

Devotional

The Blessing of the Call of God!

Every one of us has the responsibility to seek out the call of God on our life. It's a simple question that has a very complex answer; "What do you want me to do?"

When we read the first few verses from the book of Jude we find that Jude was writing "To those who are called". I have no doubt that the early apostles would have encouraged new Christians to seek out their calling in God! The call of God is something inside of us that requires a response and an action. It's an internal conviction, mixed with a series of external confirmations.

Four things to note here;

1. The Call of God provides us with confidence
2. The Call of God encourages faith
3. The Call of God brings reassurances which dispels doubt
4. The Call of God carries you through difficulties

Let me encourage you, it's never too late to seek the call of God on your life! Our response to God's call that carries its own rewards. We read in Galatians 1:15;

But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

Our reward is in God, not in what any human being might offer as praise or thanks! God's calling isn't contained to pastoral or leadership activities, it is simply doing what God's conviction impresses in our hearts. Perhaps you're volunteering with MMM because you've heard the Call of God and responded, I hope so! I know for me the answer is yes, and all I can do is what we are encouraged to do in Colossians 3:23;

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Much Blessings

Terrence Baxter.

International Prayer News

New Zealand:

Praise God for the blessing of the purchase of the Pirongia property where they have had a base for many years. Praise God for significant financial donations that have allowed this to happen.

Pray for National Directors Howard & Ave Robinson. Pray for continued blessing and provision. Pray for God to meet their every need.

Pray for Doug and Ruth Carson that they will know health, strength, and vitality. Pray for Doug as he chairs the MMM New Zealand Board.

Zambia:

Pray for the 30th anniversary celebrations of MMM Zambia coming up on July 27th & 28th.

Pray for the finances of MMM in Zambia, that good stewardship and wisdom will bear much fruit and see all debt retired. Pray that they will want for nothing.

Pray for the Board of MMM Zambia. Pray for Edwiche Lungwebungu as Board Chairperson that she will know great joy in her service for the Lord. Pray that decisions made in righteousness will demonstrate the blessing of God through the work of MMM.

Hong Kong:

Pray for Betty Fung (MMM HK Board Member). Pray for strength and endurance as she copes with a heavy work schedule on her projects in mainland China.

Pray for Lolita Chan as she supports the work through her gift of administration. Pray that she experiences the riches of Christ's blessings as she fulfils her role in the office.

Pray for Andrew Wong as National Director. Pray that he knows God's peace and joy as he goes about his tasks.

Thailand:

Pray for Pedro who is suffering with Gout at this time. Pray for a total healing from this painful condition.

Pray for Palita as she deals with government bureaucracy to purchase the land. Pray that all blockages and delays are vanished.

Pray for Palita and her Hilltop English School. Pray that they will have more students enrol in their classes.

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MMM Australia

1 Pray for John Cooper in Queensland as he undergoes final tests to assess his Heart issues, and the subsequent decision by the specialist on how and when to correct this issue. Pray for peace and recovery, pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the cardio specialist John is seeing.

2 Pray for Noel Taylor and the Build-A-Bond team as they prepare plans and quotes for our rolled steel projects in Australia and overseas. Pray for Noel to find the next generation of volunteers to run the Build-A-Bond ministry. Pray for the various project proposals that are being considered by clients at this time.

3 Pray for all of our Region Managers. Pray for health and vitality for each one, pray for wisdom and direction as they serve the Lord and manage the MMM operations in their region. Pray for John & Anne Cooper, Geoff Jarvis, Trevor & Karen Beard, Shane & Ruth Goelst, Greg & Robyn Jackson.

4 Pray for the Northern Safari team as they work on projects in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Pray for John & Joyce Blade as they lead the team, for wisdom and guidance for every project. Pray for God's protection on each member of the team and on their vehicles as they travel the vast distances around the Top End.

5 Pray for the finances of MMM Australia. Pray that God will provide the finances to balance the budget in this financial year. Pray that the generous spirit of God will erupt in the organisations we do projects for, that they will bless MMM financially through the grace of God.

6 Praise God for his ongoing protection of MMM volunteers on the project sites around the nation. Pray God's blessing on the Admin volunteers who work in the various areas of administration, in Head Office, Regional Offices, and the many events supporting the work of MMM.

7 Pray for a final decision to be positive for the couple considering the role as National Prayer Co-ordinators. Pray that they will hear from God and know his plan and purpose for their involvement with MMM. Pray that God will confirm in their heart the path ahead.

8 Pray for our CEO Terrence Baxter, pray for wisdom and guidance as he goes about the task of managing the operations of MMM. Pray for strength and endurance as he attends the many meetings, church services, and networking events to represent MMM and promote the work we are doing.

9 Pray for the regional committee's as they work to support the Region Managers in each region. Pray for the chairpersons of these committee's as they co-ordinate the various activities at a state level – Graham Kapinga (*Qld*), Paul Barnham (*NSW*), David Graham (*Vic*), John de Jonge (*Tas*), Hendrik Alberts (*WA*).

10 Pray for the National Leaders of MMM around the world, for Howard & Ave Robinson in New Zealand, Florence N-Kaniki in Zambia and Andrew Wong in Hong Kong. Pray also for Neil Eichstadt in South Africa and Pedro in Thailand as national projects co-ordinators.

11 Pray for Darryl and Glenys House as they serve God in Tasmania. Pray for them to know every blessing from God as they support Shane & Ruth on the state committee in Tasmania.

12 Pray for the MMM Australia Board as they meet in July in Melbourne. Pray for the presence of God to pervade the meeting and pray for wisdom and guidance as they administer governance of the Mission.

13 Pray for project volunteers to join MMM and participate in project work all over the nation. Pray for skilled trade's people to commit to serving the Lord with their skills and talents through MMM. Praise God for those who are currently serving through MMM.

14 Pray for spiritual protection over our Region Managers as they go about the Lords work in the Mission. Pray that they will know the strength of the Lord when attacks come to distract them from their calling and mission.

15 Pray for Adrian and Caren Behrens as full time volunteers in Queensland. Pray they will know the blessing of God through their finances, their family, and their health. Pray that God gives them great strength and resilience to continue on the mission that God has called them to.

16 Pray for the MMM International Alliance leadership as they meet together in Zambia starting July 30th to finalise plans for the future structure and operations of the International Alliance. Pray for CEO Terrence Baxter and Board Member John Peberdy as they represent MMM Australia at these meetings. Pray for safety as the travel to and from these meetings.

17 Pray for closure on the purchase of the property in Chiang Rai in Thailand. Pray that the administrative roadblocks by government departments will evaporate and it will be finalised by the end of July.

18 Pray for the churches and campsites where MMM Teams will be working this month. Pray that they will know the joy of salvations in their churches, pray they will know the blessing of Kingdom growth as they focus on their ministry and purpose.

19 Pray for the network of prayer partners in MMM. Give thanks for their faithfulness and commitment to praying for the needs of MMM. Pray that many more prayer fellowships will grow around the nation where the prayers of the righteous are proclaimed.

20 Pray for Jason and Jean Blockey in Darwin. Give thanks for the time and effort Jason puts in to develop the MMM TeamNews. Pray that they will know God's leading and direction in all they do.