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MMM International Alliance Meetings - Zambia

Attendees: Bruce Alchin (*Chair*), Howard Robinson and Doug Carson (*New Zealand*), Andrew Wong and Betty Fung (*Hong Kong*), Florence Kaniki and Edwidge Lungwebunga (*Zambia*), Terrence Baxter and John Peberdy (*Australia*)

Guests: Neil Eichstadt and Rev John Benn (*South Africa*), Patrick Coleman (*MMM Zambia VTC*)

Other Visitors: Ave Robinson (*New Zealand*), Alison (*Hong Kong*), Graham & Elizabeth Young and David & Rosemary Lindner (*Australia*) - Our **Driver:** John Kaniki (*Zambia*)

Thursday 26th July

We visited three Satellite projects of MMM Zambia on the outskirts of Ndola. This gave us a good overview of the different ways in which MMM Zambia operates. We visited two schools in which MMM has involvement. At the first, we work in partnership with a Catholic order who deliver the schooling. We provide subsidies for the student fees and have a feeding program in operation. At the second, we have been asked to take over the school by the government. It will operate as a Christian school going forward.



The other site visited has a Vocational Training Centre (VTC) where carpentry, bricklaying and tailoring are taught. In addition it has a poultry shed and piggery and a small agricultural project.

Friday 27th July

We were guests at the graduation for students of the VTC at the MMM Centre. Over 90 students received Certificates following completion of various courses. Prizes were also awarded to those students who achieved excellence in their studies. The courses included carpentry, bricklaying, and Biblical studies. All students attend Biblical studies lessons.

Saturday 28th July

MMM Zambia celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a wonderful dinner with music and a carefully prepared menu. All MMM Centres participated in this event by bringing special greetings. MMM Zambia presented gifts to special guests and the MMM Centres.

Sunday 29th July

After attending the morning service at Ndola Baptist Church, we travelled to our venue for the International Alliance Meetings at Nsoke Game Park, about 90 minutes from Ndola.

Monday 30th July

The International Alliance Board met together before joining the invited members for the Alliance meetings for discussions to further advance the role of the Alliance.

Tuesday 31st July

The day commenced with the International Alliance AGM. During the morning, we managed to complete the agenda for the meetings which freed up the afternoon to enable us to take a tour of the game park.

Wednesday 1st August

With meetings over, we returned to Ndola to go our various ways.

Our thanks to Florence and John and the team at the MMM Centre in Zambia for the fine hospitality and a trip never to be forgotten. MMM operates slightly differently in every country in which we are based, but the Purpose and Vision are being honoured by all who serve.



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Project Opportunities

For specific information regarding any of these project opportunities please contact the Region Manager responsible for the project.

WA-18-767	WA	Miling Community Church Replace existing windows with aluminium windows	Additional team members needed
Aug - 18			
NW-17-575	NSW	Toulkey Campsite. Toilets facilities restoration and renovation. (incl. painting)	Full team needed
Aug - 18			
QD-18-792	QLD	Mango Hill Running town water to the MMM Staff houses.	Full team needed John Cooper to direct.
Aug - 18			
WA-18-679	WA	Bicton Presbyterian Church Brick work, concrete pour, pathway construction, internal ceiling fix	*Started * volunteers for concrete works
Aug - 18			
QD-18-708	QLD	Gatton Church of Christ Kitchen renovation. Renovate old kitchen in existing Church building.	Project volunteers needed
Aug - 18			
VC-18-761	VIC	Creswick Mission House Renovations to Missions home & Paint	Full team needed
Aug - 18			
VC-18-775	VIC	Grovedale Baptist Church Sanctuary Wall construction & Paint	One additional person
Aug - 18			
NW-17-657	NSW	Attunga, Canyonleigh Maintenance Usual range of jobs. All meals provided.	Full team needed
Sep - 18			
QD-18-742	QLD	Keith Briggs, Dalby Missionary Carpentry and painting maintenance	Project team needed Licensed painter**
Sept - 18			
NW-18-783	QLD	The Hub Baptist (Banora Point Community Baptist Church), Tweed Heads - New fit out of a building.	Project team needed
Sept - 18			
VC-18-700	VIC	New Horizons Church, Whittlesea Restumping of Church hall	Builders & handymen needed
Sept - 18			
NW-17-585	NSW	Havannah House Forbes Carpentry jobs, construct hallway, repair bathroom and stairs	Full team needed
Sep - 18			

QD-18-725	QLD	Mitchelton State High School P&C Assoc	Project Volunteers Needed
Sept - 18		Kitchen installation and painting	
TS-18-766	TAS	Trevallyn Life Church	Full Team Needed
Sept - 18		Kitchen upgrade	
VC-17-697	VIC	Whittlesea Uniting Church	Two more needed
Sept - 18		Replace existing disabled access ramp	
VC-17-698	VIC	Whittlesea Uniting Church	Two more needed
Sept - 18		Foundation re-blocking. Relatable modules need some re-blocking	
NW-18-702	NSW	Cornerstone Dubbo	Full team needed
Oct - 18		Bathroom renovation, fit out bathroom, tiling, plumbing etc.	
VC-15-459	VIC	Belgrave Heights Convention.	Full team needed
		Building work on A-frame buildings	
NW-18-739	NSW	Leichardt Baptist Church	Site inspection required
Jan - 19		Reseal joint between walls and roof	
NW-18-695	NSW	Breakthrough House NSW	Full team needed
Feb - 19		Painting and tiling in two ministry houses	
NSW-18-727	NSW	Glen Innes Uniting Church	Project team needed
Mar - 19		Painting inside Church & windows surrounds. Erect 25 panels of fencing	
NSW-18-714	NSW	Yarramundi—Teen Challenge	Project volunteers needed
Apr - 19		Toilet & shower reno. The reno of men's staff toilet and shower facility	
NSW-18-711	NSW	Nambucca River Presbyterian Church	Full team needed
May - 19		Toilets & bathroom reno. Toilet & bathroom renovations & painting	
NSW-18-738	NSW	St. John's Presbyterian Church Armidale	Full team needed
May - 19		Exterior painting of church building	
TS-18-694	TAS	St Peters Anglican Church	TBA
TBA		Damp issues & soundproofing. Rising damp fixes and soundproofing	
TS-18-726	TAS	Koorong Launceston.	Project volunteers needed
TBA		Toilet renovation. Public toilet and staff toilet renovations	
TS-17-553	TAS	Burnie Gospel Hall	Full team needed
TBA		Repair & paint. Exterior painting of trim on red brick building.	



The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength

These last few months have been very challenging. Our dear friend and yours, Les Schwebel is in hospital with bowel cancer. He is being operated on tomorrow (Aug 9th) and we will keep you all posted. When Les prays, we are always moved and encouraged by his faith and obvious love for Jesus. He is a very gentle man with the faith of a giant. This serves to remind us that RELATIONSHIP is what this journey is all about!

We were all challenged by the story of the Thailand rescue, and the example of selfless teamwork that made it all possible. May we all, in MMM, continue to have a serving attitude and focus on the GOSPEL rather than individual achievements.

We have managed to complete 2 more projects, in Foster and Coffs Harbour. Phill Hall, as team leader, was faced with many challenges in both these jobs, but with patient, perseverance and support, he ably led the teams towards a good outcome. We have completed 4117 hours of work and 14 of 17 projects that are on our books for 2018 and have been blessed with at least 10 new people coming to work for MMM and deciding whether to join permanently.



We all feel like we have become even closer as an MMM family, and are very thankful for the devoted and faithful work of our teams. We are looking forward to the Annual Dinner at KCC on Nov 24th.

Greg and Robyn Jackson



Building at Foster



Curtain Making at Foster





“Western Australia Wildflowers Safari 2019

You are reading correctly, MMMWA is looking at putting together another Caravan Safari to travel throughout Western Australia completing much needed projects. Most people would have followed the progress of our first Western Caravan Safari in 2017 which saw a team of volunteers from all states travel from the east to WA down to Esperance then up to Busselton and Mundijong before arriving in Perth. After completing a number of urban projects they headed north to Geraldton before returning home via Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie.

The plan for 2019 is to provide a similar experience of a mixture of projects including Campsites, Churches, Ministries both Urban and Rural. Breaks will be scheduled into the itinerary to allow for individual sightseeing and Volunteers will be able to choose where they would like to meet and leave the Caravan Safari according to their availability. MMMWA is also looking at the needs of other interstate ministries to see if some projects could be completed whilst travelling to and from Western Australia, thus reducing distances to travel between projects.

The 2017 Safari Team's efforts were appreciated and valued by all the Organizations that they visited; many of the ministries continue to be blessed by the projects that were completed and lives are being changed as a result. If you have never been on a MMM Caravan Safari, maybe now is the time to consider one. There are always brothers and sisters who are in need, meals to eat, laughter and joy, skills to be used, blessings to be had and given, memories to be experienced and fun to be had.

MMMWA have decided to schedule the Safari into August to October 2019 to take advantage of mild weather and also the Wildflower Season. Now is the time to register your interest. Trevor Beard (*Regional Manager WA*) can be contacted directly on Mob 0488 399 238 or through the MMM WA Centre. Western Australia and “Serving those who Serve” awaits you.



Op Shop and Christmas Shopping Tour

In July a group of eager MMM Volunteers and Friends participated in our “Op Shop Tour”. The day got off to an early start with everyone checking in with Karen and receiving their goodies bag before boarding the coach with Beth Heart at the wheel. It wasn't long before we were at our first destination and there was a buzz of expectation and excitement as everyone

searched for that bargain, piece of forgotten treasure or that unexpected surprise. After all had made their purchases it was back on the coach and off to the next destination. Hostess Karen kept the mystery prize draws going all day and stops were made for morning tea, lunch and Belles Cupcakes at the end of the day. Everyone returned to the MMM Centre exhausted, full of food, smiles to go round and many more bags than they started the day with. Our next day out will be a “Christmas Shopping Tour” on Sat 27th October visiting Factory Outlets, Craft Shops, Specialty Food and Sweet Shops, Christmas Supplies. Why Not Get a group of friends together and make a day of it? For more information, call Karen on Mob 0419 197 695



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World Outreach International—Litchfield

Well we are finally here in sunny/hot Northern Territory (*I know many of you would love to be somewhere where it is warm*). Some of our team are new to MMM work so it's been great getting to know them. Our team comes from Busselton in W.A., Gladstone, Cashmere & Tamborine Mt, all in QLD and the Central Coast NSW. For this particular job we have only had 5 couples but we are looking forward to being joined by our 6th couple when we are back in Darwin.



2018 Safari Team

Our first job is at a property in Litchfield National Park that is focused on teaching the gospel to indigenous youth through music and art "God's Dreaming", looking at a unique way that indigenous Australians are spreading the gospel to white Australians. Roger & Vivienne (our host's) have only been on this 50 acre property since September 2017 and are setting it up so that people can stay here. Like many jobs you do in remote areas, what is originally asked for seems to grow when they have an enthusiastic group of "oldies" turn up.

We have assisted with concreting / framing an office area/ digging trenches for installing cable to put power on a number of buildings / electrical installation/ roofing/ installing hot water & filtered water to the camp kitchen, painting and gardening. Also the women have made sure that water is kept up to everyone as it is easy to forget to drink when you are busy and before you know it you become dehydrated.

We have a lovely space to camp in, although it gets very hot and we have to chase the shade for morning tea/ lunch and our cappuccino afternoon treat. John is kept busy (when he's not working) throwing balls for the two dogs that seem to be attached to him. Another thing we have been blessed with is that we are very close to a couple of swimming holes – Walker Creek and Wangi Falls. It's been a real highlight to be able to cool off in the afternoons.

We are moving on to Darwin to carry out some maintenance on the MMM house, then Gunbalanya in Arnhem Land. *Joyce Blade*



Arnhem Land



Keith, JB and Geoff

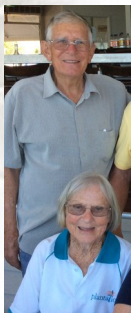
Workers Wanted

YWAM in Darwin are in need of a concreter and roofer to do some maintenance at the centre. If you are able to assist for a few days, please be in touch with Jennifer Keatch : jenk@ywamoutback.org.au

On September 10th John Cooper will have open heart surgery to repair a valve. This will mean he will be unable to continue to work for some time. Please be in touch if you are able to assist with a few projects locally.

People and Places

Recently Frank McClintock went home to heaven after being ill for some time. Frank and Dell were wonderful team members of QLD safaris for some years. Please keep Dell in your prayers as she adjusts to life now.



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I Wonder What is Around the Next Corner?

As this article is written, I am reminded of all Volunteers/Associates, who are travelling around Australia, mostly to get some sun. If you are anything like VIC/SA Region Manager Geoff Jarvis, he is always curious as to what is coming up round the next corner.

In Victoria and South Australia, many of our local teams have gone north, somewhere, to find some warmth in the sun. Some of these, have gone to also work in other regions, to get some sun, but also, bless others, on their journey. That is a wonderful attitude, one that is full of blessing for all.

As a result, VIC/SA Region Manager Geoff Jarvis, took some 3 weeks of holidays, to revitalize and regenerate. For the first time in many years, he stayed home, and enjoyed it. But that doesn't stop the engine turning, and meant that site visits still happened, and visits to celebrations were enjoyed. Geoff went to a celebration of 80 teenagers, mostly girls, that included dinner and an Awards Night afterward. Beside the commotion, it was wonderful to see a church (of usually 9 people) nearly full of teens and parents, enjoying being together, at Sandringham

Baptist Church. They greatly look forward to the teams' return, for the next part that we will work on.

Looking forward, we have many new requests and projects, needing to be worked on. We have 16 so far, with 2019 looking even busier.

One project area that has a need is the Whittlesea Projects x 3. Two churches, side by side, that need partial re-stumping and re-decking at the foyer area. The project is booked in for 3 September 2018. If you can help, let Region Manager Geoff know.- See Project Opportunities for details.

Nhill Presbyterian Church



Sherlock Baptist Church



Kaniva Presbyterian Church



Numurkah Church of Christ



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What a wonderful message to inspire and encourage us every time we drive from the MMM centre into Launceston - because that's what we're all about!!

June was a busy month for the Tasmanian team in helping others. The ensuite for the Riverbend Youth Centre in Smithton was completed. Also in Smithton, we were able to help GLO Ministries with bringing their fire escape up to standards. We were helped out by a friend who is a welder – a skill set we didn't have. Having done the public amenities at Koorong, Launceston earlier in the year, we were able to go back and give the staff area a similar makeover. We wrapped up our long-term project at Pathway to Life in Devonport and a number of the team were able to rejoice with them recently at their official opening of the new facilities. By the end of July, we'd finished helping out at Deloraine Baptist and Mole Creek Presbyterian with their toilets, and painted the front doors at Bible House in Launceston. And, for now, that's where the official projects stop but not the helping.

As Shane and I have met with many MMM supporters around the state over the last two months, we've found out how so many of them are helping others in their communities, churches and overseas. So many people giving of their time and energy as well as their money to help someone with a hand up, to help someone with a fresh start, to help someone find Christ. It's a privilege to be a part of such a selfless group of people.

With less demands on all of us to help on projects, there has also been more opportunity to be a blessing to each other and invest into the lives of others who don't officially qualify for help from MMM.

We want to say thank you to those who have given of their time to help with the improvements to the centre, and helped us to help others that God has brought to our attention. With no scheduled projects until mid-September, we encourage you to see where you can help someone else, whether it's a phone call, baking a cake, helping in the garden or renovating a bathroom, we can all help others in some way. Remember the words of the wisest man that ever lived, "There is no better thing in life than to do good" (Eccl 3:12).

Ruth Goelst

MMM in Thailand

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Luke 18:27

I don't know about you but I hear this Bible verse quoted many times. I know every single word in the Bible is true, I also know just because I have never experienced them personally does not mean they are not true. The scripture “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” To me, it is a verse that doesn't impact me personally and emotionally when I hear it quoted. This is one verse that I never experienced personally before yesterday. I have 2 testimonies related to this verse to share with you to testify about this Biblical truth.

Two nights ago, I was packing my bag for a day trip to Chiang Mai with my 2 teachers. One needed to get her teaching certificate notarized by a notary from the US consulate to confirm that it is valid.

As I'm near sighted I have been wearing glasses since I was in high school. I have only one pair of prescription glasses. So, if something happened to them, I would be in big trouble. Before I go to sleep, I am normally very careful where I put them. I will put them somewhere that's safe and high so I won't accidentally break them.

That night, I put them down on my bed thinking, it's safe enough. During the night, I reached to turn on the fan and I felt something touching my left knee. I looked at it and saw that I had accidentally stepped on my only pair of glasses!! I panicked! I picked them up and what I saw broke my heart, my glasses both left and right lenses were bent and unusable! I sat there thinking to myself, how can I go to Chiang Mai? My first option was to go to the eyewear shop but it was 9 pm. I called the shop where I got my glasses to see if it was still open. The shop owner answered my phone call and told me the shop was closed. Devastated at hearing that, I had no way to get them fixed. My only hope was not possible.

I had to leave at 6:15am the next morning so there was no way anyone could help fix them for me. I asked my brother to go to the shop the next morning for me to get them fixed. That night, I prayed to God for help, either fix my eyesight or I would have to go without my glasses. Option 2 was to wear my old pair of glasses which no longer aided my sight. Option 3 was to wear sunglasses even though it might not be sunny that day. Option 4 was to go without the glasses and be like a blind person for a day.

Still praying, I heard my brother knock on my door. He had my glasses in his hand. He had fixed them enough that although still bent they were good enough to use for a day or so. Praise God. This experience showed me that Luke 18:27 “Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God’” is true!

My 2nd testimony happened in Chiang Mai. My teacher's consulate appointment was 10:00am. Our bus that morning left at 7:30 with a 3 1/2 hour journey to Chiang Mai. There was no way we could make our appointment on time. The consulate website said if we were 15 minutes late, we might not be permitted to enter the consulate. Our sole purpose for going to Chiang Mai was for this appointment but now we were not going to make it! What's the point of going now, I was so upset for not thinking it through before making the appointment.

As we sat on the bus we prayed asking God to somehow work this out for us. When we arrived in Chiang Mai it was already past 11:00am by the time we got to the consulate. We decided to talk the officer at the entrance, and told him our circumstances. We asked, would it be possible to go in and get the paper notarized, thinking there's no way they would let us in. To our surprise, the officer said “sure, you can come in!” Totally amazed by God's love and mercy on us, we were 1 hour late but God made it possible for us to get it done.

What is impossible with man is possible with God! We have proved this scripture to be true, and it gives me comfort that God goes before us in every situation. His word is true, even the verses that I have not tested or have not had personal experience! I have no doubt about it now!

Thank you again for supporting us and remembering us in your prayers.

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PRAYER FOCUS **Prayer Needs**

A Anyone
A Anywhere
A Anytime

Prayer is the one thing we that anyone can do, anywhere, anytime, for just about every reason. How many different places can you think of where you have prayed for MMM? See how many you can count this month.

NSW	Pray for Les Schwebel as he is treated for bowel cancer
QLD/NT	Pray for the Northern Safari team working in north WA and praise for the completed projects in the NT
TAS	Continue to praise God for providing finances and the right doors will open at the right times for upcoming projects.
NSW	Pray for resolution of Greg Jackson's health problems
QLD	Pray for John Cooper who is scheduled for open heart surgery September 10th.
VIC	Pray for the Victorian/South Australian Team of volunteers as they make their way home from the Warm weathers up north. Pray that they will soon acclimatize, so the work needed will get done.
WA	Pray for the provision of workers for upcoming projects. We are keen to build a Team of Volunteers who can assist when they are available and as projects are scheduled
NSW	Pray for continued harmony within the teams and our enthusiastic and faithful volunteers.
TAS	Pray for our plumber, Stephen Mackrell, who has had surgery for carpal tunnel release on his left hand and will shortly have the same done for his right hand.
VIC	Give thanks for the planned August project of a Missionary House in Creswick, to be made livable for when they return. (More in next Team News) Give thanks for the volunteers of MMM who will help.
TAS	Praise God for the opportunities to help others and be a witness of Christ's love.
MMM	Praise God for a blessed and wonderful time as the MMM International Alliance Leadership met in Ndola, Zambia in late July. Praise Him for the unity and fellowship that was evident throughout the time together. Pray for the outcomes of that gathering to impact the many nations where MMM is active.
WA	Pray for the planning of the 2019 Caravan Safari, for scheduling Projects, Volunteers and the Co-Ordination of tasks
MMM	Pray for God to speak in to the heart of someone to volunteer as the National Associates Co-ordinator. Pray that someone will be challenged and respond to take on this significant role.
MMM	Give thanks for the role of National Prayer Coordinator being filled by Helen and Graham Bell of WA. Prayer is such a vital part of the ministry of MMM

GARAGE SALE Save the Date

Mango Hill, Queensland - 9th and 10th November

Setting up on 7th and 8th November

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experiences!!

People @ MMM

Farewell ahead

After more than 6 years at MMM looking
after our finances Diane Jenkins has de-
cided to 'retire'. I'm not sure with her
outlook on life that Diane will ever actual-
ly retire, but she has indicated that she
will be closing this chapter of her life at
the end of September.



Diane first came to us as a contractor with Books on the Run, and
after several years approached CEO Terrence Baxter with a pro-
posal to close the contract with BotR and take up her contract
directly with herself, this would allow better use of our precious
financial resources and an overall outcome for MMM that would
be much better. Terrence negotiated successfully with BotR and
Diane came on board directly with MMM in 2015.

This year has been a particularly tough one for Diane and her
family with a recurrence of a cancer, and the passing of some
family members. On top of all this Diane has been looking after
the interests of her aging mother.

We all hope and pray that her health continues to improve and
that she enjoys many years of fun with her children and grand-
children.

You have really blessed this organisation Diane and you may nev-
er know the full extent of the difference you've made to so many
lives that have been positively impacted by your skills and efforts!

The Good Samaritan.....



In June an agreement was signed
between long time MMM Volun-
teer Rob Saunders and MMM Aus-
tralia to facilitate work across Aus-
tralia that requires a builders li-
cense to complete. Rob is provid-
ing his services and registrations to
meet the compliance regulations
for all such work in every state
with the exception of South Aus-
tralia.

This is not just a great thing to do, it has been an answer to pray-
er for coverage of this important legal requirement for MMM.
Thanks Rob for your generous heart and wonderful spirit.

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Introducing



I've always maintained a simple process for identifying people for key ministry roles, I let the need be known, commit it to God, chat with anyone who wants to chat with me about the role, and wait for that little urging from the Spirit of God where I know 'this person is the one'. There is no science or mystery about it, it's just listening to that still small voice and trusting in God.

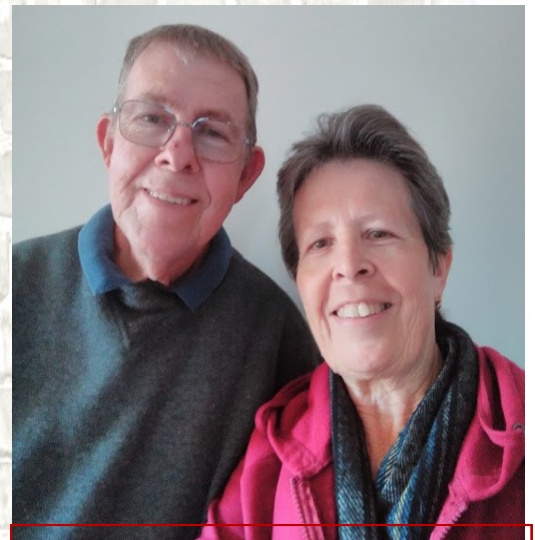
When the wonderful Jane stepped down after 11 years of co-ordinating our prayer network at MMM I had a sense of fear inside "what if I can't find anyone willing to take on this critical role?"

How will we cope with this key component of our ministry not filled? I know that I should never worry about stuff like this, but I'm human and certainly not perfect, and the tendency to want to manage the situation will always be there.

In May I was seated at my desk and really felt I should call Trevor Beard (*WA Region Manager*) and chat, so I picked up the phone and called. In the course of the conversation I asked Trevor "if there was one person in your region who you feel could be our national prayer co-ordinator who would that be? – I wasn't really expecting an answer then and there on the spot, but Trevor said yeah, for sure it's ".....".

We both committed to pray for three weeks and see what God said. Three weeks later we both felt the person mentioned was the one! I love it when God confirms your thoughts through other people! I suggested Trevor have a chat with them and see if they would pray about it also, another three weeks only to discover that God was in this, through this, and around this!

I was working in Darwin in June when the word came through that Helen and Graham Bell felt that God had confirmed with them their calling to lead the prayer network for MMM Australia! Needless to say I was super excited, I love to see people released into their gifting and calling. So I'm very please to communicate with you the new National Prayer Co-ordinator will be **Helen Bell**, supported and assisted by **Graham**.



Graham & Helen Bell

I will be meeting with Graham and Helen in early September to start the hand-over process and get them set up on our systems, you will be able to contact Helen via the email address prayer@mmm.org.au. On **Sunday September 9th** I will be with them in their local church I have asked their Pastor to pray over them in support of the missions role there are committing to. On that same Sunday we will be holding a **National Prayer Day for MMM** and would like everyone to commit a time period throughout the day to be praying for the needs of MMM and our clients.



We will have a schedule collated for people to nominate a time they can commit to pray between 6:00am and 11:00pm. You can register your commitment by contacting Rachel or Terrence on (03) 9837 2700 or writing to admin@mmm.org.au.

Let me finish by stating that the most important thing we can do as individuals or as a mission is to pray.

Will you join with us and pray on September 9th?