



MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

We Need Your Help

Make generosity part of your growth strategy

Over many years we have had either project commitments or permanent expat staff stationed in Northern Thailand. When Max & Barb Smart were working on projects in Thailand they did significant research into a location for a permanent base for MMM operations there, eventually recommending the Chiang Rai province (*the most northern province in Thailand*).

Since that time we have had a base there where ex-pat staff including Max & Barb Smart, & Anthony & Siska Hocking as well as local Thai staff have worked from. We have occupied a rental property which on several occasions has changed hands and we have had the threat of losing the tenancy. A longer term vision has been needed to provide a permanent base where vehicles, tools, materials, and staff can reside.

In October 2016 CEO Terrence Baxter and Board members Shane Prior (*Chairman*) & Rod McGarvie visited the region and inspected a property that was open for sale, with the view of purchasing the property if it was available at the right price. After a healthy discussion the Board made the decision to purchase the property. Since then we have been seeking donations to raise the funds necessary for stage one of a three stage project, stage one being the land acquisition.

At the time of this TeamNews publication we have raised approximately 65% of the \$30,000 necessary. The appeal will remain open until all the funds have been received at which time we will proceed with the purchase of the property. If you feel you would like to contribute to the project and help provide a permanent site for MMM in Thailand donations can be made directly to MMM Australia at:

Westpac Bank Account No. **541089**

Account Name: **MMM Australia**

BSB: **033 349**

Donations should be marked as **"Thailand Appeal"**

This is the first expansion of MMM off shore undertaken by Australia in over 10 years, and as our CEO Terrence Baxter stated "It's time we began thinking bigger and beyond our borders again".

Our Thai staff - Pedro (*Projects Manager*) and Palita (*Admin Manager*) - do an amazing job working with dozens of churches and missions agencies across Thailand. We support them from Australia and this is the next step in the Asian region activities for MMM Australia.



The property discussions

Thai Property Inspection



Pedro, Shane, Palita



Pedro & Sai

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Project Opportunities

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

NW-17-580	NSW	Lutunda Campsite, Mt Victoria: External and internal painting of large hall.— Team Leader Phill Hall	Plasterers & painters Required
1-9 Feb			
NW-17-606	NSW	Kihilla (Church Army) Campsite—Lawson: Raising a floor, remodelling toilets and building a new hallway	Team Full
5-16 March			
NW-17-611	NSW	Lakes Baptist: Internal Office Fit out	Full team needed.
3-12 April			
WA-18-679	WA	Bicton Presbyterian Church: Require a team to lift up some concrete blocks and replace with concrete slab. Fix internal ceilings to toilets. And build access ramp	Full Team needed
NOW			
WA-18-???	WA	Coolgardie Peoples Church and Kurrawang Aboriginal Christian Community Kalgoorlie: Various projects	Team of 4-8 required
NOW			
QD-17-660	QLD	Trent Hill Baptist Manse: Repairs & Renovations	Full Team Needed
NOW			
QD-17-610	QLD	YWAM Mitchelton: Internal lining of a kit shed	Full Team Needed
Late Feb			
QD-17-624	Safari	Maryborough Wesleyan Life Church: Painting, Maintenance & Carpet replacement.	Safari Team Members
4-13 April			
QD-17-571	Safari	Biggenden Christian Brethren Assembly: Repaint the exterior of the Church building and Lunch room.	Safari Team Members
16-27 April			
QD-17-675	Safari	Gayndah Wesleyan Church: Relocation of existing shed, including laying a new concrete slab.	Safari Team Members
30 April—11 May			
QD-17-591	Safari	Eidsvold Aboriginal and Islander Christian Fellowship: TBA	Safari Team Member
14-25 May			
VC-15-459	VIC	Belgrave Heights Convention: A-Frame Hut relocation & new roofing	Full Team Required
5 March			

VC-17-670	VIC	Oakleigh Baptist Church: General maintenance & Repairs <i>Caravan parking available on-site</i>	Team members
16 –27 April			
SA-17-612	VIC	Life FM Radio Station: Interior office/studio painting <i>Caravan parking provided in local area</i>	Full Team needed
30 Apr — 11 May			
VC-17-623	VIC	Kaniva Presbyterian Church: External Steps rebuild, General repairs & Maintenance, Painting. <i>Caravans welcome</i>	Full Team needed
14 — 18 May			
VC-17-???	VIC	Nhill Presbyterian Church: TBA— Work may align in parallel with Kaniva Presbyterian Church Project.	Full Team Needed
14 - 18 May			
VC-17-617	VIC	Horsham Presbyterian Church: Construction of Deck area to main hall, Painting of Hall. <i>Caravans welcome</i>	Full Team Needed
21 - 28 May			
VC-17-577	VIC	Ararat Presbyterian Church: Maintenance work on the Church and Manse – includes woodwork, painting etc. <i>Caravans welcome</i>	Full Team Needed
28 May - 1 June			
TS	TAS	Cityview Christian Church, Blackstone Heights: Office and Dining Room Make. Installing a suspended ceiling, erecting office partitions and laying carpet tiles.	Team members
FEB—13 Weeks			
TS-18-???	TAS	Trevallyn Life Church: Various maintenance jobs, plumbing, painting and laying carpet tiles.	Full team needed
March TBA			
TS-18-686	TAS	Deloraine Baptist Church: New toilet block.	Full team needed
April TBA			

**Projects not yet confirmed or not yet planned.
For information only**

TS-17-594	TAS	Evandale Uniting Church: Project to be confirmed. Maintenance and Repairs to church facilities	TBA
TBC			
NW-17-657	NSW	Atunga Camp Canyonleigh: Painting, decking, building the interns building, and some roofing etc	TBA
TBC			
NW-17-665	NSW	Ridgecrest Convention: Repairs and maintenance, including concrete steps and hand rail, cladding repairs and maintenance.	TBA
TBC			
NW-17-659	NSW	Your Church Coffs Harbour: Manse reparirs including tiling, painting etc.	TBA
TBC			



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Toronto Baptist Project

The first project for the year kicked off on the 15 January.

Five men, Paul Barnham, Barry Campbell, Phill Hall, Roelof Oosterveen and a newcomer, Ray Cannon, were involved in replacing the back hall floor at Toronto Baptist while its ministries were in recess.

The hall, with its Cyprus pine floor, had previously been relocated from Rathmines WW2 Seaplane Base back in the 1960's and attached to the back of the church. The floor had deteriorated over the years through continued use. This was gradually pulled up and replaced with 900m of secret-nailed tallow wood floor. This took 5 days of concentrated effort. The weather was kind with cooler days that week.



The Finished Floor

The floor was then sanded and polished by a contractor who "miraculously" due to a postponement of other work, was able to come at short notice.

Barry and Roelof fitted the skirting boards after the epoxy on the floor was hardened.

Barry Campbell- Team Leader.

A segment of a letter from the pastor, Gordon Devrell.....

"two things reminded me of the commitment, hard work and service for the Master that the MMM team displayed over these days of working here....."

Roelof, Barry and Ray worked all day in that hall on a Friday heat wave here at Toronto whilst (very ashamed) I worked in the cool of my office.

On the following Friday it was my privilege to share in devotions and prayer with the team, reminding me again of their dependence on the Lord in all things. I was blessed by this moment of spiritual reflection together."

Ray Cannon



The Project Team



Open floor work

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West Australian Update

MMM's New Release Video

With a little bit of free time and an offer from a Graphic Design Artist, who could resist the call to be on the big screen. When it comes to putting together a good PowerPoint that could be used to promote the ministry of MMM Australia, I am afraid to say that my talent and skill level is fair at best. However, when you ask the same question to someone who has studied Graphic Design the outcome is quite different. "Why don't I fly over to Perth and we can see what we can do" was the response from Sarah Carden of the ACT. Time was at a premium as the video equipment was on a 48hr hire only. With a 4.00am start, no script and very amateur stars, Sarah went to work. The result was a 2 and half minute video that has been received well from all who have viewed it. Check it out on the MMM Facebook Page (after Feb 25th) or find Trevor Beard on Facebook if you can't wait until then.



Sarah Carden

Rod has been in the kitchen

A local project that has been carried out this month is the renovation of a kitchen for a local retired Indigenous Pastor of 35 years' service within the aboriginal community. The kitchen was gutted and a new tile floor was laid by relatives of the Pastor. After some searching, a new flat pack kitchen was bought and Rod Heape quickly got into the fixing and joining of the carcass and bench top. Some new electrical and plumbing work to hook up appliances will see this much needed addition put to good use very soon. This home is always open and you will always be welcomed by Jim and Liz.



Thornlie Uniform Shop

Schools back and TCC is open for Business

All Students look forward to the Christmas Holidays, but for many others it's a good time to carry out major works. Thornlie Christian College maintenance staff were joined by Rod Heape to paint, sand, fix and repair- doors, walls and windows to ensure classrooms were fresh for the 2018 intake of students. A new Uniform Shop was also created within an existing building – bigger, brighter and more functional. MMMWA is committed with TCC to influence and reflect Christ into the lives of students through our presence and work opportunities.



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Christmas Get Together

On the 20th December, around 85 volunteers and supporters gathered at Mango Hill for a celebration lunch to finish the working year in the Northern Australia Region.

A huge **Thank You** to all those who made the effort to attend and for all the lovely salads and treats contributed towards lunch. It was great to meet new people interested in joining MMM and chat with others who have been involved, some for a short time and others for many years. John spoke and gave an update about what he and Adrian had been doing and encouraged everyone to continue supporting the mission into 2018. "With a lot of work already in planning, many hands will make the projects easier to achieve he said." He thanked everyone for partnering with the Behrens and Coopers and for all they did and do for the mission. Many projects were completed with the wonderful support of our associates and volunteers. We enjoyed lunch out under the gazebos on the lawn.

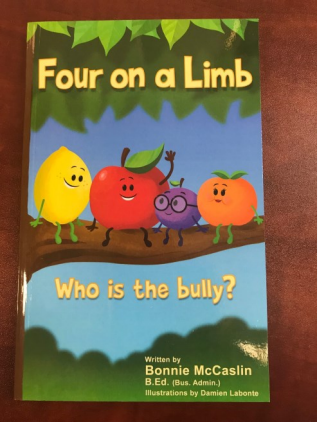


Caren, Sophia and David Behrens, Kara and Esther O'Donnell

Glenda Freeman

People and Places

Bonnie McCaslin has written a children's book which will not only intrigue children, but provide them with practical guidance for forming a healthy self esteem and enduring relationships. She generously gave profits from sales of her book during the Christmas BBQ to MMM and I have some copies to sell if you are interested. The book is \$15 + postage. Don and Bonnie have supported MMM through our annual dinners, bringing other friends along and donating building materials.



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A Wise man once said... "Help Please"..!

Firstly , HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL...!

We all pray that this year is a great year, and that many blessings are yours to share.

We do need help to get the many jobs completed. In the first half of the year, we have local jobs in and around Melbourne as well as in the western district of Victoria. At present we have five Western District churches that are just waiting for some Caravaners' to work on their properties.

In Melbourne, we have five churches waiting to get us in to help them. Sandringham Baptist Church is now under way.

WE ALSO HAVE PROJECTS IN ADELAIDE

We have a Christian Radio Station to paint out, and Happy Valley Baptist church have more for us to do.

We have tied the work together to make a Caravan Safari. All the dates are on the projects page, so please see if you can join in on one or all of the jobs.

If you are a handy person in plastering, carpentry, metal work, gardening, painting and/or want to be part of a great team, please make contact with Geoff Jarvis Ph.0400951010 or at geoffj@mmm.org.

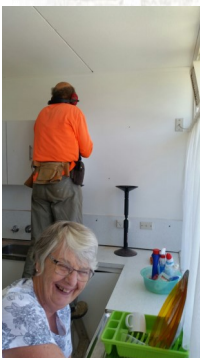
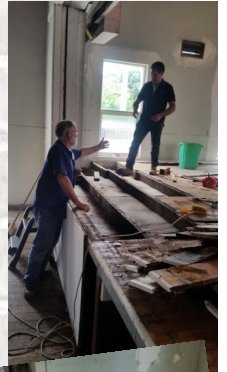
Also, visiting churches as always, is high on my priority. I am getting to meet lots of people from all walks of life, and many varied situations. It is a great joy for us to do this, so if your church would like MMM to do a 5 minute presentation, please make contact with Geoff at geoffj@mmm.org.au

FUND RAISER TRIVIA NIGHT –Tables selling –Be quick.

Anyone for Trivia? Yes, we have a night of Trivia questions coming up on Sat March 17th, 2018. We are holding this function at Canterbury Gardens Community Church starting at 7:00pm sharp, and everyone is welcome. This will be our first Fund Raiser for the year, and the cost is \$15.00 per person. It is a BYO food and soft drink.

No alcohol allowed please. We will conduct a silent auction, and we have some great prizes to purchase. Theme for the night is the letter – "M" . Come and meet Laurie and Leslie – Master Quiz Team! So many questions, so little time to answer them!!!! Do you think you know the answers????

We are looking for new items for the Silent Auction, and items to sell at the Produce Stall. We are so very thankful to **Canterbury Gardens Community Church** for them allowing us to use their facilities on the night.



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Ruth's Report

The last two months have flown by in a whirlwind of activity. Here's a snapshot of we have been doing.

Shane and I spent a day at HQ in Mitcham meeting all the other region managers and attending the AGM. It was a great day getting to know the people behind the names and the AGM wasn't boring but rather confirmed in us that this is exactly where we are meant to be.

John and his team have been doing a fantastic job with the Devonport Pathways to Life extension. John writes: *"Well, the new toilets are operational and it seems as though we have always had them! There was no delay in demolishing the old toilets and the excavating and associated work began in earnest! We were on a mission - to have the slab poured before Christmas! After much digging, plumbing and slab preparation we were able to meet our deadline of pouring the slab on Thursday, December 21st - the last day of concrete operations before the Christmas break! We were blessed to have two extra volunteers, Wes Jordan and Lot Bosveld, to help screed and finish the slab. The frame work is now up, trusses are on and we are working towards roofing. We have been very blessed with many volunteers, safety on the job and great fellowship.*



Shane & Ruth

Shane and I have had the privilege of getting to know some of the Tasmanian MMM'ers who maybe aren't swinging a hammer anymore but who still care about the mission and the people in it. One of the things we've discovered is how much these people have given and are giving in their time, talents and money into the Kingdom, particularly through overseas work – inspirational!!

We've also met with some of the people who have been on the receiving end of help in the past. It's wonderful to hear of the impact that MMM has made and we hope to continue to help and make an even greater impact for these organizations in the future.

The "new" committee has had their first meeting with plenty of positive outcomes and good food.

We've attended our first church working bee. Admittedly, it was our church and the only people who helped out were from the church but we went proudly with our MMM hats on.

People and Places

Our first fellowship night in the north will be on February 10. At this stage, we hope to make this a bimonthly meeting to encourage each other and share what's happening in MMM locally, nationally and overseas.

Prayer meetings continue to happen on the North West coast on the second Monday of every month. Ring Graham Scott on 0418 791 799 for more details.



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MMM-Thai NEWS



Thailand Happenings

This year, we continue to be a blessing to ministries we assisted with buildings in the previous year. We helped put the exhausted fan in the boy's house kitchen for S2S, fixed a water pump for them as well. We also helped install water pipe and tap for YWAM base in Chiang Rai.

PROJECT: "LIGHTING UP THE DARKNESS"

REACHING THE NATIONS IN AND AROUND NORTHERN THAILAND including people groups from other countries like China, Laos, Myanmar and others.



Also Baan Atthithan Church in Chiang Rai, Thailand has asked us to be the building manager for their new building. Pedro has been in contact with the pastor of the church and has met with him to talk more about the building.



It continues to amaze me how important MMM's presence is in Thailand and how needed it is by local Christian ministries. We receive calls for help with projects small to

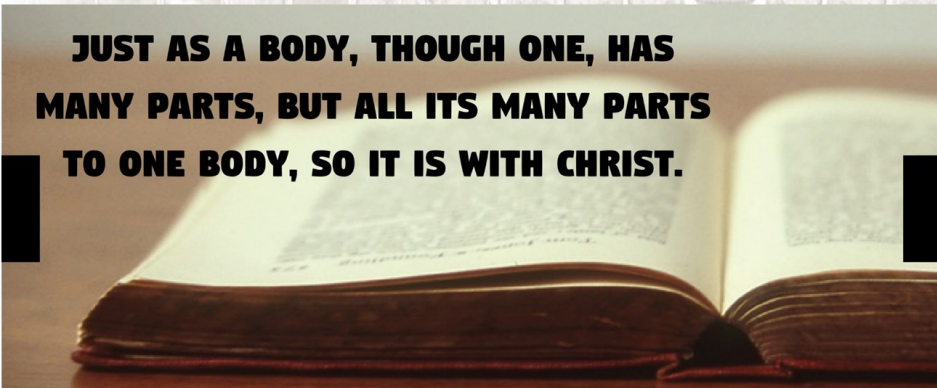
big as I mentioned above. Sometimes, Pedro will get a phone call late at night asking for help to fix something that has broken in a ministry!! That confirms me again and again that our presence in Thailand is crucial.

This reminds me of 1 Corinthians 12:12-17, it says "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?"

MMM in Thailand is not a church or an orphanage caring for kids at risk or HIV positive children. We are a Christian organization helping churches and orphanages with buildings and fixing things. We work behind the scenes. Comparing MMM to a body, we are a part that is often overlooked as not important. As you can see,

to further God's kingdom, we are an important part of the body of Christ, we are needed.

JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS TO ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST.

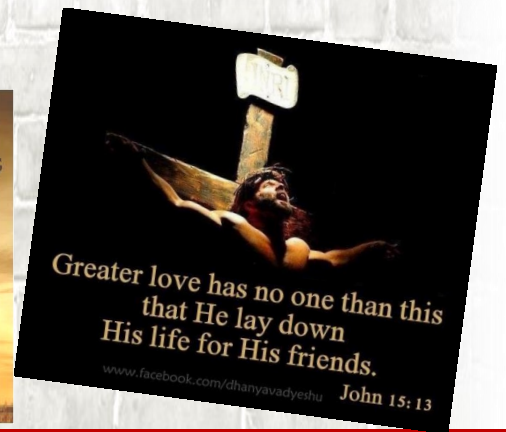
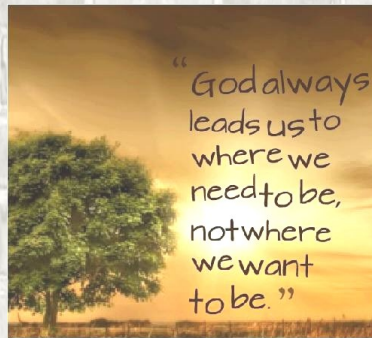


We are thankful for MMM Australia for the vision of expanding God's kingdom by pioneering MMM in Thailand. We can't do what we do without you and for that we are grateful.

MMM in Thailand staff.

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PRAYER FOCUS Prayer Needs



MMM Prayer Needs

ALL	Pray for the finances of MMM, pray that in all things we can be good stewards of His resources. Pray for the full funding of the MMM Thailand property.
TAS	Praise God for the direction, passion and people that have come alongside to join in the work of MMM.
WA	Pray for Karen Beard as she has an extended rest break to recover from surgery.
QLD	Pray for good health and wisdom for John and Adrian as they work on projects.
VIC	Praise God for the Victorian committee, and that Kim is recovering well.
QLD	Continue to pray for John Cooper as he deals with the ongoing effects of the Heart rhythm complaint. Pray for a total healing for John.
NSW	Pray for Les Swebel as he recovers and for ongoing tests.
QLD	Pray for the MMM Queensland fundraising dinner on March 17 th . Pray that God will bless the efforts of volunteers with a record amount in fundraising.
NSW	Pray for Neil Thompson who is recovering from heart problems.
WA	Pray for Rod Heape for recovery from knee surgery
VIC	Pray for financial support of Vic/SA Manager Geoff Jarvis and people who are wanting to co-partner in supporting Geoff in this vital ministry.
NSW	Pray for the arrangements for the National Conference in May
All States	Pray for more volunteers to come forward to assist in projects this year and that God will open more doors of service.
TAS	Pray for safety of workers on the project sites and for those working on the Pathways to Life project.
WA	Pray for the MMMWA dinner, that people will be excited to hear about ministry opportunities through MMM.
NSW	Pray for the continued health and enthusiasm of Phill and Gwenn Hall who carry much of the workload in NSW.

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MMM Australia

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Looking Forward

Looking Back

17th March, 2018
5.30pm
STAFFORD HEIGHTS BAPTIST
CHURCH

268 APPLEBY RD,
STAFFORD HEIGHTS

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It's a 'Black & White' Night

Date: 17th March, 2018

Time: 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start

Cost: By Donation

Silent Auction & Cake stall

Dress: Come dressed in black &
white or casual wear

RSVP: ANNE COOPER BY 10TH MARCH

PHONE: 3204 2503 OR 0430 200 942

EMAIL: anne@mmm.org.au

It is our hope that all tables will be sponsored so that 100% of monies raised during the evening will go to the work of MMM Australia

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT ANNE

BOOK A TABLE AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT TO SUPPORT US INTO 2018 AND BEYOND

MMMVIC Fund Raiser

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday March 17th
Canterbury Gardens Community
Church
7:00pm Sharp
Tickets \$15 per person
BYO food and soft drinks



Make a Donation

Direct Deposit

Bank: Westpac

Acc Name: MMM Australia

BSB: 033-349 **Acc No.:** 541089

Description: <Your Name> Donation

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Mail to: 5/621 Whitehorse Rd
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Sunday 25th Feb 2018

Camp Wattle Grove - 6:30pm

**Food, Fun, Fellowship, 3 Course Meal, Silent Auction
Only \$40 per person**

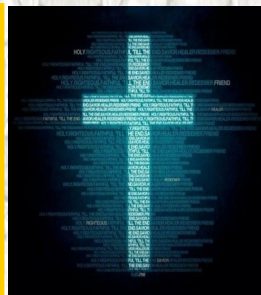
**Come and Show your support for the ministry of
"Serving those who Serve"**

Guest Speaker – Paul "Morro" Morrison
98five Sunshine Announcer and West Coast Eagles Chaplain

**Bring a friend or two
Maybe your entire church or small group
If you can't make it, why not sponsor a seat or even a table**

**To reserve your seat, or more information
phone or text Karen on 0419 197 695 or Trevor 0488 399 238**

Help us spread the news, share this event with your friends, All Welcome



Let's use Social Media for something good...

One way to get the story of the ministry of MMM 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" buttons. 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/>).

Let's make **1000 likes** before our next Team News. Who knows who may learn of the ministry of MMM Australia through your simple "click, click"

From Trevor Beard

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Prayer and Vision

What's in a vision? Well... that's an intriguing question that could take several volumes to bring some definitive clarity to. We are reminded in Proverbs 29:18 "where there is no vision the people live unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law".

In 1926 the advancement of 'wireless radio' was front and centre of an emerging society. Some viewed it as a fad, or novel toy for propeller heads. Others could see its potential in a limited way, but few could see the future like **Nikola Tesla** who is quoted as saying; *"When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact is, all things be particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate instantly irrespective of distance. Not only this but, through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles, and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will fit in our vest pockets."* Nicola Tesla was a man of great vision!

Throughout my life I've met and worked with many people, but few could really be described as 'a person of vision'. Vision is the ability to see what will be from what we have in front of us. Not only that but vision brings with it the pathway as to how to get from what we have in front of us to what will be. Some call it imagination, some call it dreaming, but God defines this as vision!

I remember a day when my Pastor asked me to look at a paint factory; I asked "what for?" He just looked at me and calmly said "for a church!" His vision was realised in its entirety 4 years later.

There are times when we pray when God places His vision in our hearts. Sometimes we can dismiss this as 'just a crazy thought' but if we truly explore these visions, grasp hold of what God is saying and pray through to the place where it begins to become reality we can see great things begin to happen. This is I believe the process by which God initiated the work of MMM. A seed becomes a vision, becomes a plan, which becomes reality.

It all starts with an attitude of prayer and a willingness to listen to God. Our faithful prayer warriors in MMM are the backbone of our Mission, without them we could not stand. Keep praying, keep seeking God's Vision for MMM and our work teams, keep supporting every aspect of our ministry in prayer. We need people of prayer and vision.

