



October 2009

MMM AUSTRALIA

2009 Annual MMM Dinner

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**Dynasty Chinese Restaurant**

**95 Canning St. Launceston**

**Speaker - Rodney Vardy**

**Worldview College [WEC] Launceston**

**Cost \$30 per person**

**RSVP 20<sup>th</sup> October**

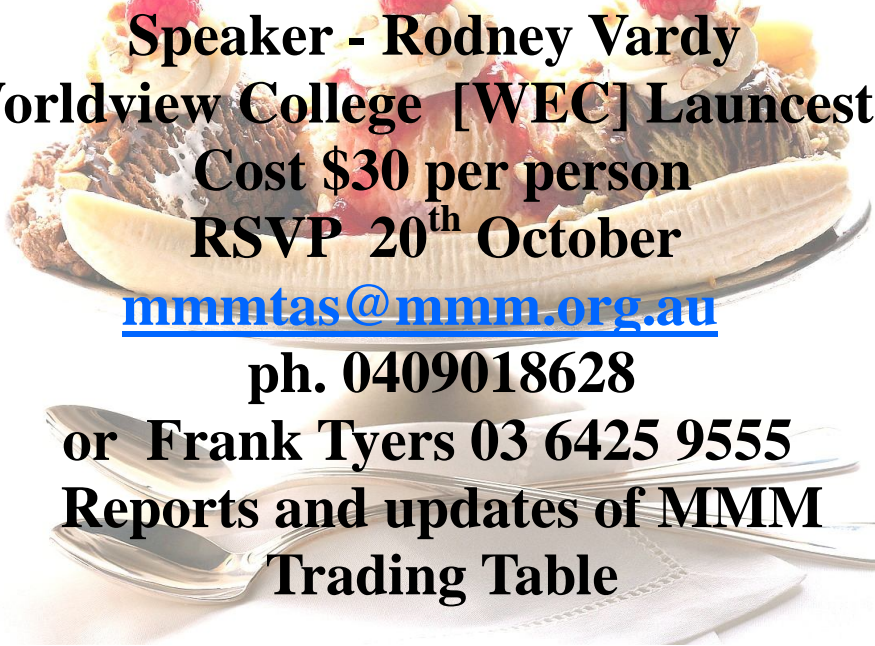
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**Reports and updates of MMM**

**Trading Table**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

A very enjoyable time with a scrumptious after tea.

The auxiliary team catered for Mrs. Audrey Keep's 80th birthday at Burnie for 75 people.

**Next auxiliary meeting Friday 2nd October at Alison Deans Ulverstone.**

We are available to cater for small functions.

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Devonport Baptist



Work here consisted of taking up rotten flooring and replacing it with new joists and some bearers. It turned out to be more than originally thought. A Busy Bee on the Saturday with guys from the church soon had a big section taken up so on the Monday work progressed well with replacing the old with the new timber. Other jobs were doorways and an old meter box which required



bricking up and another office set up with painting and fixing a door.

It was great to have guys from the church to help most days. This is very encouraging as it is not always possible to have help in this way.

Our team made up with Jack and Adrianna Vanderwal, Neville Byard, George Devereux, Keith Popowski, Lance Reeve and Graham Scott and were able to complete the work in the allotted 2 weeks.

Thanks to the church ladies who fed us up almost to the point of needing a siesta after lunch! A great time of work and fellowship had by all.

Coming Events—October 2009

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| 2nd—Auxiliary Meeting                           | 3rd—State Committee Meeting | 11th Promotion - Burnie Uniting Church |
| 25th Promotion - Sisters Beach Community Church | 31st—Annual Dinner          |  |

**MARCH 2010 - 19-21st WEEKEND RETREAT—CAMP CLAYTON**

Prayer Fellowships

Launceston 6th October  
Contact Doug Townsend 6327 1972

Ulverstone 13th October  
Contact Frank Tyers 6425 9555

Devonport/ Sheffield 28th Sept and 2nd November  
Contact Stan Jones 6429 2511

WORK PROJECTS

October 5th  
November 3rd

November date TBA

**Blue Lagoon Camp** - refurbishing bathroom areas.  
**Missionary home in Launceston** requiring maintenance, fencing, painting, new doors.  
**Bible Society Launceston** - office renovations.

February 2010 (1st wk)  
February 2010  
March 2010  
April 2010  
Others TBC

Fencing in the bushfire affected areas Vic.  
**Worldview [WEC]**  
**Teen Challenge**  
**GLO**  
Fusion, Pt. Sorell Anglican.



## "My next Trip—I Can't Wait", Keith Popowski - Zambia 2009

My 16 year dream became a reality when on June 19, along with 16 others mainly from Devonport Baptist, I participated in an MMM Mission Awareness Tour to Zambia. The emphasis was to give us a clearer understanding of how great God is and how fortunate we are to live in a country like Australia. It gave us a hands-on experience in viewing projects that really do make a humanitarian impact on that nation. Half of the team stayed there for 3 weeks but I was among others who had the privilege of staying for 7 weeks to 'finish' jobs and also include a brief visit to South Africa. It was a real experience working there in ministries amongst the most generous and warm-hearted people.



The team spent the majority of time at Ndola, Zambia's third largest city. At the MMM Zambia base we became involved with the staff and also students of the Vocational Training Centre (VTC). It was a real delight to work, live and worship with such Godly people.

The people of Zambia are so poor but they have so much more! In a country with about 80% unemployment and no Social Security benefits, they often go hungry and might not eat a single meal in any one day. Sometimes the appalling poverty means that one meal of rice in two days or even longer is all that the poor can achieve in terms of nutritional intake.

But there is hope for the Zambians! At the VTC over 180 students are trained each year in vocations like carpentry, brick laying, project management, literacy, and dressmaking. It was a delight to see the Women In Need (WIN) program reaching out to rural areas where women would otherwise be unable to get such training. All that training enables most of the graduates to find employment which benefits not only their family but those beyond.

Zambia is 70% Christian, a country where the people so openly worship the Lord. It was refreshing to see crowds of people walking to church openly carrying their Bible, something rarely seen here at home. Hymns and choruses being played in supermarkets and restaurants are the norm.

The team was engaged on many visits to outlying ministries such as Eagles Wings, a school providing an education for children who have been tortured, abused, or off the street. The teachers were really grateful and excited to see us, all doing a wonderful job among the kids there, offering grades 1 – 9; the once Baptist supported Fiwale Hill project which includes a school, hospital and Bible college; the Twikatane Community School and feeding program, the Kantalomba and Renewed Hope Children Home feeding programs, all where desperate families are being fed on a weekly basis if support is forthcoming.

One of the ministries that had a great impact upon me was St Anthony's Orphanage. It houses about 200 children ranging from new-borns to about 15 years of age, most of whom have lost both parents to HIV/AIDS and malaria. Some have sadly also contracted HIV themselves. There was also a small group of children there who have lost the use of their limbs due to cerebral palsy, who are orphaned or have been abandoned by their parents due to their deformities. We were very privileged to spend time with these kids. They greeted us with the biggest grins screaming 'mzungu' (meaning white person), little hands raised up in the air ready to be picked up, wet bottomed and all! Others mastered the art of climbing all the way from our legs up to our shoulders! We spent as much time as we could playing, talking and cuddling the children, who loved every minute of it. Just being there for the children with cerebral palsy meant so much to them. Visiting this and many other ministries was very emotionally draining but I guess for us it was just part of the learning process. Leaving these kids was most difficult.



We worked on the MMM WIN Kufubu project renovating an old chicken shed so that the ladies could conduct their studies in a more satisfactory environment. I was privileged to be there at the opening of the centre and witnessed the appreciation of the women involved. We also worked on the foundations of MMM's Labuto project and left there with site preparations almost up to the laying of the concrete floor. We erected a tank on a stand that we built which enabled the locals to draw water from a freshly drilled well.

I fell in love with Zambia. The people there are so joyous, all one has to do is greet a passersby with "muli shani" (how are you) and their entire countenance changes and they are smiley and excited to see you. They are honest, hard working, modest people, who very possibly have the most adorable

children ever. The concept of time is very different there – time is of little importance to them. Shops in town have hours posted, but they don't necessarily mean anything. I am grateful that English is the official language of Zambia so communication was not a real problem, although we did learn a little Bemba, the first language of those living in the region.

We also visited the Chobe Game Park in Botswana, went on a sunset cruise of the Zambezi River, visited Victoria Falls where I had an awesome experience of an ultralite flight, but nothing there compares with the experience I had with the people of Ndola. That experience was truly life-changing, one of which I hope, God willing to repeat with my wife, Lyn.

The people benefited from our presence and the witness we were to them, but I think that we were the ones who benefited the most. So often we need to separate God from Western culture so that we can get to know Him, and not just live by the traditions we've been brought up with in Australia. God has been working in so many ways – in the lives of the people we met, in the lives and personalities and priorities of everyone in the team, in our relationships with each other and the people we met, in the work we've done and most importantly in our relationship with Him. It is incredible to see the priorities change in my life and I'm sure in the lives of other team members in a similar way in such a short time. People and relationships, working and learning about God is all that more important now. Zambians have so little compared to us here in Australia; we are very fortunate to have a great lifestyle, but that lifestyle has obscured our need and love for God and for each other.



## MMM AUSTRALIA PRAYER FORCE OCTOBER 09

| SUN   | MON  | TUES  | WED  | THURS  | FRI  | SAT   |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p><b>Psalm 32 : 8</b><br/>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go" says the Lord.</p>  | <p><b>Psalm 11 : 7</b><br/>The Lord is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.</p>   |   |  | <p><b>1</b> Pray for the <b>VIC team &amp; the Beaufort Community Church</b> being helped with painting, maintenance &amp; plastering until the 9th.</p>           | <p><b>2</b> Praise God for <b>Geoff &amp; Carol Limpus</b> going to help <b>OM</b> (Operation Mobilisation) <b>on the MV Doulos in Singapore Harbour</b> .</p>                             | <p><b>3</b> Pray for <b>Erin Shaw &amp; team</b> going to the West Coast of Guadalcanal, <b>Solomon Is</b>, for a couple of weeks to supervise the "setting out" and pouring of a concrete slab floor of a Christian School</p> |
| <p><b>Prayer Fellowships TOMORROW</b><br/><b>VIC - Glen Waverley &amp; Frankston</b><br/><b>TAS - Devonport , Sheffield &amp; Launceston.</b><br/><b>WA - Southside</b></p> | <p><b>5</b> Pray for the <b>TAS team</b> on the project at <b>Blue Lagoon Camp Centre</b>, refurbishing bathroom areas. Pray for this <b>Camp Centre's</b> ministry.</p> | <p><b>6</b> Pray for the <b>NSW team</b> to be a blessing to <b>Auburn Baptist Church</b> with building renovations, until the 16th.</p>                          | <p><b>7</b> Praise God for the <b>great time of fellowship &amp; unity</b> at the <b>Staff Conference</b> last month.</p>  | <p><b>8</b> Pray for the <b>Australian Board members &amp; Tim Cranna</b> as they <b>guide implementation of plans</b> outlined at last month's Conference.</p>    | <p><b>9</b> Pray for <b>great support &amp; fellowship tomorrow</b> at the <b>WA Quiz night &amp; Auction</b>.</p>   | <p><b>10 NZ Annual Dinner</b> tonight. Praise God for the opportunity to <b>promote MMM at Burnie Uniting , TAS, tomorrow</b>.</p>  |
| <p><b>2 Timothy 1 : 9</b><br/>God's grace was given us in <b>Christ Jesus</b> before the beginning of time.</p>   | <p><b>12 Prayer Fellowships</b><br/><b>VIC - Phillip Is &amp; Ballarat</b><br/><b>TAS - at Ulverstone</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b> Praise God for <b>Rachel, Leah &amp; Adstract art</b>, who are working together on <b>creating &amp; producing promotional material</b> for MMM.</p> | <p><b>14</b> Pray for <b>Alan Wilkinson</b> as he continues to work on <b>MMM's insurance claim</b> &amp; also <b>settles into living in a new location</b>.</p> | <p><b>15</b> Pray for <b>Tim Cranna</b> to know <b>God's leading, be encouraged &amp; have good time management</b>.</p>   | <p><b>16</b> Pray that the new <b>promotional material</b> that has been distributed will <b>encourage retired &amp; young people</b> to become involved in serving the Lord with MMM.</p> | <p><b>17</b> Pray for <b>Max Smart</b> in his new <b>pastoral care</b> role &amp; on the <b>Management Team</b>. Pray for him in these new roles and as <b>Director of MMM Thailand</b>.</p>                                    |
| <p><b>Lamentations 3 : 25</b><br/>The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.</p>   | <p><b>19 Prayer Fellowships</b><br/><b>SA - WA - Northside</b></p>   | <p><b>20</b> Pray for <b>Fusion Youth Hostel's ministry in NSW &amp; our team</b> there 'til 30th, renovating accommodation for overseas students.</p>            | <p><b>21</b> Pray for the <b>team at Mornington</b> to be a <b>blessing</b> to the <b>Presbyterian Church</b>, there working on alterations until the 30th.</p>  | <p><b>22</b> Pray for <b>God's provision of staff</b> needed. Praise God for <b>Geoff Banner</b>, a young person, becoming a <b>full time worker</b> with MMM.</p> | <p><b>23</b> Pray for <b>more funding from churches &amp; awareness of projects for the Special Projects Team</b>, using the <b>steel rolling machine</b>.</p>                             | <p><b>24</b> Pray for an <b>encouraging outcome tomorrow</b> from the <b>promotion at Sisters Beach Community Centre, TAS</b>.</p>  |
| <p><b>Proverbs 16 : 21</b><br/>The wise in heart are called discerning.</p>   | <p><b>26</b> Praise God for all <b>Clynton Robinson's</b> efforts in <b>updating MMM's OH&amp;S manual</b>.</p>  | <p><b>27</b> Praise God for the <b>great outcome from Graham Young's cancer surgery</b>. Pray for <b>him</b> as he leads <b>MMM International</b>.</p>            | <p><b>28</b></p>   | <p><b>29</b> Pray for <b>those leading the overseas Centres &amp; for the ministries they assist</b>.</p>  | <p><b>30</b></p>   | <p><b>31 TAS Annual MMM Dinner</b> with updates of MMM work.</p>  |