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'Tis the Season

As we approach Christmas this year we can reflect on a year of positives and negatives for MMM Australia. I'm not sure about you but one of the 'automatic' things I tend to do around this time of the year is to look back over the year that has raced by and evaluate what has and hasn't been achieved.

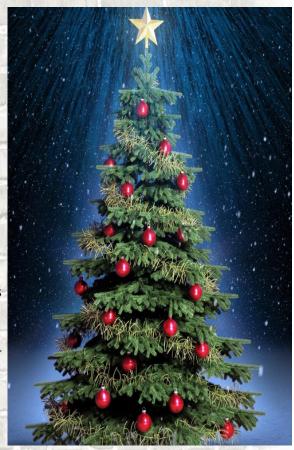
For me personally this year has been one of the busiest I can remember, I've visited places in the world I've never been, met people I never thought I would meet, and been busy on activities I never imagined I would be involved with. That's life sometimes, and for me it's all a part of the adventure of my role as CEO of this wonderful organisation.

We achieved an outstanding amount of project completions in 2017/18 completing 67 projects nationally, and in doing so racked up over 24,000 project hours on client sites. When we calculate this in terms of the amount of contribution this is to the Christian church it equates to over \$3.2m worth of project work. Sadly though the support from Churches and organisations has dropped off significantly and we recorded a cash loss for the reporting period. The Board and I have taken significant steps to reverse this trend and in the latter quarter of the calendar year we have seen that trend turn around.

We have seen volunteers step into key roles for MMM in 2018, including our National Prayer Coordinator (Helen Bell) and our Social Media Coordinator (Sarah Boswell). This year we also welcomed Greg & Robyn Jackson to MMM NSW leadership. Sadly this year one of our long-time MMM'ers passed away — Gordon Hutchinson, his funeral service was a touching celebration of his life of faith and service. Lastly, following almost 6 years of contribution to the Board we are saying farewell to our Board Chairperson Shane Prior. Shane has stepped down from the Board because of competing priorities with his business commitments, family commitments, local Church involvement, and his commitments to MMM Australia and the International Alliance. He will be greatly missed by the Board.

As I reflect on the year gone by, I'm also very positive about the future, not because of anything other than knowing that God has everything under control, and we will continue to place our trust in Him, and walk the walk of faith through MMM. Christmas is a wonderful season of hope, a season of joy, and a season of blessing. These three things are what I pray for each and every MMM volunteer, Associate, and supporter.

Enjoy a wonderful time celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas. Be blessed and be a blessing.



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For specific information regarding any of these project opportunities please contact the Region Manager responsible for the project.

NW-18-689	NSW	Lutanda Campsite: Painting and Maintenance	Servant Hearts
Jan 201	.9	Caravan Parking Available	
AT-18-709	ACT	Canberra House of Prayer: Maintenance and repairs to main	Handy Men and Wom-
Feb 2019		building and carport	en
NW-18-727	NSW	Glenn Innes Uniting Church: External painting and fence construction	Full team needed.
Mar 20	19		The state of the s
NW-18-744	NSW	Tenterfield Presbyterian Church: External painting of heritage church	Painters and Servant
Mar 2019		building	Hearts
NW-18-738	NSW	St Johns Presbyterian Church Wollomombi (Armadale): External	Painters and Servant
Apr 2019		Painting	Hearts
NW-17-579	NSW	Lawson Baptist Church: External timber replacement and external	Handy Men and Wom-
Apr 2019		painting	en
NW-18-769	NSW	Marsfield Community Church: Internal painting and floor renovations	Painters and Servant
Apr 201	L9		Hearts
NW-18-809	NSW	Nyngan Baptist Fellowship: Kitchen renovations	Servant Hearts
May 20	19		1324716
VC-18-730	VIC	Brunswick Baptist Church: Lighting replacement in Church (working at	Electricians
ТВА		heights)	
VC-18-784	VIC	Southern Community Church of Christ: Portico repairs and renovations	Painters and Servant
TBA		and hall painting	Hearts
VC-18-787	VIC	Thorpdale Wesleyan Methodist Church: Repairs and maintenance	Handy Men and Wom-
ТВА			en
TS-18-818	TAS	Riverbend Youth Centre: Lighting upgrades from Fluro's to LED	Electricians
Jan 28—Feb 1			

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TS-18-839	TAS		Accomm. Available.
Jan 201	19		Full team needed
TS-18-841	TAS	Camp Clayton—Ulverstone: General maintenance to facilities	Accomm. Available.
Feb 2019			Volunteers needed
TS-18-828	TAS	Worldview Launceston: Renovations and Maintenance	Accomm. Available.
Feb 201	19	Term can be to take your form reason and reason and below such frame and the	Full team needed
TS-18-851	TAS	Fusion—Kingston: General maintenance to facilities	Accomm. Available.
Mar 2019			Volunteers required
QD-18-819	QLD	Rockhampton Christian Community Church: Internal painting and tiling	Painters and Servant
ТВА		of one room	Hearts
QD-18-817	QLD	Biggendon Uniting Church: External painting of timber church	Painters and Servant
ТВА			Hearts
SA-18-811	SA	Sherlock Baptist Church: Internal stage modification and exterior access	Handy Men and Wom-
Apr 19		ramp	en
SA-18-806	SA	Mannum Baptist Church: Repairs and maintenance to Church Manse	Handy Men and Wom-
May 1	9	(Work at heights)	en
SA-18-675	SA	Life FM Broadcasting: Internal repairs to office facilities	Handy Men and Wom-
TBA	marie		en
SA-18-84?	SA	Port Augusta Gospel Chapel: Maintenance and repairs to floors and	Handy Men and Wom-
May 19		general facilities	en
Os-18-728	os	One Salt Water—Vanuatu: Construction of Medical Clinic on Efate.	Limited team places
March 11—23		(MMM Build-A-Bond Project)	still available.

WA Wildflower Caravan Safari 2019 Update

Various	WA		Register your interest by contacting Trevor
July - Sept 19		progressing well. A list of projects will see the Caravan Safari completing	Beard (MMMWA Region
		projects in Vic and SA as well as WA, thus reducing the kilometres to be	Manager) who will keep
	Mar I	travelled between projects. There will be free time scheduled to allow	you informed as more
		for Volunteers to discover the beauty and wonder of the Western Aus-	information becomes
		tralia landscape including the Wildflowers. Volunteers will be able to	available.
		join and leave the Safari as they wish to best make use of their time or	
		availability. We are praying for Volunteers from all states including WA	The second secon
		so that there will be a mixture of experiences adding to the fun and fel-	
		lowship. Projects will vary from City to Country Churches, Campsites,	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
		Outback and Urban Christian Mission. If you have some time in July to	
		September 2019 and would like to join us "Serving Those Who Serve"	



Giving God Thanks for 2018!

As 2018 draws to a close we give thanks to God on the 20 jobs successfully completed this year. The year started at the Toronto Baptist Church and concluded at the Katoomba Christian Convention with a challenging renovation and Christmas dinner. In between, teams travelled to Tenterfield, Cobar, Forbes, Dubbo, Foster, Coffs Harbour, Lawson, Tahlee, Canyonlee, and many towns in between.

We have been blessed with good health, and work place safety and the skills and expertise of the team leaders including Paul Barnham, Ian Dawson, Barry Campbell and Phil and Gwen Hall. In addition, Peter and Lyn Groves and John and Joyce Blade led a number of teams in Queensland.



Most jobs presented their challenges but none more than the ultimate project of a bath-room renovation at KCC. This job required the destruction of two bathrooms and signifi-

cant remodelling of showers and toilets. The shower modernisation required the insertion of fibre glass shower cubicles in each bathroom along with new partitions and doors. Fresh tiling finished the process with an update of the vanity basins and surrounds. This project attracted a team of 24 which meant that the two bathrooms were shoulder to shoulder with volunteers for the two weeks. Simultaneously the team destructed and constructed in a 'race' to complete the task before the arrival of the incoming school group at the



end of the two weeks. Special tribute to Phil Hall who effectively managed materials and personnel to produce a highly professional outcome.

The first two projects for 2019 at Lutanda and House of Prayer in Canberra have full teams for both projects. Praise God! Following these jobs some MMM'ers will head off on a mini safari which includes painting at Glenn Innes Uniting Church; repainting Tenterfield Presbyterian church and a 'make over' of the Anglican Church at Wollomombi near Armidale. While the latter is happening another team will be providing a much needed coat of paint on the Lawson Baptist Church using lofty scaffolding provided by the church.

A wonderful year ended with an equally memorable dinner at the annual NSW MMM Christmas luncheon at KCC. Over 60 attended and the room was abuzz as yarns were traded and old acquaintances renewed. The event commenced with a welcome video message from well-known evangelist, Steve Grace. Participants were also treated to a video highlighting

renowned Christian Photographer Ken Duncan, who had graciously agreed to judge the inaugural MMM photo competition. Following a report by the NSW managers proceedings were concluded with a talk by Board Chairman, Shane Prior.

MMM is multi-faceted. If you cannot participate on the projects we encourage you to pray for those who do. It is prayer that carries the day and ensures jobs are safe, harmonious and of a good quality. Thank you for your support and encouragement this year — our first in the job. We have certainly appreciated your support through prayer, messages, phone calls and visits as we serve those who serve.



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"PPH was like finding an oasis in a parched, dry desert"

Pregnancy Problem House (PPH) provides free, lifeaffirming support for struggling teens, women and couples. A branch in Kalgoorlie has been a need for a very long time. After much prayer and research Pregnancy Problem House has purchased 31 Charlotte Street. A former medical clinic, the premises is ideally located at the end of a quiet street, directly across from the Kalgoorlie Health Campus. However, though the character of the nearly 100-year-old building is greatly valued, the decor was very tired and outdated, with nearly every surface painted dusty pink. Although, the layout was in many ways ideal, for the space to best utilized for PPH's services, it needed a long list of minor renovations.

As soon as settlement was achieved we had celebrated by buying two cans of paint (duck-egg blue and white), and a volunteer began painting the first room while the rest of the team were in Perth at a training weekend. Though the impact of that first step was immediately appreciated, the remaining work loomed like a mountain, we needed help, so the PPH Goldfields team contacted MMM for assistance.

When MMM approved the renovation project, we gained new hope of seeing the dream come true. After committing to the scheduled time frame one MMM Volunteer soon became four. Rod Heape, a true Caleb with multiple skills, rapidly started ticking of minor jobs on our to-do list, soon flanked by Mike. Gary Russo joined him during the second half of week 2, to assist with the installation of a new wall with double doors for our mentoring room, and Simon Shirt joined for the last 2 days, to do a temporarily but miraculous transformation of our reception and waiting area. The Pregnancy Problem House team is very grateful that, thanks to MMM, the list that once looked like a mountain now looks like a mole-hill.





or painting during the rest of November, and we are now delighted to be utilizing the whole building, (without Tradies around us), and focusing our attention on our clients, rather than building alterations. We hope to finish

installing light fittings, and add the needed furniture, to do a formal opening early 2019.

"Thank you so much, MMM, for 'Serving those who Serve'" - Louise Billinghurst.

(Pregnancy Problem House Goldfields Coordinator)

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We almost completed the interi-



Creating Space for Lifebuilders

One local project that John and Adrian have been assisting for the last few months is Lifebuilders Wesleyan Church, Narangba. Their need was to create more space for ministry by turning a double garage into a three bay and making it a meeting area. While John started on the job, Adrian has been the main MMM'er there, working with some of the church family. Their pastor, Jacob wrote the following when I asked him about the impact of the assistance given by MMM.



"MMM were lifesavers to our Building committee. We did not have many people with the skills required to upgrade our new ministry space but fortunately your ministry has been set aside for situations like ours. The application was simple and seamless and after our application was emailed we had people on site within a week. We now have a well con-

structed and finished space that can be used to extend the influence of God in our community. The church family are astounded with the level of excellence as your team went about their business in both work ethic and attitude. Thank you so much for responding to God's call and creating ministry spaces that can benefit precious lives for the Kingdom of God."

Regards

Rev. Jacob J Gerber Lifebuilders Wesleyan Church

Garage Sale Success

In November we held another successful garage sale at Mango Hill and once again it was a lovely time of working together with a wonderful team of volunteers. Many thanks to our faithful team of over 20 helpers, for both setting up everything and assisting with selling everything! It was great to have new people join the team with Russell White and Chris Evans locally, and my good friend Raeleen Whip from Longreach. Thanks again too, to our church family for supplying the catering trailer and manning it, providing pancakes, burgers and drinks to clients and volunteers. We really appreciate you all.

The next garage sale is planned for the 24th and 25th May 2019.



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A Wonderful Year

We are being so blessed with weather at the moment. Many of our work days on site have been blessed with warm weather and or no rain. Very few projects were affected by Rain. And we are very thankful. Soon, it will heat up and show us the heat of summer. As businesses prepare for the Christmas break, I would like to thank all the volunteers for such an extra amazing year. We have had one of our best years with respect to projects completed in a long time. It is because of the volunteers, without whom we could never achieve such wonderful outcomes for the people we serve. To all our volunteers, a **HUGE THANK YOU**.

Next Year brings a different arrangement, in that we have brought our Annual Dinner forward to 23rd March. We already have our guest speaker booked, so don't delay in getting your bookings in . Some missed out last year, as they held out to the last minute. So get in early.

Next year brings the Wild Flower Safari. Have you contacted Trevor or Geoff yet. Already the spots are filling, so don't delay. The Safari starts in Victoria on July 1st 2019 in Ararat, moving along to Kaniva. Moving on to South Australia we visit, Sherlock (which promises to be one of the highlights of the entire safari), Port Augusta, Ceduna, then a stopover in Eucla, and on to Norseman. Then you'll be in the hands of Trevor Beard and the Western Australia team.

This is all planned to be in the right regions of Western Australia to see the beautiful wild flowers at their best!

People & Events

We ask you to pray for Geoff Jarvis as he leads the Victoria & South Australia Region. Geoff has a heart to serve and needs your prayers and support.

Make sure you're booked in for the Vic Region—Fundraising Dinner (March 23rd 2019)



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Don't Grow Weary ...

Do you ever feel like nothing is working even though you're trying really hard, nobody else is interested or wants to share the load and everything just seems to go against you? Well, things haven't been quite that bad in Tassie but they have been trying at times in the last couple of months. People have had to pull out of projects at the last minute (for really good reasons), incorrect materials have been supplied and the project has had to be postponed, the weather has done the opposite of what we've wanted and there just haven't been enough people available to get the job done. It's enough to make you feel weary but Paul says, "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good." (2 Thess 3:13) And, just in case we needed a sweetener with that instruction, he says it again in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." So, we've rescheduled projects, we've used the "phone a friend" option a number of times, we've worked with what we've got - rain or shine - and God has blessed it all. Things haven't necessarily worked out the way we planned but they are working out.



In Doing Good ...

In the last two months, the small Tasmanian team has actually been busy and accomplished a fair bit despite the setbacks. We've painted out the flat at City Baptist, Launceston, so they are now able to provide cheap accommodation to someone in need. We've learnt about WH&S with an informative visit from Ian and have some newly qualified team leaders. We've had a garage giveaway which enabled us to share our faith with a number of people and bless others in what God has called them to do. We've been back and forth to Mole Creek Pres-

ess others in what God orth to Mole Creek Presbyterian Church to do numerous jobs on their

old buildings and encouraged these faithful few.



We've painted the studios of WayFM, Launceston, ready for their open day to the public. We've catered for 80 people attending a conference in Launceston so they were fed physically and spiritually. We've completed the paving and landscaping and erected a shade sail at the centre creating a great space for gatherings.

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Are We Still Needed

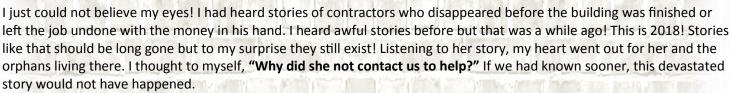
I used to think it was not necessary for MMM in Thailand to be present in Thailand anymore. We were only kidding ourselves in thinking there's a need for us to still be around. It's the 21st century, churches and local Christians have education and a good knowledge of construction structure and what not. We have internet and endless resources to educate

ourselves on everything we want to know, including building topics. They also have enough finance to hire a sophisticated contractor who can do a good job with it. This question of, "Are we still needed?" lingers in our minds.

God gave me the answer to my wondering mind the day we went out to Raelene's children's home, a missionary from Australia. She requested MMM in Thailand and Terry to go and look at her brand-new constructed children's home. It was poorly built by a local contractor. He disappeared right after he finished his job. Terry, Pedro and I, we went out to look at the house. On the way there I thought to myself, "How bad could it be? She might just be overreacting".



Once we got there, we met with the house parent. She walked us through the building and showed us where the problems were. The main issues we saw were poor welding on steel beams causing the house to become unstable to live in. We saw evidence of very little soil compaction on the location causing the erosion around the foundation of the building. We also did not see footings to support slab construction. This could cause a structural failure for the building.



After the inspection, Terry advised her to tear it down and rebuild again! That's how low of the quality it was. I think her heart fell to pieces by the news too. All the money, time, energy and resources she put into this building were long gone!

That day, God showed me that MMM in Thailand is still needed in Thailand. It is very necessary that we stick around to help. There are local Christians and churches that still need someone like MMM in Thailand, who they can trust, who they can rely on and not worry about being exploited.





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Nothing is Achieved Without Prayer.!

Nothing is achieved without prayer. As we hear from God it is our responsibility to take it to prayer and thoughtfully consider what it might mean in our lives and how best we can serve God with what He is trying to reveal to us.

NSW	Praise God for the continued improvement in Greg's health, Joy Wells and Gwen Pulsford with their continuing health battles.					
NZ	Praise God for the Board of MMM New Zealand as they had their Board meeting on Thursday 13 December. Praise Him for their wisdom and generous spirit.					
WA	Pray for more people to register for the Wildflower Safari and praise for those who have already joined.					
MMM	Pray for God to speak in to the heart of someone to volunteer as the National Associates Coordinator. Pray that someone will be challenged and respond to take on this significant role.					
NSW	Pray for more volunteers to get involved in promoting MMM and a restful break for all regional managers					
TAS	Pray for God's provision for material needs					
Staff	Pray for all the dedicated hard working staff at the Mitcham office. May they be blessed with rest restoration & refreshing throughout Christmas and New Year.					
Thailand	Pray for planning and establishment of Mission Awareness Tours for Thailand in 2019. Pray for Wisdom and guidance as the team plan for project teams from Australia and other countries. Pray for the court hearing to finalise the purchase of the property on December 19 th					
Finances	Pray for the finances of MMM. Pray that God will continue to provide for our needs through the faithfulness of His people.					
NSW	Praise God for the success of the annual dinner with 60 attending.					
Sponsors	Pray for Gods prosperity and blessing on their gift of giving as they support the work of MMM with their financial giving.					
TAS	Pray for more volunteers to join the summer projects					
Projects	Praise God for all the wonderful work done throughout the year. Pray a blessing on all the people involved on the sites and those behind the scenes organising it all.					
MMM	Pray for our families and friends over this wonderful season.					

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Come and Support MMMWA Sausage Sizzle SAT 12th Jan 2019

> Cnr Ranford and Wright Rds Harrisdale

If you have a few hours to Cook or Serve Contact Trevor 0488 399 238 or Karen 0419 197 695

WA MMM Celebration Dinner

Saturday 9th Mar 2019 Camp Wattle Grove - 6:30pm Food, Fun, Fellowship, 3 Course Meal, Auction, Guest Speaker Only \$45 per person

Come and Show your support for the ministry of MMM "Serving those who Serve"

Bring a friend or two
Maybe your entire church or small
group
If you can't make it, why not sponsor a seat or even a table

To reserve your seat, or more information
phone or text Karen on 0419 197
695 or Trevor 0488 399 238

Help us spread the news, share this event with your friends

All Welcome

QLD Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on at Mango Hill on 20th December at midday.

Bring a salad to share

RSVP by the 17th December to Anne.

Everyone welcome and bring a friend to introduce them to MMMers

Make a Donation

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A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

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Without Faith we cannot please God.....

Thank you to those of you that have emailed me and introduced yourselves. I have realised it is quite a challenge to get to know every area MMM is involved in. It is also quite a challenge to get to know the people in each state and country. So, in realising this I will definitely need your help.

While some tasks may seem overwhelming in size alone, I am reminded that we walk by faith and not by sight. So as I ask God for guidance on how to best go about increasing my knowledge of MMM and become aware of the needs that we are to cover in prayer, I would ask for your support in relaying prayer requests to me and news from your area for praise points.

The truth is with God the end game will turn out good, no matter what it looks like part way through. Faith applied in every situation will ensure the end result is good.



Hebrews 11:1 "By faith we understand – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."

- 10. Faith has substance Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. Without faith we cannot be saved, we have to believe in order to be saved.
- 9. Faith is invisible I just believe I cannot see it.
- **8.** Faith impresses God Jesus healed many according to their faith.
- 7. Faith can expend or limit what God does Jesus could not do any miracles because of their lack of faith
- 6. Faith is received as a gift not manufactured Eph 2:8 We receive faith by grace to be saved we cannot earn it by works
- **5.** Faith either grows or diminishes it cannot stand still like a river flows, still water stagnates.
- 4. God works with the Faith you have He meets you where you are.
- 3. Faith requires Action Peter had to step out of the boat to walk on water.
- 2. Faith's greatest enemy is fear, not doubt Peter feared the storm raging around him, he didn't doubt he could walk on water when focused on Jesus he was already doing it.
- 1. Faith is seasonally adjusted Ps 23 we are at times walking through green pastures and at times walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Faith is adjusted for the season we are in, God shines through in the good times and the not so good times. While we continue to keep our eyes focused on God, we must press on in faith to run the race set before us.

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