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The Ultimate Promotion

John King was a board member of the MMM International Alliance for many years. He served with distinction, with grace, and with love and faithfully administered the gifts of wisdom and encouragement that God had deposited in him. His contagious smile and his calming voice provided a perfect platform for the delivery of a message that needed to be heard, and yet always sounded like a youthful tale of enlightenment.

John travelled the world preaching and teaching Jesus Christ, and he had a passion for theology and the understanding of God's Word seldom found in the hearts of men. John could easily

be described as a quiet Canadian gentleman who lived life with a passion, and enjoyed every challenge of ministry that presented before him.

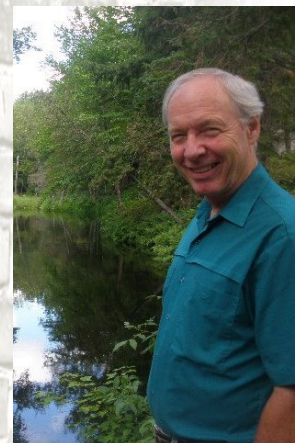
John and his wife Laura visited Australia on many occasions for ministry, and always grasped any opportunity to share the joy of playing his Saw in worship and praise. In recent years John as an International Alliance board member attended the 20th anniversary celebrations of MMM New Zealand, and also the 40th anniversary celebrations of MMM Australia. John remained a board member until October 2016 when the board stood down to allow a re-visioning of the International Alliance.

On March 10th this year John was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and was advised that it had spread to his liver also. Shortly after this he was admitted to hospital with kidney failure where he and Laura were advised that barring a miracle he would have days or weeks not months to live. On Friday March 17th Laura communicated his circumstance to his friends and colleagues, and then sadly the next day had to communicate his promotion

to Glory. For John, he viewed this as the ultimate promotion.

In his last correspondence he describes his life as a series of doors or opportunities that God wanted him to be willing to walk through. When confronted with the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer he viewed that as just another door that would lead to eternity if he stepped through.

John will be greatly missed, by Laura, his family, and his many friends around the world. MMM Australia conveyed our love and prayers to the King family in this their time of grief. John was a great friend to MMM around the world and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.



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Visiting Victoria



In March a composite team from New South Wales, and New Zealand ventured into the mighty state of Victoria to help out on a project that started for MMM a little over three years ago. The team lead by maestro Les Schwebel arrived ready for work on Monday March 6th through to the 17th.

Three years earlier a team from NSW were there to build internal partitions in a project that lasted two weeks. The Church has made slow progress with the building since then and this time round we were ready to do the fit-out of skirts, doors, and some plumbing around the toilets and kitchen areas. The project team was Les & Fay Schwebel, Frank & Yvonne Wilkie, Ian and Ellen Dawson, John Kerr, Siete Woldhuis & his sister-in-law, Paul Barnham, Graeme Hayman (NZ), Roelof Oosterveen, and Rob & Marilyn Parsons.



The team spent two weeks in beautiful Cobram on the Murray River where they completed all the work planned. They had great support from Pastor Chris Mustica who invited the whole team over for dinner one night just as a small way to say thanks, and also had a flying visit from our CEO on the first Thursday who drove up from Melbourne to catch up and say thanks to the team.

According to Paul Barnham, it was a fantastic time with a team that really worked well together, and it was great to have Graeme joining us from New Zealand for this one project. We even had an article about the effort in the local Cobram Courier newspaper, but somehow when the photograph was taken none of the ladies were around ???

animals and last year only 107 were registered," Ms Rice said.

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Volunteers return to help build church

Cobram's Riverside Church is one step closer to completion thanks to a team of visiting volunteers.

The group of workers from the organisation Mobile Mission Maintenance Australia has been in Cobram for the past two weeks giving assistance to the construction to the church.

MMM is a mission organisation operating throughout Australia and supports Christian ministries by providing building, maintenance and other practical services.

It isn't the first time the organisation has been on this site, as it was originally here in August of 2013.

MMM volunteer Paul Barnham said they had enjoyed their time in Cobram much more in 2017.

"I can still remember how cold it was in August in Cobram," he said.

"Our volunteers come from right across the country and everyone here in Cobram is from various parts of NSW — I think the one that has the furthest to travel comes from up around Newcastle.

"We all come from various backgrounds of work before retiring so it is a great way for us all to keep busy."

The group finished its time in Cobram on Friday and will now go somewhere else in the country that requires its help.

Getting the hands dirty: The Mobile Mission Maintenance Australia team that was in Cobram for the past two weeks has been hard at work.

Project Updates: email mmmnsw@mmm.org.au for information or registration on any of these projects

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NSW Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Mid April	Mumbil NSW	Wall cladding & ablution block construction
Late April	Toukley	Painting of main building and surrounding area
Early May	Griffith Baptist Church	Manse renovation & painting

People & Places

NSW Associates Update

On Saturday March 25th our CEO Terrence Baxter spent the afternoon with a few of the NSW faithful briefing us on the new vision and directions for the MMM Associates programme. With the support of Riverside Baptist Church in Ermington who gave us use of their facilities for the afternoon Terrence shared with about 12 of the New South Wales team what plans have been developed and what the revitalised Associates programme looks like.

With many of the New South Wales volunteers engaged in project work in other parts of the country (including Phill Halls team in Western Australia) the numbers on the day were smaller than hoped for, however there will be further opportunity later in the year for a repeat visit to update as many people as possible on the updated programme.



Prayer Support

Prayer Points:

Pray for God to provide new Region Managers for MMM NSW.

Pray for the NSW Committee as they fill in the gaps until a new Region Manager is in place.

Pray for continued recovery for Barry Campbell. **Praise God** for great progress and for his resumption of driving.

Pray for Phil & Gwen Hall as they lead the Safari Team to Western Australia.

Pray for the whole team, for safety, health, and strength & endurance.

MMM ASSOCIATES a world of opportunities

A world of opportunities is available to MMM Associates to serve, to go, to see, and to do!

Serving those who serve is the maxim for MMM as we seek to help Christian organisations across Australia and around the world with repairs, maintenance, and construction of their facilities. With over 40 years of missions experience MMM has worked on building projects for orphanages, schools, churches, missions organisations, and support agencies around the world.

MMM Associates are the heart and soul of our Mission, volunteering in areas of service where your gifts and talents can make a real difference and where you can find a purpose and fulfilment in Christian mission whilst still being an active part of your local church.



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serving those who serve



Caravan Safari Arrives in WA



After much planning and excitement, members of the MMM Caravan Safari have crossed the border into Western Australia and are now beginning project works which will see them busy for the next 4 months. It has not only been a long journey in miles travelled but in the arrangements that needed to be put into place to ensure that work projects were scheduled, accommodation found, catering and time for some leisure activities.

The MMMWA Region Committee are counting their blessings for the commitment and enthusiasm that has been shown by these

Volunteers who have given of their time to "Serve those Who Serve". MMM first received an application for some work at the Bay of Isles Christian Fellowship Esperance back in late 2014, but due to non-availability of Volunteers were unable to undertake the project. However, God's planning and timing is always far better than ours and it was great to be able to schedule this work into the 2017 Caravan Safari. The



Safari spent the first week at a lovely farm stay 35Km out of town carrying out repairs and maintenance on the home and generator shed. These repairs will upgrade this accommodation which is used by those in Mission or Christian Ministry requiring a rest break.

The Team then moved into Esperance to complete some renovations on the Bay of Isles Christian Fellowship Church. For those who have been associated with MMM for many years you would know that, in the early days of MMM, many trips were made from the Eastern States to the South-west of WA to carry out projects on a number of missions. It is such a blessing to have a Team of Volunteers tracing some of the steps, rich in history, of past MMM'ers.

Our prayers are with Phill and Gwen Hall (NSW), Geoff and Bronwyn Brauer (QLD), Peter and Lyn Groves (NSW), and Rod Heape (WA) as they travel on our busy roads and for safety as they work on the projects ahead. During the months of May and June the Safari Team will be working closer to Perth and we are looking to have a Meet and Greet with them, details to follow.



WA Local Projects

Local Projects under Construction

During the last couple of months, MMMWA in addition to the projects that have been scheduled for the Caravan Safari, has received a number of applications for consideration that will require a larger number of Volunteers, Teams of 4-8, to assist in carry out the scope of the projects works.

These projects involve the construction or major renovations of Churches, Halls or Church Buildings. If you could make yourself available, Trevor Beard (WA Regional Manager) would like to hear from you.



MMMWA Celebration Dinner

The recent MMMWA Celebration Dinner was held at Camp Wattle Grove. The night was attended by around 75 supporters of the ministry of MMM. It was so encouraging to talk to and share with everyone about the part they played in the ministry - whether they had received a blessing through a construction project, had some fun at one of the Ladies Ministry Team Events, put a hand to the tools or continued to support MMM with their prayers. Pastor Bob Chapman from Yarloop Christian Fellowship challenge everyone *"to seek the Calling, every Christian has one, that God has on*

their life and pursue it with passion".

Terry Baxter (CEO)

shared about the re-Launch of the MMM Associates Programme and the 5 ways that we can "serve" as an Associate - *On the Road, On Your Knees, On A Desk, On the Tins or On the Stage*. A Big thanks goes to all those who helped with setting up, in the kitchen, serving and cleaning up, your contribution made the evening a success.



Op Shop Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 29th April 2017
\$40 per person
Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

Mad Hatter's High Tea and Marketplace

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1:00 - 4:00 pm
Saturday 17th June 2017
\$40 per person
Thornlie Church of Christ Auditorium
319 Spencer Road, Thornlie



Foodies' Bus Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 29th July 2017
\$40 per person
Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

Christmas Shopping Tour

8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 7th October 2017
\$40 per person
Food not supplied, but there will be opportunities to buy lunch, etc. along the way
Bus departs from, and returns to, MMMWA
33 Furley Road, Southern River

Praise & Prayer Support

Pray for members of the MMMWA Family who balance secular jobs, family life and the work of the ministry of MMM

Pray for local WA Volunteers to come forward to be part of a larger Project Team

Pray for the meetings with a number of Organisations planned over the coming month and the discussions around how MMMWA can assist them in their ministries

Give thanks for the volunteers on the Caravan Safari and their willingness to travel the many miles to serve

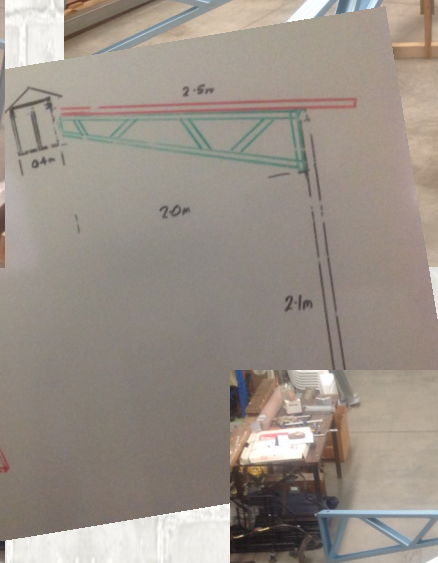
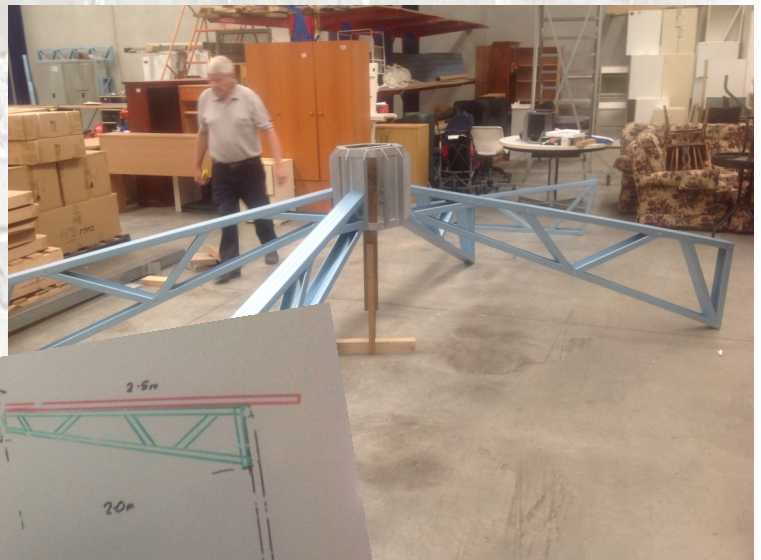
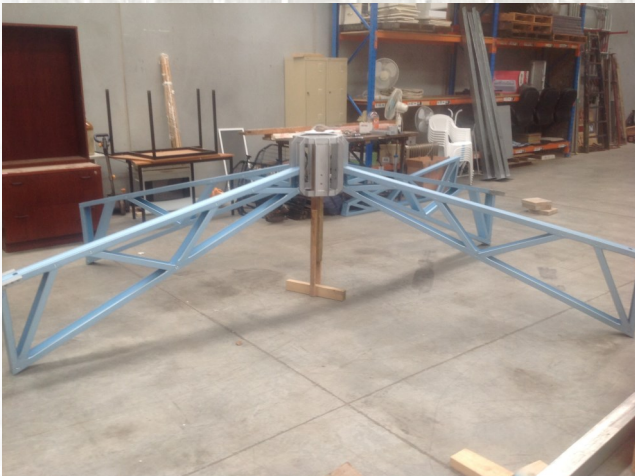
Give thanks for the donations received, that allow the ministry of MMM to continue to serve those who serve.



VIC/SA Garden Party

As this edition is published the MMM Team in Victoria will be attending a fundraiser at Como House in South Yarra. With the assistance of the MMM Board – Fundraising Sub Committee chaired by Melanie McGrice we have been planning to get philanthropic sponsors to engage with MMM and embrace the vision and mission.

Early on in the planning the idea was floated to design and build a gazebo for the event and auction it off on the day. From a very rough sketch on a whiteboard to Noel Taylor's precision Cad Design a complete structure has been developed and assembled in the Mitcham factory as a final test prior to transport to the Como Gardens on the day where it will be assembled, hopefully admired, and auctioned. The outcome's will be on Facebook and in the next TeamNews publication.



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Vic/SA Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Mid April	Congregational Samoan Church	Shower construction in offices
Late April	Footscray Church of Christ	Erection of patio kit
Early May	Baptist Church—Sandringham	Railings & storage repairs, storage room construction
May/June	Happy Valley Baptist Church (SA)	Disabled toilet & ramp construction

People & Places



New Region Manager

We are more than happy to announce the appointment of a new Region Manager for the Victoria/South Australia region. **Geoff Jarvis** has been involved with MMM project work in Mainland China and has been challenged in his own heart to get more involved with MMM in recent years.

Geoff was introduced to our CEO Terrence Baxter through former International Director Graham Young to chat about life, passions, and possibilities with MMM but not necessarily in the role of region manager, in the course of their initial meeting Terrence was challenged to question Geoff if he would pray about taking on the Region Manager role for this region. Both men committed to pray for three weeks as see what God was saying.

After three weeks they met again over breakfast and both agreed that God was indeed behind this move. After speaking with Geoff's pastor and discussing the possibilities with Board Chair Shane Prior, the recommendation was discussed and approved at the March Board meeting.

Geoff is a member of Belgrave South Baptist Church in Melbourne's eastern hills and is a Manager of the Dandenong Beaumont Tiles store, the largest Beaumont Tiles outlet in Australia. Geoff's father was a builder so there is some background links with construction. Geoff has Management qualifications and has worked with one of Australia's largest employers before transitioning to Beaumont Tiles.

We are working through a transition and orientation process over the next month or so, and he will be taking up responsibilities of region management during May, we will be arranging a fellowship time soon for everyone to come and meet Geoff. Please pray for him as he takes on this significant challenge and responsibilities.

When you're praying for Geoff, please remember to give much praise to God for His answered prayers in this appointment.

Prayer Support

Prayer Points:

Pray for our new region manager Geoff Jarvis as he plans the transition to MMM

Pray for the Vic/SA Committee to support the new region manager and re-establish a vibrant work across the region.

Pray for many more Associates in both Victoria and South Australia for projects, prayer groups, admin work, and MMM Ambassadors to spread the word of MMM.



How do we say thanks?

Rod & Lynn Dowling have stepped down as MMM Region Managers for Tasmania after three wonderful years of leadership. A little over three and a half years ago the Tasmanian MMM team had been coming to grips with a difficult period in our history. Differences in direction, goals, and personalities had culminated in genuine hurt and difficulty in many of the volunteers experiences.

At that time we were paid a visit by our new CEO – Terrence Baxter, and Rob Dux (*MD of MMM Build*) where we had a public gathering for all interested volunteers and supporters at the Centre in Perth. It was during that visit that discussions began with Rod and Lynn Dowling about the possibility of taking on the Region Manager role. In December 2014 Rod and Lynn met with then Board Chairman – Andy Boer as a final step in the process and the Board confirmed their appointment as Region Managers for Tasmania.

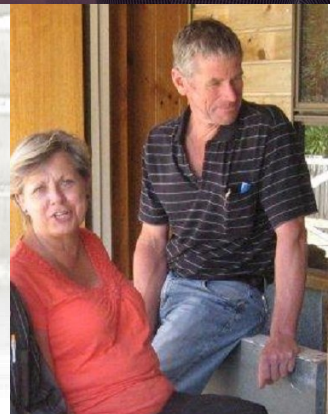
Over the past three years Rod and Lynn have done an outstanding job refocussing the region. Their heart and passion for MMM, and for people has seen a region transformed and doing great work for the Kingdom.

A lot has transpired in those three years, and we have seen new volunteers, many projects completed, and a new lease of life for the work across the region. Rod and Lynn with rightly say that it's not just them, they have developed a great region committee with John and Dianne de Jong and Darrel and Glenys House. This team has been united and committed to the vision of MMM and have been involved in all aspects of the ministry.

This has been a partnership effort by a wonderful couple and they each have brought different qualities to the role. Lynn's heart for prayer and spiritual discernment has been a great influence on every aspect of the work, and Rod's wisdom and leadership has guided the committee and volunteers through to much success.

So what's next for Rod and Lynn, well in some ways its more of the same, their commitment to MMM in Tasmania hasn't ended, they have expressed a desire to stay involved on the state committee and to be there to support new leaders when they are appointed. They will continue to develop their Prayer Retreat 'up in the hills' as well as Rod's business connections across Tasmania. Of course the many friendships and relationships developed over the past years will continue to be a focus in their lives. Their growing family (*to clarify we mean grandchildren as the growth area*) will of course be at the centre of their world, but their wider MMM family will always be in their hearts.

How do we say thanks for all the sacrifice, effort, and love that Rod and Lynn have poured into the ministry in the past 3+ years, it's difficult to imagine what the place would be like without their efforts and vision – the one thing we know is; it's a better place as a result of their leadership. The only true way is for each of us to say **THANK YOU** from the depths of our heart. **Many thanks to Rod and Lynn Dowling.**



Tas Local Projects

Projects:

There are a variety of projects coming up in Tasmania, please contact John, Darrel, or Rod to find out where the need is and how you can help.

What We Need

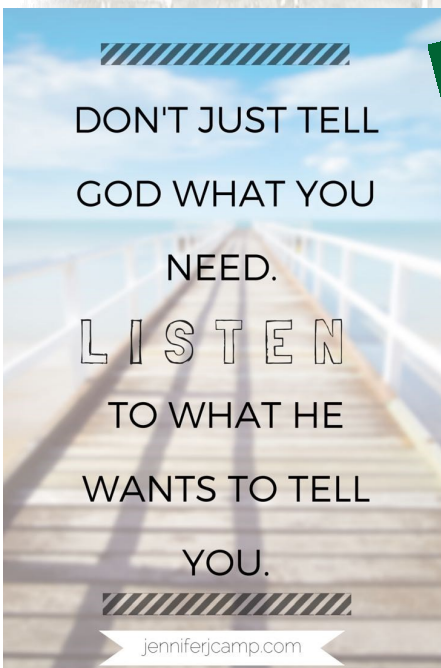


It isn't quite a "What We Need" but more of a "**Who We Need**". I'm urging all MMM'ers (*not just in Tasmania*) to pray for a Region Manager for the beautiful 'apple isle'. With Rod and Lynn Dowling finishing as Region Managers at the end of March we are prayerfully waiting for God to bring forward our next Region Managers.

Who are we looking for; well that question was best asked of MMM CEO Terrence Baxter. "We are looking for someone with a heart for MMM, a passion for people, and the knowledge that God has been speaking to them about volunteering with MMM. We can do a lot to assist the region manager in the operations including providing a residence, and all the tools necessary to make it all happen."

He goes on to say; "The skills needed are not uncommon, and we have the support necessary for the 'unknown' things an individual may feel they are lacking. Tasmania is blessed with a great state committee that has many years of experience and that can make the task a whole lot easier".

What we need right now is for the prayer network and everyone across Australia to pray for the right couple to hear from God, and answer the call. There is a famous quote from Corey Ten Boom which says "*Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.*" There may be someone out there reading this wondering how would all this work, well sometimes we just have to trust God and step out into the unknown. That is a true faith step.



If this article has spoken to you, if you feel God might be speaking to you then contact Terrence Baxter at our Head Office and have a chat. You never know where God will lead!
(03) 9837 2700





Acacia Ridge Baptist Church

Over the last few months, John and Adrian have been assisting Acacia Ridge Baptist church with some maintenance and have really valued the partnership with the church. The report below is from the pastor, who worked with them both throughout the project:

Acacia Ridge Baptist Church would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mobile Mission Maintenance for your help. We have greatly appreciated the repairs and maintenance you have done for us. Some of the jobs you've done, we simply didn't have the expertise to do ourselves, and other jobs, as a small congregation, we didn't have the manpower or equipment to do.

Personally, as the pastor, I have been particularly thankful for the job you did of putting inside entries to our toilet block. I recently drove by the church one evening when our Lady's Bible Study Group was meeting and remember thanking the Lord for your willingness to do these alterations so that the ladies no longer had to go the exterior entrance at night time. It was comforting to know that they had a safer and well-lit access to these amenities.

The church building had really fallen into a place of disrepair to the point that it was difficult to know where to begin. The advice, direction and encouragement that John and Adrian from MMM have given along the way has been of great value. Thank you guys.

For about the last year the building repairs have been a very consuming focus. We are now looking forward to what the Lord is going to do with the building as it has been brought up to good standard. As the building is a tool to be used to advance the gospel, it was encouraging to hear from John and Adrian that Mobile Mission Maintenance was also of the same mind. They were there to help us sharpen the tool, but the desire to proclaim and honour Jesus was theirs and MMM's purpose in doing so.

Acacia Ridge Baptist also recognises that Mobile Mission Maintenance has many people behind the scenes, managing and administering the organisation, as well as other tradies and staff that we have not met. We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to you as well for your part in our building's revitalisation.

Thanks and blessings to all,
Paul Ryttersgaard – Pastor / on behalf of Acacia Ridge Baptist Church



Qld/NT Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
26th June	Bajool near Rockhampton— Wesleyan Church	Painting exterior of Church
3rd July	Viti Wesleyan Church—Rockhampton	Sanding and painting window frames
17th July	Rockhampton Christian Community Church	Painting eaves and interior walls

Work Programme

Coming up in the next few months are the following projects. If you'd like to assist John and Adrian, they'd love to hear from you. All projects will be flexible with start dates ATM, according to assistance and expertise.

Kilcoy Wesleyan Church, Kilcoy – replacing timber deck

Annerley Baptist Church, Annerley – drainage, shade cover and build a timber deck

Gospel of Power, Mt Gravatt – build rooms for offices, cry room and Sunday school

Teen Challenge, Toowoomba – plumbing

Boys Brigade, Mt Tarampa – soffits and guttering to cabins

People & Places

Late last year Adrian Behrens, Des Hall and John Cooper travelled out to Toowoomba to assist Ian Anderson by fitting out his garage with office space as he serves with OM, based in Toowoomba. The men enjoyed their time there and were entertained by the three little boys as well. This is what Ian wrote about it.

“We can't thank Adrian, John and Des enough for the fantastic work they did converting our garage into an office. They worked incredibly hard and we were amazed when they had it all finished in less than 3 days. The finish is excellent and we are very happy with the result. The electrician I hired to do the wiring told me they were very different to the usual tradies he works with. He couldn't believe how helpful and accommodating they were”. Ian Anderson



Garage Sale

When: Selling days are 5th and 6th May

Where: 29 Lamington Road, Mango Hill

We need donations please. Would you put an advertisement in your church newsletter for us please?

Accepting clothes, furniture, bric-a-brac, books, electrical, toys and tools; anything in working condition would be great. BBQ and drinks will be available on sale days.

Setting up on the 3rd and 4th May so bring your van and stay for a few days.

Contact Anne to book in with van

Prayer Support

Praise – Gods provision for the Behrens over the last few months

David settling into Kindy

Healing for Justin and John Cooper

Prayer – Health and safety for Behrens and Coopers

Team members to join the Rockhampton safari

Leaders to assist with the Rockhampton safari

Goods to come in for the May garage sale and helpers to be available



“Communication”

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people in Queensland and Northern NSW with the devastating impact of Cyclone Debbie and the floods. I pray God's people will be an encouragement to both Christians and non believers by providing practical assistance where possible and vital prayer support. May people seek God through these very challenging circumstances.

A few weeks ago I heard not one but a group of kookaburras “laughing” loudly and they continued for about five minutes ! It made me laugh to myself as I wondered what they were communicating. I don't know if they were having a lively “conversation”, an “argument” or maybe they were happily rejoicing together but they certainly seemed to be communicating!

MMM Team News is one method used to communicate what God is doing in and through his wonderful, faithful servants in MMM and the encouragement and blessing our work is to the recipients. When you have read it please consider giving it to someone who hasn't seen it or maybe leave it at your church or Bible study group. Inform others of our website www.mmm.org.au and our Facebook page, MMM Australia, where other relevant information is also communicated. We need more volunteers to hear about MMM and get involved in “serving those who serve”. Encourage people to chat with our CEO, our Region Managers, our Associates and those who we have done projects for. I know many of you communicate with each other and have formed great relationships as part of the MMM “family”.

God certainly got Moses' attention through the burning bush that was not being consumed and he communicated his message very clearly to him. Moses did not want to go and tell Pharaoh God's message. **Exodus 4 : 10** *Moses said “I have never been eloquent , neither in the past, nor since you have spoken to your servant.. I*

am so slow of speech and tongue” In **Exodus 4 : 12** God says **Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.** God then told Moses that his brother Aaron would go with him as the spokesperson to communicate with Pharaoh. God also said he would tell Moses what to instruct Aaron to say. Great solution for Moses!

Effective communication is so important to all our relationships and especially our connection and communication with God through his Holy Spirit. He loves to communicate with us as we spend time communicating with Him in prayer, praising Him, giving thanks, confessing our sins and listening to receive his wisdom and guidance.

