# **Devotional**

## Listening to God has its long-term benefits!

I'm sure we all find times when our prayer life drifts into a one-way conversation about what we need rather than a two-way exchange of the heart(s). We learn bad habits mostly through laziness, and it's too easy for us to develop a prayer life where we are just coming to God with a list of things to fix rather than a conversation about "What would you want me to do?"

The scripture that has really spoken to my heart over recent weeks comes from where in the midst of all of his difficulties and issues, Job found time to listen to God.

Job 36:II "If they hear and serve Him, they will end their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures" Wow, what a promise that is! All we need to do is to listen to God.

For all that Job went through, and for all the 'advice' that he received from those who sought to help or correct his circumstances, we can see from scripture that Job had one endearing quality that not only sustained him through these times, it brought him the promise that he would "end his days in prosperity, and his years in pleasures".

So for us, we need to learn that when we pray we should also listen and hear what God is saying. When we understand the term "hear and serve Him", the implication for this is one of obedience, but it starts with us hearing God.

We should all listen carefully when we pray!

Much Blessings

Terrence Baxter.

# International Prayer News

#### New Zealand:

Pray for a new generation of leaders to rise up in MMM New Zealand. Pray for the Board to know wisdom and guidance when considering new leaders.

Continue to pray for Howard & Ave Robinson as they lead the work in New Zealand as National Director. Pray for much blessing on their household. Pray for God to provide for their every need, even before they ask.

Pray for Gods faithfulness in provision of finances for MMM NZ. Pray for Gods favour and blessing on those who support God's work.

#### Zambia:

Pray for the preparations and planning for the 30th anniversary celebrations of MMM Zambia coming up in July.

Pray for the retirement of all debt and for enough finances to support the staff at MMM in Zambia. Pray that they will want for nothing.

Pray for the Board of MMM Zambia. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they meet. Pray that decisions made in righteousness will demonstrate the blessing of God through the work of MMM.

### Hong Kong:

Pray for Andrew Wong as he leads the Hong Kong team. Pray for great wisdom as he looks to transition to a new National Director. Pray for leadership to grow in wisdom.

Pray for the many project opportunities they have and that volunteers for Hong Kong and other nations will come together to achieve the impossible for the Almighty.

#### Thailand:

Pray for Pedro as he works through planning for the MMM Centre to be built on the new property.

Pray for Palita as she handles all of the paperwork for government approval to finalise the purchase of the land. Pray for the Board members, Wichai, Wiroj, Luka, Bill, and Pedro.



Pray for the Victorian Fundraising dinner on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pray for those attending to know the generosity of God in every part of their life. Pray for the funds raised to be blessed and multiplied to the glory of God.

2 Pray for many to respond to the upcoming needs for project teams to work in Thailand on the MMM Centre. Pray for volunteers from various countries to work alongside Pedro when the building commences in the coming year.

Praise God for his ongoing love and care for everyone who serves in MMM, in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Zambia, South Africa, Thailand, and Fiji. Pray for the work they do to be a blessing to the Kingdom of God.

Pray for John & Anne Cooper in Queensland. Continue to pray for John's health, that God will heal him totally. Pray for the Queensland committee and for Graham Kapinga as Committee chair as they support John & Anne and the work in Queensland and Northern Australia.

**5** Pray for Shane & Ruth Goelst as they go about their work of managing the operations of MMM in Tasmania. Pray for the Tasmanian Committee that they will know the blessing of God in all they do. Pray for committee chairperson John de Jonge as he works alongside Shane & Ruth.

6 Pray for Vic/SA region manager Geoff Jarvis.
Pray that he will know rest and peace in the midst of a busy schedule. Pray for financial blessings and support as he volunteers full time for MMM.
Pray for David Graham and the Vic Committee as they support Geoff and the work in Victoria and South Australia.

Pray for the position of National Associates Co-ordinator, pray that God will prompt the right person to step into this role for MMM. Pray for the Associates Programme that it will develop once again into a strong and healthy component of the work of MMM.

Pray for the health and wellbeing of our volunteers across the nation. Pray for those who are unwell and need a touch from God.

Pray for John & Anne Cooper as they plan and schedule the Safari projects across Queensland, the Northern Territory, and parts of Western Australia. Pray for the various team members as they commence projects on the 2018 MMM Safari. Pray for the organisations we will be working at over the next 3 months.

I O Praise God for a person currently considering the role as National Prayer coordinator. Pray that God will speak clearly into their heart, so they will know if this is God's calling on their life.

I Pray for Trevor & Karen Beard in Western Australia. Pray that the WA will experience growth in project volunteers and in prayer supporters. Pray for Hendrik Alberts as committee chair as he supports Trevor and Karen as leaders.

I 2 Pray for the finances of MMM Australia.

Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of people across the nation to support MMM financially. Pray that God will provide the finances to balance the budget in this financial year.

13 Pray for Noel Taylor as he heads up our Build-A-Bond projects. Pray for a person willing to take over from Noel so they can be trained and mentored over the next 12 – 18 months.

Pray for Ian Dawson as he faithfully serves as our WH&S co-ordinator. Praise God for the wonderful safety record of MMM on project sites and for God's wonderful protection as we travel around the nation.

15 Pray for the finances of MMM Australia.
Pray for God to stir the hearts of His people to give generously to the work of MMM. Pray that we can achieve a balanced budget this year. Pray for God's blessing on every fundraising effort across the nation.

16 Praise God for His awesome faithfulness through the provision of 100% of the funds for the purchase of the MMM Thailand Property.

God is Good – Amen!! Pray for the legal processes as they progress to complete the land transaction.

17 Pray for our CEO Terrence Baxter as he seeks God's will and direction for the MMM Operations. Pray that he experiences the grace of God as he serves in various responsibilities for MMM.

18 Praise God for the many volunteers that commit their time in service through MMM across the nation. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send many more volunteers into the fields.

Pray for Greg & Robyn Jackson in New South Wales. Praise God for their faithfulness and enthusiasm. Pray for wisdom and guidance for them both. Pray for the NSW Committee and Paul Barnham as committee chair as he support the work in NSW.

20 Pray for our CEO Terrence Baxter as he fulfils the many commitments necessary in his role. Pray for wisdom and grace to be the platform of his outlook as he administers the affairs of MMM.