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Team News Victoria *October 2009*

Opening of the new MMM HO

Staff Conference

Last week all the staff of MMM came together for their bi annual staff meeting. Management, Staff members, State Managers and fulltime mobiles spent a week catching up with one another to debrief about what's been happening in their part of the country and to hear further about the progress of the Mission.

New staff members were introduced as were new appointments capped off with a dinner with the MMM Board members.

Each state gave a presentation about the years activities sharing what's been happening in each state this year and where they see themselves heading in the next six months. A hot favourite was the combined state project in Nhulunbuy NT last May, where several states came together to build accommodation houses for MAF. Projects Manager Peter Taylor says he will be endeavouring to coordinate more such projects for next year.

Although it was a full on week with plenty to be shared and learnt, fortunately it wasn't all business and we were able to take time out to relax and build up our camaraderie.

New HO

At the end of the conference staff met at the new temporary MMM HO in Epping to prepare the premises for the big opening on Saturday by putting in the finishing touches. The Vic team had the previous week constructed new office walls on the ground floor separating the steel rolling section and creating more office space.

Most of the open space will be used by the steel rolling team who now have several projects on the books to fabricate housing both here in Australia and overseas.

Opening day was attended by both past and present members where National Director Tim Cranna shared on the past, the present and the future of MMM both here in Australia and overseas.

After checking out the new premises the guests were able to relax and catch up with other members over a light lunch.



Staff Conference



Putting the finishing touch



Visitors at the MMM HO opening



New Blog Site.

Checkout the new blog site
www.mmmers.blogspot.com for more info about what's happening for the Victorian team

Victoria's 2009 projects:

Check out our MMM web site:

mmm@mmm.org.au

Beaufort Community Church

28th September to 9th October

Beaufort

Painting, maintenance & plastering

Required: Handypersons, painters, plasterer & carpenters

Presbyterian Church

19th October to 30th October

Mornington

Alterations to kitchen, laundry and bathroom

Required: Handypersons, carpenters & plumbers

Elijah's Mantle

9th November to 20th November

Log Cabin Camp

Creswick

Renovate existing stable into habitable dwellings, Painting & Maintenance

Required: Handypersons, painters, plasterer & carpenters

House Painting

30th November to 4th December

Ringwood

Required: painters to paint the outside of missionaries residence in Ringwood

Help, when help is needed.

Like many other households we have been heavily impacted by the 7th February Bushfires. In our case we were directly impacted by the loss of lives, that of our prospective daughter-in-law and her sister who perished at Kinglake. We have also been trying to support our devastated son and the two girls' grief-stricken mother and brother who were rendered homeless after the fire. Of less significance, but nonetheless material, has been dealing with the loss of much equipment, shedding and fencing.

In the months since the fire most of our time and energy has been consumed dealing with grief, general trauma and efforts to comfort and support the girls' family and our son. Our ability to tackle other essential tasks of rebuilding sheds, fencing, reinstating gardens and infrastructure has been limited due to our lack of time and energy and the magnitude of the tasks.

Most fortunately for us, it has been at this point when organizations such as **Samaritan's Purse**, **Mobile Mission Maintenance** and **Life Ministry Centre** have stepped in and provided very much appreciated support. In our situation there was an enormous amount of work to be done clearing fallen trees, removing damaged fencing and reinstating new fencing. Clearly this task would have been beyond our physical and financial capability and it comes as an enormous relief to have these tasks now mostly completed.

We have been swept away by the generosity of all the individuals involved for providing their time and equipment (unfortunately we cannot remember everyone's name) and would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone involved. You have all removed an enormous burden from our shoulders and we are now able to move forward with far greater enthusiasm.

Danny and Fay Monagle

Thanks to the team: Max Oldfield, Stewart Boundy, Mal Butcher, Jim Rees Leigh Minehan, and Erin Shaw



Upcoming Overseas projects:

1. MV Doulos in Singapore Harbour. Approximate dates, October and November 2009.

MMM has been asked to assist OM (Operation Mobilisation) in putting together a team to work aboard the Doulos while she is in the Port of Singapore. OM are looking for carpenters, electricians and tilers. Welders are needed too and they may need to voyage with the Doulos for a short while as they are not allowed to do their own welding in the Port of Singapore. Therefore, welding will need to be done before and after the Doulos is in Singapore Harbour.



2. Christian Leaders Training College - Mt Hagen, PNG. Dates: June and July 2010.

We have been asked to go to CLTC at Mt Hagen to build four accommodation cottages to house students enrolling at the college. Last year, they had 160 applications for enrolment but had only accommodation space for 32. Obviously, the need is great. We have already started getting volunteers to participate on this team and we need carpenters, electricians and all the usual tradesmen, plus handy men and women who are happy to turn their hand to the sort of work you would expect to need to do on a building site. It is anticipated the project leaders will be in PNG for approximately eight weeks and volunteers can go for as long as time permits.



3. Christian School, Chapurla (West Coast of Guadalcanal), Solomon Islands October or November 2009 and February / March 2010.

We now have a need for a couple of builders to go to the West Coast of Guadalcanal for a couple of weeks to supervise the "setting out" and pouring of a concrete slab floor of a school building 28m x 8m. There will be plenty of local labour. We simply need to provide the supervisors for the work to ensure it is done according to specifications. Then in early 2010 we will be sending a team for 6 weeks to construct a four room school building of local timber. **We are now taking names to build a team.**

You may wish to go yourself, or even better, you may decide to get a group of your church associates together, to go as a team. Please consider this opportunity to become involved in short term offshore mission.



For further details about these projects, please contact

MMM Projects Manager: Peter Taylor project@mmm.org.au or phone 02 4357 2921.

Prayer Families for 2009

Prayer families are full and part time staff who have been allocated to Vic Auxiliary members to pray for throughout 2009

Agnes Morrison - Now resigned from MMM

Anthony & Siska Hocking - Western Australia State Managers Children: Scott, Erin, Jorja & Lauren

Prayer Fellowships in October

Glen Waverley: Monday 5th October

(First Monday of each month—1.30pm)

Mrs Lydia McKelvie:

28 View Mount Road, Glen Waverley

Ph: 9561 1541

Frankston: Monday 5th October

(First Monday of each month—2.00pm)

Mr & Mrs Dudley & Florence Brown:

Unit 276 Baxter Village, Baxter

Ph: 5971 2629

Geelong: Thursday 8th October

(Second Thursday of each month—10am)

Mrs Ena Osswald:

38 Learmouth Street, Belmont

Ph: 5243 2537

Box Hill: Friday 9th October

(Second Friday of each month—8pm)

Mr & Mrs Graeme & Mary Jones:

52 Harrison St Box Hill Nth

Ph: 9890 4164

Phillip Island: Monday 12th October

(Second Monday of each month - 1.30pm)

Mr & Mrs Charles & Rose Crosby

141 Settlement Road, Cowes

Ph: 5952 5879

Ballarat: Monday 12th October

(Second Monday of each month—7.30pm)

Mr & Mrs Ken & Robyn Gellert:

32 Gregory Street, Ballarat

Ph: 5332 1656

Prayer fellowships are an integral part of the ministry and all are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend one of these prayer fellowship please contact the hosts in the area nearest to you or if you would like to start a prayer fellowship in your area please contact the Vic office.

October Prayer Force 2009

				1 Pray for Tim Cranna (Nat Dir) as he moves MMM Australia forward, for wisdom & good health	2 Pray for our International Directors Graham & Elizabeth Young pray for healing for Graham and strength for Elizabeth.	3 Praise God for the Auxiliaries around Australia as they raise money and awareness of the mission.
4 “A wise man has great power and a man of knowledge increases strength;” Prov: 24:5	5 Prayer fellowships at Glen Waverley & Frankston today , praise God for their commitment to MMM.	6 Pray for the Management team as they meet and have wisdom in all their decisions.	7 Pray for Max Smart as he takes on the role as Pastoral Care for staff	8 Prayer fellowship at Geelong today. Pray for Ena and her group as the commit MMM needs to prayer	9 Prayer fellowship at Box Hill tonight pray for Graeme & Mary Jones as they faithfully lead the team in prayer for MMM.	10 Pray for the Vic team for rest and recuperate after being at Beaufort for the last 2 weeks.
11 How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Ps 116: 12 - 13	12 Pray for the full time staff of MMM as they continue in service to the Lord Phillip Island & Ballarat prayer fellowships, praise God for their continual commitment.	13 Pray for Alan Wilkinson in his role as Ministry Manager and what that role entails, pray for wisdom and strength in everything he does.	14 Victoria State Committee tonight please pray for wisdom and good fellowship	15 Pray for the Mobile Teams as they travel from project to project that they would have safety on the jobs and on the roads.	16 Pray for all the volunteers that give of their time either through work projects, prayer fellowships, committees and encouragement.	17 Pray for the Vic Auxiliary team as they cater for a 60th Wedding Anniversary today at Wyndham Community Church.
18 Pray for Rob Saunders as he speaks at Cranbourne today promoting the Mission. “You are my portion, Oh Lord Ps 119: 5a	19 Pray for the Vic team as they work at Mornington Presbyterian church for the next 2 weeks	20 Pray for Peter Taylor in his role as Projects Manager, pray for good health and wisdom as he organises teams for overseas and national projects.	21 Pray for the Australia Board in the decisions that have to make to move the ministry forward.	22 Praise God for every prayer fellowship around Australia praying for the work of MMM and the teams of people who give of their time.	23 Pray for the Vic team as they in fellowship at Mornington Church this week end	24 Continue to pray for enough skilled workers on each project, for more Associates to join MMM and New State Managers for Tasmania.
25 Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth” Ps 54:2	26 Pray for the Vic team as they continue at Mornington this week	27 Pray for our prayer families the Hockings (WA Managers) & Agnes Morrison (now resigned from MMM)	28 Pray for and Uphold each state manager, that they continue to be supported & encouraged in all they do.	29 Pray for the Safari team that they will be protected on each project and that the team would enjoy good fellowship together.	30 Pray for the State Committees in each state as the make decisions to move their state forward	31 Pray that we will have enough volunteers for catering at the Walkathon next Saturday