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An Update from the CEO

Over recent months there have been many things happening under the hood of MMM that have kept me fully occupied and engaged. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with the MMM family a little of the blessings, and challenges that we are dealing with at the moment.

Thailand Property

In April this year I was in Thailand where we negotiated the purchase of a 1/2 acre (approx) piece of land in the Chiang Rai province in Northern Thailand. To this day I praise God for his provision of the funds to purchase the land. Since that time we have been busy with the bureaucratic processes necessary for a foundation to acquire land in Thailand, which seems a never ending entanglement of red tape and meaningless forms. The Thailand staff have been magnificent in working through the process and keeping calm about the delays.



In July I decided to plan a dedication service for the land to commit it to the purposes and plans of God and to the work of MMM. On the last Sunday in September, Shane Prior (MMM Aust. Board Chairperson) and I attended this service in Chiang Rai. It was a wonderful gathering of over 50 Christian leaders from the Chiang Rai area where local Pastor A from one of the local churches prayed over the land and over the MMM activities that would flow from the property, that it would prosper the Kingdom of God, and help the church to grow and people's lives to be touched.



Please continue to pray for the finalisation of the property acquisition, and for the development of the property into a fully functioning MMM Centre.

MMM International Alliance

In late July this year, Board member John Peberdy and I attended the MMM International Alliance meetings in Ndola Zambia. These meetings have become a blessed focal point for the broader MMM community around the globe, and over the past two years the Alliance has been refocused and repurposed into a much leaner, much more supportive structure to bring the various international groups together.



The July meetings saw the adoption of a new constitution, and a revamped governing body internationally, and in his absence Shane Prior was nominated as International Chairperson for the next two years. Please continue to pray for Shane as he imparts vision and direction to this collective organisation over the coming period. In coming months we will be meeting (on-line) to finalise the ministry



agreements that bind us together as one organisation across the globe, please pray for these discussions and for each of the MMM Centres around the world. Pray for this important component of our international relationships.

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Project Opportunities

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

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| NW-18-702 | NSW | Cornerstone, Dubbo. Bathroom Renovation. Tiling, plumbing, painting | Contact Greg Jackson for details |
| October - 2018 | | | |
| NW-18-789 | NSW | KCC, Katoomba. Annual KCC maintenance and repairs project. Lots of work to support this fantastic organisation | Contact Greg Jackson for details |
| November - 2018 | | | |
| QD-18-708 | QLD | Gatton Church of Christ. Kitchen refurbishment | Contact Adrian Behrens |
| Date TBA | | | |
| QD-17-605 | QLD | Monto Community Centre Bathroom Renovation | Contact Adrian Behrens |
| Date TBA | | | |
| TS-18-802 | TAS | WayFM Launceston Painting studios and more | Painters Needed |
| Nov - 2018 | | | |
| TS-18-795 | TAS | Mole Creek Presbyterian General Maintenance | Volunteers needed Caravan Parking |
| October - 2018 | | | |
| Various | TAS | Touring Tasmania helping out various organisations and Churches | Contact Ruth Goelst for details. |
| Jan to Mar-2019 | | | |
| NW-18-689 | NSW | Lutanda Mt Victoria. Painting and maintenance work | Contact Phil Hall for details |
| January-2019 | | | |
| AT-18-709 | ACT | House of Prayer. Repairs & Maintenance, including roof leaks, painting, plumbing | Contact Phil Hall for details |
| Feb - 2019 | | | |
| NW-18-727 | NSW | Glen Innes Uniting Church. Painting and fencing. Interior painting including window surrounds. Erect fence 25 panels | Contact Barry Campbell for details. |
| March-2019 | | | |
| NW-18-738 | NSW | St. John's Presbyterian, Wollomombi. External Painting | Contact Phil Hall for details |
| April-2019 | | | |
| VC-15-458 | VIC | Belgrave Heights Convention Centre. A-Frame Hut Renovations. Roof extensions. | Geoff Jarvis |
| October-2018 | | | |

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| VC-15-459 | VIC | Belgrave Heights Convention Centre. Diamond Valley Campsite re-roofing. Fitting rolled steel roof trusses to replace existing roof. | Geoff Jarvis |
| October-2018 | | | |
| VC-18-730 | VIC | Brunswick Baptist Church, Lighting replacement. 1 to 2 days only for this project. | Contact Geoff Jarvis for details |
| Date to be advised | | | |
| VC-18-784 | VIC | Southern Community Church of Christ. Portico repairs and painting. | Contact Geoff Jarvis for details |
| Date to be advised | | | |
| VC-18-777 | VIC | Dandenong Baptist Church. Crèche construction into the rear of their existing auditorium space. | Contact Geoff Jarvis for project specifics. |
| Date to be advised | | | |
| VC-18-787 | VIC | Thorpdale Wesleyan Meth Church. General maintenance and assistance. | Contact Geoff Jarvis for information. |
| Dates to be confirmed | | | |

Mission Awareness Tour—Thailand 2019

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| Thailand | CHR | Expressions of interest are open for participants to join the Missions Awareness Tour to Northern Thailand in late February 2019. This will be a short term 2 to 3 week multi-project tour to see and experience MMM project work in Thailand. | Contact Terrence Baxter for information or to reserve a place. terrence@mmm.org.au |
| February 2019 | | | |
| and November 2019 | | | |
| | | Travel as a team to Chiang Rai province in Northern Thailand, experience project work on Christian facilities in and around Chiang Rai under the guidance of Pedro, our Projects Manager in Thailand. | |
| | | See and experience life in Thailand, Visit local churches and missions agencies, as well as children's homes and other facilities. Lots to see and do on this exciting venture. | |

Wildflowers Safari—Western Australia 2019

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| Various | WA | Come and join the Western Australia Wildflowers Safari for 2019 and experience one of Australia great sights, the magnificent wildflowers of the Western Australian desert. | Contact Trevor Beard for details or to register for this great experience. mmmwa@mmm.org.au |
| Dates to be advised | | | |
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| | | The MMM WA Team will have 6 or more projects scheduled in a variety of locations in central and southern regions of the state. Experience the joys of travelling with an MMM team, working on a variety of projects, and meeting the WA locals on their turf. | |
| | | Project opportunities will also include work in Victoria and South Australia on route to Western Australia. | |



A Busy 2 Months.!

Projects and Opportunities

The New South Wales volunteers have worked very hard over the past two months on significant projects in various parts of the region and have successfully completed 3 very different projects.

- TOUKLEY CAMPSITE.** Leader, Ian Dawson
 Ian and his team always do a fabulous job on project sites, and Toukley is right in Ian's back yard. This is one of many projects we have completed here.
- HAVANNAH HOUSE, FORBES.** Leader, Paul Barnham
 We've visited this ministry on several projects and its always a great time to come and serve this great outreach.
- ATTUNGA CAMPSITE, CANYONLEIGH.** Leader, Ian Dawson.
 Another of our regular project sites, there is always a lot to do and great time of fellowship.



We have also been busy out and about in local church's presenting the MMM story and looking for support and volunteers. Greg and Robyn Jackson have made presentations to

1. GREEN POINT BAPTIST CHURCH
2. WAITARA GOSPEL CHAPEL, WAITARA.

If your church would benefit from a presentation to strengthen ties with the MMM team please let us know, we would be happy to visit and showcase what MMM NSW has been doing.

We also held our first garage sale in a long time at the Wyee Centre on Saturday, October 13TH. Depending on how things go on the day it may also continue on Saturday October 20th. See our link on the National Sale Trail.

We are busy planning for our **Annual Dinner** on Saturday November 24th to be held at the Katoomba Convention Centre main dining room, make plans to be at this great event. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP by Saturday November 7th either by email or post.

So far the year has been both full of challenges and tremendous joy in 'serving those who serve'.

Greg and Robyn Jackson.



A Tale of a Country Church and City Church

The work of MMM Australia is varied, because God is at work everywhere, He has no bounds. MMMWA receives many requests for Projects and each one conveys a story of how people have responded to the good news of Jesus and how they want to share that with others in the community around them. Over the last two months MMMWA worked on a small country church located 2 hrs journey northeast of Perth, Miling Community Church and another church located in the city Bellevue Baptist Church.

Miling Community Church required a number external windows to be replaced. They had found it difficult to find a Supplier who would travel to the church thus called upon MMM for assistance. The Miling Church Committee is made up of representatives of three churches as the number of church goes in the district has decreased and churches closed their doors – they now all use the same Church Hall. The Congregation members were only too pleased to help with accommodation and meals



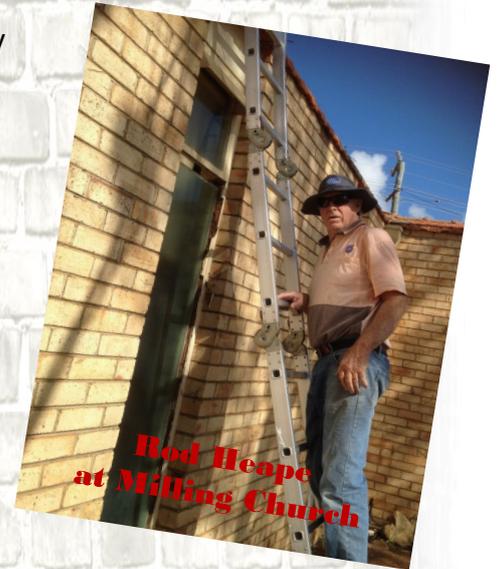
Members of Miling Church

for Rod and Richard our MMM Volunteers. The local community were curious about the activity happening at the Church Hall. With the new windows fitted and maintenance completed on the wooden pews the congregation of Miling Community Church feel refreshed and encouraged as they continue their witness to neighbours, friends and the community in which they live.

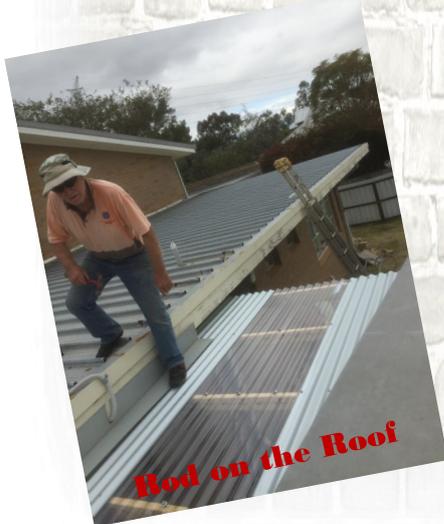
Bellevue Baptist Church has an elderly church congregation who reach out into their community through a Men's Group and a Women's Craft Group. They have seen an increase in the number of lonely people in the area who are seeking friendship and a safe place to go. The church building was built when asbestos was a common building material and as it ages care needs to be taken with any new alterations or maintenance. MMMWA were asked if we could seal and paint some external walls and then construct a storage shed for equipment and materials. After a week the job was completed thanks to Rod and Keith. The Congregation of Bellevue Baptist Church are now able to continue their work for the Lord in a much safer environment and with some extra room for additional activities.



Bellevue Baptist Construction



Rod Heape at Miling Church



Rod on the Roof



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Northern Australia Region

FITZROY CROSSING- BAYULU COMMUNITY

Five couples arrived at Fitzroy Crossing Sunday 5th August and started work at Bayulu on Monday 6th. The van accommodation was at the Men's Shed at Fitzroy Crossing which meant driving approximately 30kms (return trip) a day to the work site.

Unfortunately material wasn't available when we first arrived but Keith Wood (the manager of the Men's shed) did his best to provide the necessary materials.



Our job was to line and insulate walls and ceiling of the Church building at Bayulu. Due to insufficient material and time we were unable to complete the project. Keith intends to use the indigenous men who attend the Men's Shed to complete the work. The team left Fitzroy Crossing on Friday the 17th August to make our way back to Halls Creek for our last job.



GUNBALANYA - Arnhem Land

One of the skills that is very beneficial on a safari trip is the ability to cope with changes. Originally John, Joyce and the team were intending to work once again at Maningrida in East Arnhem Land but due to circumstances out of their control were diverted to Gunbalanya to assist with renovating the Anglican church house and church to help a young couple who are ministering in the community with their young family.



The team camped at the back of the church with beautiful views of the wetlands. The only negative was they were almost carried away by mosquitoes in the early mornings and evenings and the bats serenaded them **all night**.

There was so much to be completed in the planned week out there with the assistance of John Gotts from Darwin. The jobs included re-



pairs to toilet walls and doors at the church, then cleaning, repairing and painting fascia, installing new guttering, painting exterior steel, repairing fly screens, replacing an air conditioner, fit a new stove and range hood, replace and install rainwater tank, modify laundry sink to allow for washing a machine and level a storage container and weld new feet to it. There was also maintenance carried out with replacing doorknobs and fitting outside awnings and shade cloth. What a great effort by the team, we now have a very thankful family who is much more comfortable working in Gunbalanya!



Joyce Blade



WOW! August and September have gone fast!

We started August by getting a team over to Creswick, near Ballarat. We had felt God say "do this one". What was it you ask? We went to help a Missionary from PNG get the outside of his house neatened up. This is a miners Cottage, near the Creswick Woollen Mills. But this house had a trick up its sleeve. There is a mine shaft in the back yard. OUCH. The team started arriving on the Sunday afternoon, met by freezing cold weather. Thankfully a healthy fire in the lounge was waiting for us. The Caravaners were grateful to stay at Log Cabin Camp, while the singles' stayed in the house we were working on.



Day three saw a full size Bobcat machine going down in the mud around the mine shaft. Our 4wds could not move it, so it was hand winched out. God planted the right tree for us to hook onto. By weeks' end, all participants were ready to go home, having achieved a great result. The local church were so very wonderful in their help and support. They worked so very hard, and put on excellent meals. Thanks to Jaqui from Creswick for her great organization.



We moved onto Whittlesea on September 3rd where we had three projects to complete on two local churches. We had caravans spread around the church buildings. What a sight. It looked like a wagon train. Some great work was produced again by MMM'ers and locals, with the leveling of the church floor at the Uniting church and the installation of a new ramp and deck. The local AOG church also was in need of having its floor leveled and problematic rain water was re directed. The weather was wonderful and it was a pleasure to be there.



Some Exciting News!!

In association with the MMM WA Team we are organizing a Caravan Safari from East to West. At this stage the Western Australia Wildflowers Safari will start in Ararat, in Victoria, on 1st July 2019. We're inviting Caravaners to hook up on this one. You can join in on the way, as we expect to be in Sherlock in S.A., around the 15th of July. So Caravaners from all states can join in quite easily if they would like. If you're interested, please contact either Regional Managers' Trevor and Karen in W.A. or, Regional Manager Geoff Jarvis in Vic/SA. Geoff is based in MMM National office (Mitcham). The Caravan Safari is intended to arrive in Western Australia for the wild flower season, something not to be missed, so register early.

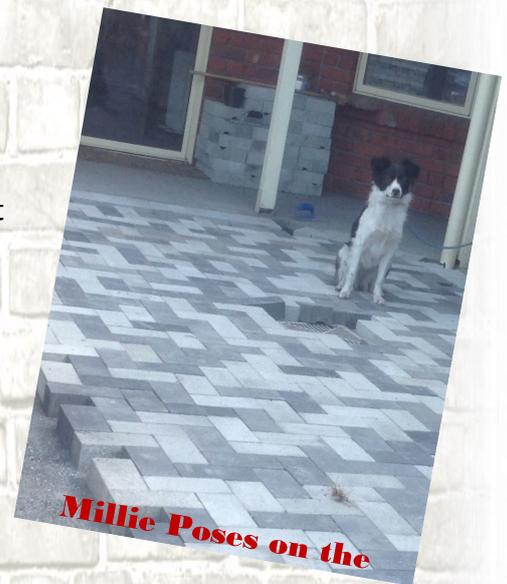
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The Goodness of God

As I (*Ruth*) sit and type this, it is exactly one year ago since we were on the boat on the way back to Tassie to take up the position of Region Managers for MMM - a great day to reflect on the goodness of God. There are many aspects of God's character but I guess what stands out over the last twelve months is His provision, both for us personally and MMM Tasmania.

The MMM Centre was such a wonderful provision for us as a family. Having given up our home thirteen years earlier to go on the road and serve God, we knew His promise of providing houses for us but never imagined all of this. A big house needs a lot of furniture and we had very little but God provided the right bargains on Gumtree. For years, we'd talked about the day we would get a dog for Simeon. One week after we moved into the centre, Millie came to join the family. She has been a delight and a blessing (*after she stopped nipping everyone*). Once you've lived in a house for a little while, you see the places where you can make changes to better suit your needs. We wanted to make a few changes but everything required money. God provided money, materials and bargains every step of the way. It's such a pleasure to sit in the MMM office without the fluoro lighting and with comfortable furniture. Perth is a cold place over winter with severe frosts but the provision of a wood heater has made this a cosy home. One of the changes we wanted to make was to create an entertainment area in the large backyard. Again, God's goodness and His blessing of provision has enabled us to purchase pavers and we are in the process of creating this space ready for summer.



One year ago, there was one MMM project happening in Tasmania and none on the books. There are now twelve completed projects, three current projects and work being organised to keep us going till the end of March. Whilst we had a wonderful support base of prayers a year ago, there were not too many workers. A number of people have made a commitment to be a part of the team over the year. Yes, it is still a small team but it is growing and we trust God to keep providing the workers as we need them. And perhaps, the most amazing provision of all has been the financial provision to reach our state target for the financial year. Words can't

express what God has done. His provision, His goodness towards us is _____ (*fill in the blank!*)

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MMM-Thai NEWS



Thailand Update

Since April we have been busy with buying the MMM property here in Chiang Rai, and it's still not finished! That's what happens here in Thailand, sometimes the government takes a long time to get simple thing finished. But we know and believe that God has made this land available for us, and the owner wants to sell it to us.

We have been planning a time to dedicate the land to the work of the Lord, and we arranged with MMM CEO Terrence Baxter to hold a dedication service on September 30th when we invited all the Christian Churches and organisations in Chiang Rai to join with us to pray for the land. It was a great day apart from the rain which happened 20 minutes into the "open air service" on the property. With torrential rain falling we all ran for cover at the Shoulder to Shoulder house (built by MMM) where we regrouped, finished the dedication service, and shared a meal together (prepared by Pedro's wife).



We were so blessed on the day to have Terrence Baxter and Shane Prior with us from Australia, and also Betty Fung and Alison from MMM in Hong Kong. We also had around 50 guests from local Christian organisations, including some teaching staff from Hilltop English School who helped out on the day with music and serving. All the members of the MMM Thailand Board attended and played an active part in the service, praying for the staff and other things. The prayer of dedication was given by Pastor A, a local Thai pastor from Chiang Rai.

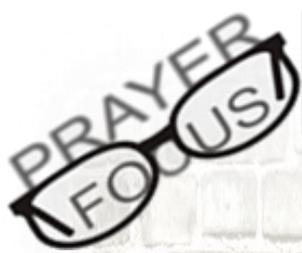


It was a wonderful gathering and dedication service, we are so thankful for MMM Australia and those who have supported the land purchase here in



Chiang Rai. Here are some images from the day.





Prayer Needs

Nothing is achieved without prayer. As we hear from God it is our responsibility to take it to prayer and thoughtfully consider what it might mean in our lives and how best we can serve God with what He is trying to reveal to us.

I always think I am a little slow in picking up what God is trying to tell me, but the truth is God knows each one of us so intimately, our ways and our understanding, that He gets through to us at exactly the right time because His timing is always perfect. God is never early, never late, just right on time.

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| NSW | Pray for Greg's recovery |
| QLD | Praise God for Adrian Behrens getting enough volunteers to finish a few projects that are planned |
| 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 safety of the team |
| TAS | Praise God for requests for assistance – MMM Tassie is a happening thing! |
| QLD | Praise God that John Cooper's heart operation went well and he is recovering and pray it will go into the right rhythm |
| NSW | Pray for finances and the garage sale |
| QLD | Volunteers and the continuing work |
| TAS | Pray for new team members who are committed to working with MMM and for wisdom and discernment for Shane and Ruth as they make daily decisions. |
| WA | Pray for the planning of the 2019 Caravan Safari, for scheduling Projects, Volunteers and the Co-Ordination of tasks |
| Leaders | 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. |
| 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. |
| WA | Pray for the team completing a project at Pregnancy Problem House Kalgoorlie, that all jobs will be completed as scheduled. |
| MMM | Praise God for the role of Prayer Coordinator being filled by Graham & Helen Bell. Prayer undergirds all we do at MMM and covers every aspect of our service. |
| Thailand | Pray for planning and establishment of Mission Awareness Tours for Thailand in 2019. Pray for Wisdom and guidance as the team plan for project teams from Australia and other countries. |
| MMM | Praise God for Pray for the finances of MMM. Pray that God will continue to provide for our needs through the faithfulness of His people |

Queensland Dates to remember

7th – 10th November

Garage Sale at Mango Hill

20th December

Christmas BBQ lunch at Mango Hill

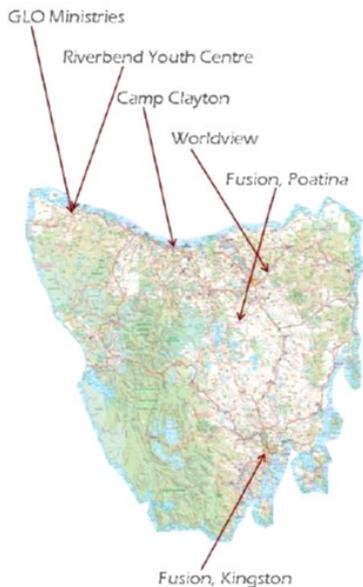
TASMANIAN STATE TEAM SAFARI 2019

Are you interested in a tour of Tassie from Smithton to Kingston, from January 21 to March 22, 2019?

Contact Ruth at

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for all the details.



MMMWA Prayer Meeting

Held 2nd Wed every month

7.30pm start at the MMMWA Centre

33 Furley Rd, Southern River

Joins us as we share and pray for the needs of the ministry of "Serving those Who Serve"

Phone Trevor to Reconfirm Time and Date

Mob 0488 399 238

MMM People

Recently Helen Clarke passed away very suddenly. Ken and Helen have been MMMer's for many years; Ken as a cabinet maker and both as supporters of our annual dinners and garage sales.



Many thanks – to John and Joyce Blade for their wonderful leadership of the northern Safari team this year. Many extra hours go into being the leaders and we thank our Lord for you both for being willing to do this at short notice. Thank you also Tom and Gaye Redsell, Geoff and Bronwyn Bauer, Ken and Jan Bath, Keith and Vicki Buchanan and Rowan and Julie Parry for your commitment and heart to serve those who serve, with the Blades in NT and WA.



MMMWA Christmas Shopping Tour

Sat 27th October 2018

(08:30am – 5:30pm)

- Departing and returning to MMM Centre, Furley Rd
- Enjoy shopping at DFO's, Specialty Food and Sweet Stores, Crafts, Chocolates and Christmas Supplies
- Plenty of Fellowship and Fun
- Mystery Bus Prizes
- Stops for Food and Refreshments



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Any questions please contact Geoff Jarvis at geoffi@mmm.org.au or 0400 951 010

Come and have a chat and grab a bargain.

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Hello from Western Australia ...

Helen and Graham



Firstly we would like to thank all of you that have been praying for Graham and I as we embark on this adventure together.

Nothing is by chance as we know and yes the way things come about are at times amazing and yet not surprising when we know how God works. I first met Trevor Beard some 18 years ago when he came to work at the company I was working in. It was obvious to me very quickly that Trevor was indeed a Christian, his whole demeanour and language shone through. This was the beginning of learning about MMM and the work on projects. I was always interested in this very practical ministry and enjoyed hearing of the work being done and the projects they took on to help others.

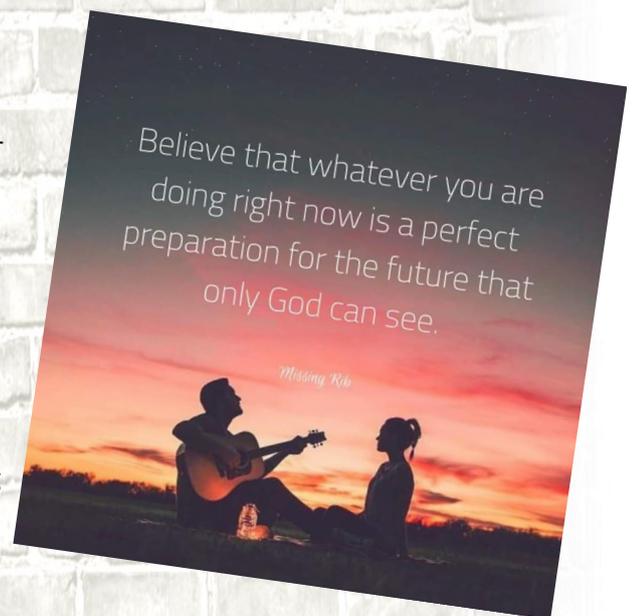
Time passed and we went in different directions until 18 months ago. By way of an invitation on facebook to attend the MMM-WA dinner we would catch up again with Trevor and Karen and so the next chapter began. I do not believe in coincidences and did wonder what it meant catching up after so many years. My husband and I discussed the work

and projects that MMM had done in the presentation that was shown on the night and talked about how we could help when work still takes up so much of our time. We admire the work and projects and see it as so vital and worthwhile, but what could we do?

Now I would also have to mention that 10 years ago I told my husband that I believed we would be working together and for some strange reason it would involve caravans! How strange is it that I said, "Maybe we will manage one of those caravan parks, you know the ones where they advertise for a couple". I occasionally looked through the job vacancies and would often see these positions come up and we would consider it but did not feel it was quite right for us. So I pondered "caravans" ???

Roll forward several years and here we are sitting at the MMMWA dinner watching the story of **caravans** and projects unfold. My spirit leapt in me and so started discussions between Graham and I on this new venture. Little did I know Graham had felt the same interest and stirring as well.

At the dinner this year Terry mentioned that MMM were looking for a prayer coordinator and my interest stirred again. "Was this something we could be involved in I thought and oh my goodness it involves caravan's".



Byford Commissioning

So here we are!!! Amazed but not surprised how God unfolds things He has been preparing us for and giving us hints about for so long.

On September 9th we were prayed for by our Pastors Joe & Lisa Rossi and commissioned into the role of Prayer Coordinator by Terry Baxter, supported by Trevor & Karen Beard & MMM members. We feel very welcomed into the MMM family.

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