# **Devotional**

#### Hi wonderful Prayer Partners,

I have just attended a Women's Conference at Lifechurch in Westmeadows. It was an encouragement and blessing to me, not only through the guest speakers but the conversations I had with some other women there.

One speaker, Ps Nadia Clark from New Zealand, particularly impacted on me. Her message was very clear and was enhanced by her creative presentation. She used people with labels to represent things we allow (sometimes easily) into our heart such as offence, insecurities and fear. A guy, representing Jesus (the Lord of our heart) then came and replaced each one (threw them out!) and welcomed in other people who represented what God wants us to fill our heart with such as gratitude, love, appointment and value as these will give us joy.

She asked "What is the condition of our heart? What we hold in our heart either releases us or holds us back. She referenced numerous Bible verses about the importance of what we fill our heart with. She was not talking about cholesterol levels here!!

**Luke 6:45** The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Mark 7:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

**Proverbs 4:20,21** My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart:

**Hebrews 10: 22,23** Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

A special friend kindly gave me Bobbie Houston's book "Stay the Path". I like the way she expresses the following truth.

She says "Jesus came to create a divide in a road that was headed one way to destruction - a fork where salvation, rescue, and everlasting life is offered, and where humanity gets to make a choice in favor of life over death." "The Great Commission (belonging to all of us) is to stand in that fork and be willing to point the correct way to those willing to be directed. The Great Commission is about our lives being a clear signpost home."

Love and blessings

Jane

# International Prayer News

## Prayer Requests

For wisdom for the Directors for each Centre and God's physical and spiritual protection over them, their family members and their staff.

For God to meet all the needs of each International Centre and their ministry and richly bless the Directors, all the staff, volunteers and the ministries they assist.

God's guidance and wisdom for the International Board at their meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> and that Skype will work well for those connecting this way for the meeting.

#### New Zealand

Prayer request

For safe travel to Australia for Howard Robinson (*NZ Director*) on the 6<sup>th</sup> and a blessed time for him with CEO (*Terrence Baxter*) and others he meets with until returning on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Fiji

Prayer requests

That God will lead Jarrod and Katy Alexander (MMM Fiji) to dedicated nationals who are suitable to serve frequently with the mission in Fiji. May the Lord call people into fulltime ministry here.

For many children to come to the program the Alexanders run on Wednesdays and be touched by God.

#### Zambia

Prayer requests

For Florence (MMM Director) to be blessed and encouraged in all she faithfully does for the Lord in this vital leadership role.

For the sale of the steel rolling machine to progress smoothly.

# Hong Kong

Prayer request

For God's favour on the planning and organizing of MMM HK's 20th Anniversary celebration to be held on October 29th.

#### South Africa

Prayer request

For good progress on the KIUMA project and God's wisdom for Neil Eichstadt (MMM staff) who is representing the client.



Praise the Lord for the wonderful Christian witness of those involved in MMM 'serving those who serve' as they show God's love to others and fulfil the Great Commission. Praise God for his love and grace in abundantly providing the needs for MMM and richly blessing the work and workers. Pray for continued support to meet our budget.

2 Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Terrence Baxter (CEO) and the MMM Board members as they have discussions and make decisions at their meeting on September 8th. Please pray for an experienced Christian Accountant to commit to service with the Board which will greatly assist the Board. Praise God for all our very dedicated, gifted Board members. May God bless them all as they serve him in this role.

**3** VIC Pray for many to contact our Manager Geoff Jarvis and express their willingness to assist at the Head Office Working Bee on Saturday September 9th mainly to prepare the warehouse area for storage of items for the Garage Sale which will be held there on October 21st. Pray for Marilyn Wilson caring for her husband Ian who has an aggressive brain tumour. Give thanks for their son now living with them.

VIC/SA Safari Give thanks for the 28 people who have shown interest in joining the Safari team for projects in these regions. Pray for the planning of each project and the itinerary for the Safari. Give thanks for all the time and efforts of Geoff Jarvis (*Region Manager*) now fulltime in this role. Pray for unity of team members, good health, travel mercies and safety on the jobs and wisdom for the team leaders.

**5** NSW Give thanks for the team who are going to work on refreshing the MMM Centre/house at Wyee in preparation for a couple to reside there as Managers. Pray for the workers needed for the projects scheduled for this year. Praise God for all the extra work the Committee has done this year.

6 Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Terrence and others with wording the Associate's letter, to be sent out this month, regarding fees and further involvement in one or more of the five key areas of support for MMM. Pray for a great response and for more volunteers to become Associates.

Pray for a person of God's choosing to come forward to take over the role of National Prayer Co-ordinator.

QLD Pray for John and Anne Cooper (Region Managers) and the Fundraising Committee as they plan the annual dinner, for March 2018. Praise God for this wonderful, committed group. Pray for suitable volunteers to commit to the 2018 Safari. Pray for the Coopers and Behrens as they plan this Safari and for great communication from the ministries desiring projects to be undertaken by the Safari team.

**9** SA Pray for many to come to Happy Valley Baptist Church on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet our CEO and the new Vic/SA Manager (*Geoff Jarvis*), enjoy a BBQ and hear about MMM's hopes for involvement in this region again.

10 TAS Give thanks for Shane and Ruth Goelst and all they have been doing ministering to missionaries and churches for the past 10 years doing both domestic and church building maintenance and construction work, as roving volunteers. Praise God for their appointment as Tasmania's fulltime, volunteer Region Managers, commencing in early October. Pray for God's leading as they make final plans before their move and for a smooth transition into this role. Pray for the Region Committee to provide great assistance with the Goelst's role and relocating and have great fellowship and unity

Thailand Praise God for Palita and Pedro and the Thai Board members. Pray for good progress on the construction and fit out of the Boys Home for Shoulder-2-Shoulder that Pedro is Project Manager for. Pray for a great response to the letter regarding donation requests to assist with the purchase of land for an MMM Centre in Thailand to be built on.

12 Pray for wisdom, good health and God's sustaining for Diane Jenkins (Finance Manager) Rachel Littlechild (CEO's Personal Assistant) and our CEO in their roles and as they prepare documentation for our audit from 25th to 29th.

13 Pray for God's peace for long time Associates Peter and Muriel Damm and guidance for the surgeon and medical team as Peter undergoes open heart surgery on 15th.

# Galatians 5:25

"If we live by the spirit, let us also walk by the spirit."

14 NSW Give thanks for Peter and Lyn Groves being involved in the Reach Out seminar at Taree on September 20th and the great opportunity for them to have 45 minutes allocated for them to share about their involvement with MMM over the last 15 years. Pray for God's guidance for them and that listeners will be inspired to serve the Lord, maybe with MMM.

15 Pray for many to contact Jane (Prayer Co-ordinator) at Mitcham office or on jane.bayliss7@gmail.com to register a time slot to pray for MMM on the National Day of Prayer on September 20th. Praise God for all MMM's prayer warriors and God's grace in answering our prayers.

16VIC/SA Pray for the planning of the Garage Sale at Mitcham on October 21st and God's favour on this event. Pray for high quality items for sale to be sourced or donated. Pray for sufficient helpers with setup and on the day of the sale and safety for all present.

17 WA Praise God for the wonderful work and great blessings by the Safari team -Phil and Gwen Hall, Geoff and Bronwyn Bauer, Ian and Marilyn Wilson, Peter and Lyn Groves, David and Dorette Westrope, David and Robyn Freeman and Rod Heape. Praise God for more project requests and the growth in awareness of MMM and involvement of volunteers in WA. Give thanks for Trevor and Karen Beard (Managers) and their Committee.

18 Pray for God's wisdom, sustaining and blessings on our CEO. Pray that he and all will know "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

19 Pray for really successful promotion of MMM fundraising events, attracting a great response that leads to great support and awareness of MMM. Pray people will grasp how much MMM's work assists and encourages those undertaking kingdom building activities and will be inspired to be involved.

20 Pray for the Holy Spirit to clearly guide our prayers as many pray with others in many locations for MMM on our National Day of Prayer, September 20th. Praise God Almighty for his wonderful faithfulness and grace to MMM. Pray for more prayer groups to be established. throughout Australia.