many will be inspired to join MMM to bless, encourage and provide better facilities for kingdom building work.

16 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.

17 VIC Give thanks for some year nine students from Plenty Valley Christian School having work experience, helping the team working on a project for the Campbellfield Samoan Congregational Church during the last week in June. Pray that this experience with MMM will encourage the students to serve the Lord in practical ways in the future.

18 Praise God for Dave Kenyon's efforts with compiling our new "Walder" Database and for a successful completion of data migration processes.

19 Pray for a great attendance on June 24th for the MMM Associates presentation by Terrence Baxter and a "meet and greet" with the new VIC/SA Region Manager, Geoff Jarvis

20 Pray for healing of our CEO's ongoing shoulder injury and for all our Associates and volunteers who are sick or injured. Pray for God's healing grace on all.