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The “Y” Challenge

Sir Edmond Hillary is famed as the first man to climb Mt Everest, the world's highest peak above sea level. When speaking about the challenges, and the actual adventure of taking on the world's tallest mountain a comment was made that “when things got tough and energy was low – and just looking up at the daunting mountain in front of him how he maintained his energy and will to climb it?”

His answer wasn't what the questioner was expecting, he simply said “I never looked up” – “All I had to do was to make sure that I put my next footstep down securely, step up, and then make sure I put my next footstep down securely!”

That folks is how you climb a mountain, but it's not ‘why’ people climb mountains.

After his presentation to a captivated audience on man commented, “You've told us what you've done, and how you've done it, but you haven't told us **Why you climbed it**” – Because it was there, because nobody had ever been to the top, because, because because..... His personal challenge was the challenge of human endeavour to achieve the things yet to be achieved, to push the boundaries of human capabilities.

Quite often the **What** and the **How** are the story we tell, and to a few people this will be all they need to hear before they jump in and get involved with MMM. But the majority of people are motivated by the “**Why**”.

We're not good at explaining the “why” about MMM. Why do we do the MMM thing? – “**Why does MMM exist?**”

I Refer often to a conversation with my pastor a few years ago, in which he simply stated “the purpose of the church is not to own buildings but to reach the lost”, that statement really impacted me! For me the “Why” of MMM relates to this “The purpose of the local church is to reach the lost!”

I challenge all MMM people, no matter what your involvement is to explore the “Y” challenge in your own heart and answer the question Why does MMM do what we do?

I would love to hear your feedback, if you're challenged by this email me at terrence@mmm.org.au

Blessings

Terrence Baxter



What's your why?

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Griffith Job - NSW 2017

Following the MMM completion of the painting of Griffith Baptist Church 18 months ago we once more ventured to that vibrant western city, Griffith. This time we were asked to paint the inside of the church manse. The Pastor and his family had been blessed with a house of their home and had moved out the week before our arrival.

The team, made up of Bruce and Pam Collard; Phil and Ros M^cNeice and Greg and Robyn Jackson were able to complete the inside of the manse in just one week. We then turned our attention to the outside which we also finished in a week. God was certainly with us and blessed us with a harmonious and hard working team. We were aided and abetted in our expanded timetable by the arrival of Kevin and Eira Sproates who helped us.

Whilst we concentrated on paintwork, Phil M^cNeice spent two weeks completing long overdue maintenance work.

The Griffith job it seems, is destined to be a fortnight of great fellowship and good food. The congregation made us feel extremely welcome as did Pastor Craig, his wife Genevieve and two beautiful children... Aimee and Timothy. They are wonderful at sharing love and hospitality. We are now looking forward to the next exciting job in Griffith.

Greg Jackson
Team Leader



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NSW Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Contact
17 th —28 th July	Crusader's campsite Balconly - Central coast.	Ian Dawson (02) 4330 0007 or 0468 768 004
21 st Aug —1 st Sept	Cornerstone Dubbo. Install toilets and tile large bath-room	Paul Barnham (02) 4784 2734 or 0430 337 098
18 th —29 th Sept	Attunga Canyonleigh -Verandah rebuild, decking, bathroom rebuild	Paul Barnham (02) 4784 2734 or 0430 337 098

People & Places

Camp Toukley (Lutunda) May 8th to May 19th

The project at camp Toukley was the second time MMM have provided a team to paint the internals of nine cabins, the first time was back in August 2015.

This time, we completed the internal painting of the remaining two cabins, and the additional internal painting of the main conference, dinning, and entry foyer main buildings.

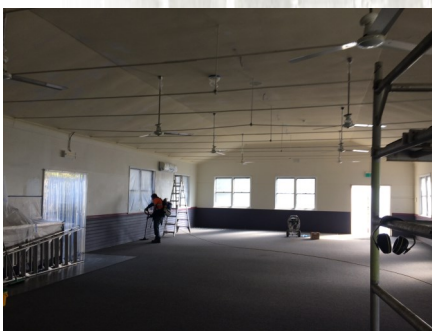
The team members were: Bob and Joy Wells, Warren and Angela Newberry, Les and Fay Schwebel, Ian and Ellen Dawson (*team leader*) Bob and Marilyn Parsons, John Milligan, Brian Sturk and Frank Wilkey.

The meals provided were great, and the accommodation more than adequate. Daily devotionals were led by a different team member each day.

We utilised a high pressure spray unit for the painting of the main buildings with good success, this gave a very good finish and reduced the painting time considerably – we all went home early on the Thursday, and I believe everyone left feeling quite satisfied with what we had accomplished in the time.

As team leader I was amazed at the effort and quality of the work of the team.

Quote: *"The MMM team once again fulfilled an immense task in helping staff at Lutunda camp site to renovate and paint main buildings and cabins. It was an absolute pleasure having the team on site once again – God bless you all – Camp Manager"*



The CEO of Lutunda Campsite was so impressed with the job and the MMM team as soon as the team drove out the gate he immediately rang MMM CEO Terrence Baxter to thank MMM for the wonderful effort and the amazing spirit and heart of the team – Great Job Team NSW!!!

Ian Dawson

Prayer Support

- **Give Thanks** for safety on jobs.
- **Pray** for people to volunteer for jobs.
- **Pray** for new Region Managers to commit to service with MMM. Pray that God will speak to the right people and that they will respond to His voice.
- **Pray** for the Region Committee who are filling the gaps until the new region managers are in place.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas lunch

25th November

In the Bethshan dining room.

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How the West was Won

The 2017 WA Caravan Safari Team have continued their journey over the last month travelling up from the south towards Perth. First stop was the Scripture Union Camp Geographe which is set on the beach in Siesta Park between Busselton and Dunsborough. Camp Geographe is SU WA's special campsite where lives are changed every year, and it's a site that is massively significant to SU WA's missions.



Scripture Union's desire is to continue to upgrade the facilities and equipment that are in desperate need of improvement. The MMM Team were assigned the task of completing a makeover on 5 Dorms. This required the removal of old bunks and refitting new ones, laying planked vinyl flooring, making curtains and giving each dorm a fresh coat of paint. Dianne and Christ Abbott (*SU Managers*) were extremely grateful for the helping hands and were overwhelmed by the amount of work completed by the Team. Morning Devotions were enjoyed by all and were a great time of fellowship between all those on site.

Next Stop on the Safari Schedule was Mundijong Heritage Uniting Church. This small fellowship has continued to grow and make inroads into the local community since MMM renovated the internal meeting areas of the church building.



Marilyn and Steve Marsden (*Members of the Church*) were keen to have a MMM Team return and immediately raised their hand when we announced the 2017 Caravan Safari. This time it was the exterior of the building that needed attention, replacing and repairs to timber cladding, install a window, construct a new porch roof, minor Internal Fitout work and then prime and paint the entire outside walls of the church. The MMM Team jumped right into the task before them and all were amazed that so much work was completed in under two weeks. The comments from the local community were very

positive and the MMM Team became front page headlines in the local paper, with some also being interviewed for inclusion in the historical society's account of the history of the Church. *"The small town of Mundijong will be a lot quieter when the Team leaves, they will be greatly missed"* (Marilyn Marsden)

The MMM WA Regional Committee give thanks for the wonderful work Phil and Gwen Hall (*NSW*), Geoff and Bronwyn Bauer (*QLD*), Ian and Marilyn Wilson (*VIC*), Peter and Lyn Groves (*NSW*), David and Dorette Westrope (*NSW*), and Rod Heape (*WA*) have completed and for the blessing they have been to so many.



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WA Local Projects

Local Projects under Construction

Application received for renovation work at a church in Coolgardie. The work involves carpentry, tiling and plumbing. Expected duration 2 weeks to be scheduled late July or August. Looking for a Team of 4-8, to assist in carry out the scope of this projects. If you could make yourself available, Trevor Beard (WA Region Manager) would like to hear from you.

"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"

MMMWA Ladies Events

Op Shop Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 29th April 2017

\$40 per person

Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

Mad Hatter's High Tea and Marketplace

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday 17th June 2017

\$40 per person

Thornlie Church of Christ Auditorium
319 Spencer Road, Thornlie

Foodies' Bus Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 29th July 2017

\$40 per person

Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

Christmas Shopping Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 7th October 2017

\$40 per person

Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

MMMWA launches into Social Media

For a number of years now we have tried to extend our Network of Contacts through the avenues of Social Media including Facebook and Website. To get the word out about the ministry of MMM Australia, "Serving Those Who Serve" requires our current supporters to share their experiences about their involvement in MMM to others. One way to get the word to a greater number of Organisations and Individuals is by way of Social Media. If you have a smartphone, then you are already familiar with "like" and "share". Please take a few moments to like and share both the MMM Australia Homepage (<http://www.mmm.org.au/>) and MMM Australia Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/mmmaust/>). Who knows who may learn of the ministry of MMM Australia through your simple "click"

Prayer Support

Praise & Prayer Points

Pray that MMMWA will be able to make contact with all current WA MMM Associates to connect them with the "World of Opportunities" program

Pray for the regular "Prayer Gathering" that will shortly commence at the MMM Centre and for friends of MMM to become involved

Give thanks for the volunteers on the Caravan Safari and their willingness to travel the many miles to serve and for the blessing they have been to the Projects Completed

Give thanks for the donations received, that allow the ministry of MMM to continue to serve those who serve.

Annual Staff and Volunteers Conference

May 29th & 30th our CEO held the annual “Staff Conference” at the Wycliff Centre at Kangaroo Ground in Melbourne. Two days of discussions and information sharing with the key leaders and developing leaders within MMM Australia.

Our guest speaker on the Monday evening was a little different, but challenging all the same. Shae Baxter (Daughter in-law of our CEO) shared a challenging message on how God values us, relaying the passion and love of their adoption process of their son Mikey.

We also managed to laugh, to eat, to chat, to explore, and to grow over the two days despite Melbourne’s first real cold snap of the season. We also found a great moment to recognise the outstanding efforts of the MMM Queensland team in their fundraising efforts throughout the last year.

Here are some images from our time together.



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New Beginnings

New Beginnings – My First MMM Experiences: - **Geoff Jarvis**

As I venture out on my first report for MMM VIC/SA, I must say I am in awe at the work God is doing in, and through MMM. I know there are several jobs in progress across Victoria, with many others waiting to start, with one significant project in South Australia patiently waiting for an MMM Team, and more requests to be planned and completed.

Things really started for me at the commissioning service from my church at Belgrave South Baptist when our CEO Terrance Baxter attended and they prayed over me, and prayed for the work of MMM. It's nice to know that my church is fully behind my commitment to MMM and will continue to pray for me and for MMM.

Recently, along with Terrence Baxter (CEO) and Vic volunteer Kym Roediger, I attended the annual Belgrave Heights Men's Convention. During the sessions I chose to stay out in the foyer to meet

as many attendee's as possible. However, I was quietly surprised at how many men had not heard of MMM. After explaining what MMM people do in the communities they work in, several of the men remembered a parent or an uncle "doing that sort of thing". I also found that the honey we sell, is very sought after but also a great conversation starter. We all but sold out. Thanks guys for a great weekend.

The very next day, I found my way to Kangaroo Ground, for the start of the yearly MMM Conference. Over the two full days I was able to meet some Region Managers for the first time, and catch others I have not seen in many years. What a totally humbling experience, to mix with such loving, humble people, serving the One True Living God.

Thank you for making me feel welcome.

In the coming months I will transition from full employment, to trusting God totally for everything I find a direction has already developed.

The MMM name in VIC and just as much SA, needs to be refreshed, or newly planted in the minds of God's people. Across Victoria, and South Australia, meetings need to be held, contacts made or re-connected. I look forward with great anticipation to see what God will do as we grow the mission and reach out to more and more communities.



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Vic/SA Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
ASAP	Brighton Baptist -Hall repairs, Handrails installed, Painting	Carpenter, Painting
June 26	Campbellfield Samoan Church- Shower Room Installation	Team Leader, Handymen

More Projects To Be Advised Soon

People & Places

VIC GARDEN PARTY

Have you ever been to MMM Head Office? The work that goes on there is amazing. At the front desk, Robyn will greet you with her lovely smile. In the offices, you will find the computer guys updating an update .Somewhere in there, is the Australian managers office. Out the back is usually where you will find the fella's working on a project.

That is where the Gazebo was created and developed. From white board sketch, to the actual product. Well done guys. As you read in the last edition, The GARDEN PARTY was a great hit, with the Gazebo being sold for \$4000.00. The purchaser immediately, donated the Gazebo to a Christian School. It is an answer to the schools prayers. Isn't God so good. Out of one Gazebo came three bless-



ings.

Prayer Support

- **Pray** for Geoff Jarvis as he transitions to the role of Region Manger-Vic/SA
- **Pray** for some one to take up the role of Prayer Force Co-ordinator. Jane really needs a break.
- **Pray** for invitations to churches to develop, to present MMM.
- **Pray** for the Associates "Meet and Greet " for Geoff at 2pm on 24th June at MMM in Mitcham.
- **Pray** for preparations for the Garage Sale later in the year. It is time to clean out those cupboards
- **Pray** for times and dates of meetings in South Australia to be made.
- **Pray** for the VIC/SA safari coming up. That more people will respond.

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Back to Boys Brigade

A number of years ago MMM supplied 10 cabins for the boy's brigade property at Mount Tarampa. They were made by the MMM steel roll form machine in Melbourne, and trucked to the Boys Brigade site. Over a period of a few months, MMM volunteers erected the cabins and roofed and clad them to lock up stage.

In the last few years Boys Brigade have had volunteer tradies finish off the interior of the cabins and install plumbing and electrical.

Recently they applied to MMM to finish off the soffits and veranda ceilings of each cabin so John, Adrian, Geoff Payne, Mac Stevens and Justin Shelton went out there to do the work. It was the first project for Mac and Justin who had just arrived from USA for six weeks of mission awareness with MMM and they really enjoyed working with both our team and the Boys Brigade volunteer team. One of them commented on how much energy the old guys have!

Boys Brigade facilities are well used with forty weekends this year already booked up for camps of leadership and retreat by Scripture Union, church groups and other organisations.

Terry and Pam Kelly still manage the property at Mount Tarampa and looked after our men.



John Cooper



MMM built cabins



Geoff Payne



Adrian Behrens & Terry Kelly

Qld/NT Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
8 th – 23rd June	Christ's Family Church – Wishart	Carpentry and painting
26 th -30th June	Bajool Wesleyan Church, Rockhampton	Painting
3 rd – 14 th July	Viti Wesleyan church, Rockhampton	Painting
17 th - 28 th July	Christian Community Church, Rockhampton	Painting
17 th – 21 st July	Kilcoy Wesleyan Church	Replace timber deck
TBA	Annerley Baptist Church	Timber deck, shade covers, drainage work
TBA	Fusion Australia – Logan East	Replacing veranda posts, plumbing

People & Places

On the 14th May, Mac Stevens and Justin Shelton arrived from Springfield, Kentucky USA to experience mission work with MMM as well as sharing their faith with teens and young adults where possible, for 6 weeks. They have been busy working at Boys Brigade with John and Adrian, helping for a few days with a camp at Tunnel Ridge Ranch and are now travelling out to Longreach for a week to experience the outback.



Justin Shelton

They are really enjoying being here and have been really encouraged in their faith as they work with the men. We hope that this will be the first of many young adults who want to get involved with 'serving those who serve' during their summer break from college in America.



Mac and Justin

Prayer Support

- **Pray** for John Cooper for surgery on 15th June and that it will be successful
- **Pray** for good health for Behrens and safari team as they prepare and travel to Rockhampton area to complete three projects in the area.
- **Pray** for wisdom for Adrian and Caren as they lead and for Owen Litzow and Geoff Payne as they take on leading the team from the 10th July on.
- **Pray** for wisdom for John as he plans the projects around Brisbane area



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God is Good.!



I have heard a lot about the wonderful ministry at Sherwood Cliffs and its beautiful, remote location in NSW. So it was great to be invited by long time MMM workers, Trevor and Janette Watts, to go and visit this place with them. They and many others in MMM teams have worked on projects at this great place, over many years and been a great support and encouragement to all there. The time we spent there with the founders, J-P and his wife Honi, the volunteers and the “seekers”, who are those struggling with alcohol and drug additions, was a real blessing for Owen and myself. **Please pray** for female staff to come to assist at “The Glen” so women dealing with these “battles” can stay there with their children, be blessed and receive God’s loving care and help.

There is accommodation and other facilities already there in a beautiful, tranquil, remote environment. MMM teams have done a great deal of work at this site also. **Pray for** many seekers to experience God’s transforming power in their life as they hear the gospel and are shown his love by the volunteers. **Pray for** God’s wisdom and protection, both physical and spiritual, for the Directors, J-P and Honi.

I have just attended the MMM Conference. It is always great catching up with staff and others who are fulfilling important roles in MMM. Everyone in MMM has a vital role to play but not all were at Conference! Praise God for heating, especially for those attending from Northern Australia, as the outside temperature was quite chilly !

There was much to thank the Lord for and also prayer requests to commit to him. Some of these will be in the July Prayer Force. Those present at Conference know how to pray about the needs mentioned over our time together. **GOD IS GOOD!**

Dr J I Packer states the following in his book *Knowing God*.

“What happens supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it – the fact that He knows me. I am graven on the palms of His hands. I am never out of His mind. All my knowledge of Him depends on His sustained initiative in knowing me. I know Him because He first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me, and there is no moment when His eye is off me or His attention is distracted from me, and no moment therefore, when His care falters. There is a tremendous relief in knowing that His love for me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion Him about me, in the way that I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench His determination to bless me.”

Jane Bayliss
National Prayer Co-ordinator



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